

# Justabar B finish season undefeated

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LAST Saturday evening (July 1), an end of season celebration and presentation took place at the Irish Tavern in Albir to mark the end of the 2022/2023 Route 10 DragonStack Challenge Cup.

The league season started last September and consisted of 28 matches played on Thursday evenings over an 8-month period, ending in May of this year.

A total of 15 teams from Alfaz and Albir participated in the league, and saw 280 games played by an estimated 146 players.

The Route 10 DragonStack Challenge Cup winners were Justabar B from Albir, who managed to get through the whole season undefeated – ending up clear champions with 78 points. In second place were Almafra A, from Camping Almafra and third place went to the El Nui Slammers.

Congratulations go to Justa-



**Almafra A - Adam Westall with Peter Murphy**

bar B's captain Mark Sims, for his team's record performance. The team was presented with the DragonStack Challenge Cup trophy and a set of Aramith Pro-Cup balls.

Over the course of the presentations, 40 trophies and

medals were handed out, as well as special achievement awards, including one for the best overall venue which went to Bar Ocho in Alfaz, and was voted for by the teams themselves, and another went to La Entrada A, for being the friendliest team. A special community development trophy was awarded to Joe McGrath for his commitment and dedication to the support and training of others who play pool. His recognition was met with a huge round of applause.

The evening was a great success, with many players and guests enjoying the venues live entertainment and the food provided by Mal's BBQ throughout the warm evening.

Adam Westall, president and Terry Read, operations coordinator would like to thank 'every team and all the players who made last season so successful'.

The committee has had a very busy year and look forward to more of the same next season. A full list of awards is available on the website [route10pool.com](http://route10pool.com)

They would also like to show their appreciation to the Irish Tavern for the support given to Route 10, especially the manager Dani Gennard, for assisting with the organisation of the end of season celebration.

There was also a special mention for Benidorm Palace who donated a very generous prize enabling them to 'raise funds to support a new ini-



**Winning team - Justabar B**

ative starting next year'.

Many other local businesses donated prizes towards the raffle held on the night, which raised €325.

Age is no barrier for competing in the league, and there are players aged between 18 and 78 years of age, both men and women, regularly playing each week.

The 2023/2024 season starts in mid-September, and Route 10 welcomes enquiries from new teams and bars within the Alfaz, Albir, Altea and Benidorm areas who would like take part.

Enquiries to Adam Westall or Terry Read on 96 606 32 99 or via the website at [route10pool.com](http://route10pool.com)



**El Nui Slammers - Adam Westall, Ian Goodrum and Steve Hensley**



**Doubles Partnership winners - Terry Read, Anto Saul and Mark Sims**

## Torrevieja tennis club cadets come up just short in national championships

By Irena Bodnarec

TORREVIEJA tennis club's ladies' cadet team – made up of Charo Esquivia, Juliana Giaccio, Alba Coromina and María Kozziar finished runners-up in the Spanish championships, having lost in the final to RCT Barcelona.

After winning the singles 2-1, the final was decided with the doubles matches, which the Torrevieja team lost 1-3 -

meaning they only succumbed to the Catalan team in the final tie of the encounter. The men's team, made up of Alejandro Abella, Eric Garcia, Fernando Martinez and Ivan Costa finished in fourth place, after losing 3-2 against UE Tenispain in Madrid. The singles matches finished 2-2 and in the decisive doubles, they reached the super-tie break before finally losing out.



Photo: Torrevieja tennis club



Photo: Town hall

## Game, set and match for Llinares and Marandel

By Irena Bodnarec

LUCÍA Llinares from La Nucia and her French partner Lola Marandel won the doubles at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) W15 Monastir International tournament, which took place in Tunisia from June 25-July 2. The duo beat the tournament favourite's - Aglaya Fedorova (Russia) and Lisa Mays (Australia) 6-4, 7-6.

In the singles, Lucía had her best finish, making it way to the final, in a field of 71, where she lost out to the Egyptian Lamis Alhussein Abdel, but, importantly, earned points for her WTA ranking.

During the course of the week, Lucía played nine matches in five days on a hard court, in what turned out to be a great seven days for the local player.