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## STEFAN EDBERG CONFIRMED TO PLAY AT GRAND CHAMPIONS

The countdown to the Algarve's most popular tennis tournament begins



Tennis fever is already starting to take hold of the resort as the countdown begins for the 2009 edition of the Vale do Lobo Grand Champions Caixa Geral de Depósitos tournament, due to take place between 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August.

As fans of the tournament - now in its ninth year - eagerly await confirmation of the line-up of star players set to participate in the tournament, the first major announcement to be made is the presence of Former World number 1 Stefan Edberg, which has brought a flurry of excitement from many tennis fanatics. A major proponent of the classic serve-and-volley style of tennis, Edberg won a total of six Grand Slam singles titles and

three Grand Slam men's doubles titles at the height of his career. Since ATP computer ranking began, Edberg is the only man, other than John McEnroe, to be ranked at World number 1 in both singles and doubles, winning a total of 42 top-level single titles, 18 doubles titles and a Golf Medal at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984. This is the first time he has played in the Algarve and his participation at the Grand Champions follows his recent decision to join the Black Rock Tour of Champions - a tour for professional tennis players who have since retired from the ATP Tour - towards the end of 2008. In fact, Edberg won his first tournament in Paris held on clay, winning matches

against clay court specialists Thomas Muster in the opening round and Sergi Bruguera in the finals last September, confirming he is still ahead of his game and will no doubt prove a fierce opponent during the Grand Champions matches.

Vale do Lobo Grand Champions Caixa Geral de Depósitos has earned recognition, not only as the only Portuguese fixture on the ATP Champions Tour - attracting some of the most famous players of all time (previous players have included Marcelo Rios, Sergi Bruguera, Björn Borg, John McEnroe, Michael Stich, Jeremy Bates, Mansour Bahrami, Pat Cash, Thomas Muster, Guillermo Vilas and Henri Leconte, amongst many others) - but also as a fun-packed,

light-hearted week of events for the entire family. It is habitually a week that sells out almost as soon as tickets are released, attracting also a great deal of media coverage and raising the sports profile of the resort.

Full information on this year's edition of Vale do Lobo Grand Champions Caixa Geral de Depósitos is available from the Vale do Lobo Tennis Academy or through the event's own website.

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# DEAN ASHTON OPTS FOR VALE DO LOBO

## West Ham United player uses resort for rehabilitation

West Ham United's powerful striker Dean Ashton recently chose Vale do Lobo for some rehabilitation work with chartered physiotherapist John Green. The player, who celebrated a 5-year contract with the team and is one of their key players, is no stranger to the resort, paying great complements to the Wellness Centre, especially. On this occasion, he set aside time during his visit to the Algarve to incorporate some rehabilitation training both at the resort's beach and the Fitness Centre, choosing also to use the Royal Spa for physiotherapy treatment.



# PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

## Vale do Lobo supports *International Tree Day*

Vale do Lobo recently teamed up with Infralobo E.M and Loulé Council in a very special environmental incentive to celebrate *International Tree Day*. 100 pine trees were planted along the banks and flower beds by the Vale do Lobo Tennis Academy with the enthusiastic help of local Scout groups.

The resort has long been known for its environmental orientation, introducing recycling points, along with plans for an eco-park and alternative energy solutions, and the Administra-

tion was keen to support the tree planting as yet another move towards protecting and enhancing Vale do Lobo's natural habitat and surroundings.



# HOLE-IN-ONE!

## Royal Golf Course

Congratulations to Mr John Forree for his impressive hole-in-one achieved on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole of the Royal

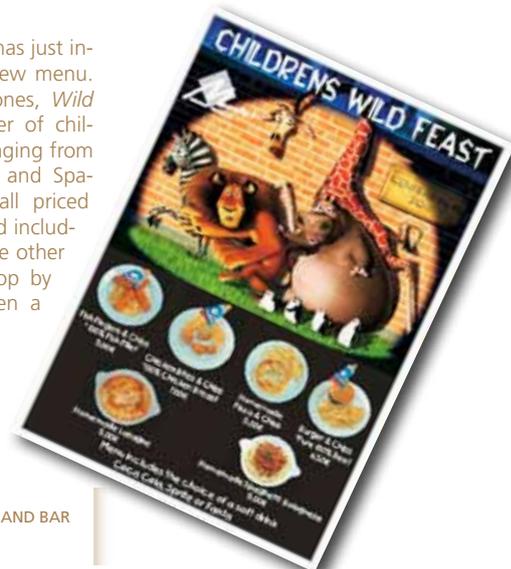
Golf Course! Pictured here at the Clubhouse celebrating his success.



# WILD FEAST AT MONTY'S

## The fabulous new menu for Children

Monty's at the Praça has just introduced a brilliant new menu. Aimed at the little ones, *Wild Feast* offers a number of children's favourites – ranging from Fish Fingers to Pizza and Spaghetti Bolognese – all priced between 5-7euros and including a drink, with some other surprises in store. Stop by and give your children a real treat.



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