

ADAPTED SURFING IN FUERTEVENTURA

Surfing fun for the disabled

Children over the age of seven years, young people and adults with disabilities will participate in the III Meeting of Adapted Surfing, Surf for All on October 22, at Playa Blanca in the borough of Puerto del Rosario.

The event, which starts at 11am, has been organised by the club Fuerte Tribu, with the support of institutions including the Fuerteventura Island Council and the Disa Foundation.

Adapted surfing enables disabled people to improve their self-esteem, coordination and balance through contact with the sea. The purpose of the event is to promote this sport, as well as showing the advances of the participants in the activities of the adapted, therapeutic, inclusive and integrating surfing programme, which is run by Fuerte Tribu. This programme allows people with psychic/physical difficulties to enjoy a leisure activity, to integrate with normality and equal opportunities, as well as to benefit from a different therapeutic activity. Those interested can join in free of charge, by registering beforehand via the website www.fuertetribusurf.com.

3º ENCUENTRO de Surf Adaptado
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DOMINGO 22 DE OCT DE 11:00 A 15:30 HS
LUGAR PLAYA BLANCA, Fuerteventura
(Para todas las personas con dificultades Físicas, Psíquicas, motoras y otras, mayores de 7 años.)
EVENTO GRATUITO
INSCRIPCIONES:

ARCHAEOLOGISTS SEEK CIVIL WAR VICTIMS

The well of death

Archaeologists have discovered the remains of 12 people who were murdered during the Franco era in Gran Canaria's Tenoya gorge.

Amongst others, around 140 alleged resistance fighters from the Arucas, Agaete, Gáldar and Las Palmas areas were believed to have been executed between March and April 1937, and many people today still honour family members who went missing at that time.

Since 2013 the Gran Canaria Council has commissioned various excavations searching for remains, investing €300,000 in the project to date. In 2008, 24 skeletons were uncovered in Llanos de Las Brujas, Arucas, very close to the latest discovery.

The most recent find was at a depth of around 35 metres in a local well. A resident of Gáldar had already shared his memories of the executions carried out there. Taken under force with his brother and several other young men, he was present when the other members of the party were shot and pushed into the well. He was lucky enough to have been taken out of the waiting line by a sympathetic associate, but decades passed before he was able to talk about the terrible scene he witnessed.



↑ The skull of an executed man with a bullet hole clearly visible



↑ Two bullets from a long weapon



↑ A silver buckle that was retrieved from the well shaft

The excavations at the long unused water source progressed slowly, as archaeologists extracted decades of rubble and earth, as well as dead animals, a motorcycle and even the chassis of a truck. The first bones were found in two adjacent shafts, which are 14 to 30 metres long.

According to local belief, up to 50 men were killed at the well. So far, archaeologists have removed the bones of 12, aged 25 to 45 years, including a skull in which a bullet hole can be clearly seen. The find leaves no doubt the men were indeed victims of the

repression the Islands suffered during the civil war, as ammunition from the 1930s was found, as well as coins from the era and remnants of period clothing.

Island president Antonio Morales commented that: "Archaeologists have confirmed this location is a crime scene. We owe it to the bereaved to shed as much light as possible on the events of the past. This find leaves no one untouched." Identification of the victims is difficult, but DNA evaluations with family members of those who were lost can give clues.

Pino Sosa, president of the Association for Historical Remembrance in Arucas is still searching for her father, who was abducted during those times. She hopes that one of the 12 could be him, and added an emotional comment to the president's declarations, saying: "The well was a place created to give life, not to hide the dead."

In summing up, Morales advocated that "The best way to prevent a repeat of the barbaric acts of the past is to remember them." For this reason, the search will continue for other victims over the coming months.

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