



"The Drives" in the wake of "The Sails"...

**Saint-Tropez already had its great classics on the sails side.
Saint-Tropez is now gearing up for a major event in the world of golf...**

At a time when the Season continues in what has come to be known as the Indian Summer, it was tempting to arrange a Golf event and a festive evening at the former residence of General Allard and his spouse, the Indian Princess Bannu Pan Deï. The Gassin Golf Country Club is ideally located on the heights of the Peninsula, whereas the Pan Deï Palais enjoys a privileged location in the heart of the village, close to the famous Place des Lices.

Built in 1835 by General Allard for his wife, Princess Pan Deï, this historical house has become a sophisticated and exotic luxury hotel. Located 52 rue Gambetta, this legendary hotel recreates the magnificent era of colonial India. The Pan Deï Palais opened its doors in October 2006 after two years of renovation.

The hosts of this beautiful place, Patricia Presse and Stéphane Legrall were allured by the idea of launching an International Golf event on the 1st Anniversary of the Hotel. The Pro-Am of Saint-Tropez Indian Summer Pan Deï Trophy was born on 19th October 2007. Created and organized by the Scottish company PSO Production Ltd, the Competition accommodates 72 Golfers, Amateurs and Professionals from a dozen Countries for the occasion.

This event is now part of Saint-Tropez event calendar under the name « Les Drives de Saint-Tropez », a week after the famous « Voiles de Saint-Tropez ».

Another exceptional site is the Polo Club Saint-Tropez Haras de Gassin, which hosted for the 1st France India Business Cup, a Polo Match with Golf carts before the International Pro-Am, an original competition reserved to French and Indian Entrepreneurs and Diplomats.

The Tournament was challenging, Polo and Golf drives were completed perfectly as the Participants displayed an astonishing deftness with mallets and clubs. Mr. Ranjan Mathai, the Indian Ambassador, saved the honor of his Indian Team by winning his match-play in the golf match, even if the final score was to the advantage of the French Team.

Good things come in threes... A third event will take place on 16th and 17th June 2009 on all these prestigious sites, with a unique event created especially for women.

Welcome to the "1st Saint-Tropez Ladies' Amateur" ! And the event will start with a Women Polo Exhibition Match, with 100% ladies Players.

The website www.lesdrivesdesaint-tropez.com is dedicated to these 3 original events, which are the delight of fans of the little white ball and sea lovers, in this exclusive part of the French Riviera, while waiting for a 4th element next year in 2010...

In this privileged context and prestigious environment, a tryptic Golf / Polo / Yachting is emerging now, with the venue by the sea-side of a luxury brand, Gruppo Baglietto, owner of the prestigious brands "Baglietto" and "Cantieri di Pisa", manufacturer of splendid yachts since 1854, who will now be Partner of all the meetings of the "Drives de Saint-Tropez".

By the sea side, Saint-Tropez already had its great classics sailing events. Saint-Tropez is now getting ready for some major events in the world of golf...