



# PINHEIROS ALTOS

## GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

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## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Vernon Reed

I have congratulations for so many people in this Newsletter starting with Rob Menzies and Angela Scott for winning their respective Matchplay Championships, to the European Ryder Cup Team on their famous victory at Celtic Manor and to my European Team for overwhelming Jim Cranwell's US Team in our own Pinheiros Altos version of the Ryder Cup.

To Christophe, Brian and the rest of the Golf staff for their organisation and to Sesinando and his staff for the presentation of the golf course.

To Neil Bamber and his Interclub Team for their historic victory in their away match against Parque da Floresta.

To Helen Mills on a hugely successful Ladies Invitation Day followed by a very well attended Lady Captain's Day and

Dinner and last but not least to my good lady Denise and Barbara Fletcher for their successful participation in their 120km charity walk from Tui (north of Porto) to Santiago de Compostela.

So much success in one Club is hard to beat and to top it all we have our good friends Trevor and Shirley Griffiths back in Portugal which was truly great to see and we look forward to the next time.

Let's hope the camaraderie in the Club can survive when the Men meet the Ladies in the upcoming Wooden Spoon!

Captain Reed signing off - Good golfing.

## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

September saw the Matchplay Championship attract the biggest ever entry with 50 players competing to become the Club Champion. Rob Menzies defeated Orlando Hill 2 and 1 in the Men's final while Angela Scott became Ladies Champion defeating Melaura Parker 3 and 1. This was Melaura's second successive near miss in this event and hopefully next year will be third time lucky.

Repairs to the calçada paths will commence in mid October with work on the 1st Corks and 1st and 2nd on Olives being a priority. The areas around the clubhouse will be repaired in early December when these areas will be less busy.

Trimming of the pine trees will commence in mid November starting with the areas left of 9th Corks and left and right of 1st Olives.

I would like at this point to congratulate Sesinando and his staff for presenting the course in such excellent condition through a very hot summer and a very wet autumn. The condition and presentation of the golf course is my primary objective and therefore, in the recent very wet conditions we have not only limited golf buggies to the buggy paths but I have not allowed trolleys on the golf course. So golfers can carry or buggy. I hope that all members are sympathetic to the reasoning behind this

decision. When the wet areas are roped off trolleys will be allowed back but I would like all members to avoid taking trolleys close to tees and greens and set the example for visiting golfers.

October began with a fantastic Ryder Cup in Celtic Manor and a wonderful three day event at Pinheiros Altos which saw 125 different players play 55 fourball matches and 51 singles



matches resulting in a convincing win for Vernon Reeds European Team by 63 ½ - 42 ½ . This result in spite of the fact that Jim Cranwell, the US Captain offered free drinks for players to represent the USA. Fortunately alcoholism is not the best quality in a Ryder Cup Team.

Photos of the day on Ilha Deserta on the 2nd September.



## Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day September Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Barbara Fletcher	72 nett	<b>1st Division</b> Val Rennie	76 nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Pat Murrish	71 nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Deirdre Murphy	80 nett
Sun 5th	September Stableford	Ian Cater	37 Pts (bb9)	Graham Lee	37 Pts
Wed 8th	Ladies Day Stableford with hidden partners	Melaura Parker Meg Black	70 Pts	Helen Mills Denise Reed	68 Pts
Fri 10th Sat 11th Sun 12th	Matchplay Championship	<b>Ladies</b> Angela Scott <b>Men</b> Rob Menzies		<b>Ladies</b> Melaura Parker <b>Men</b> Orlando Hill	
Wed 15th	September Medal	Tony Kickey	74 nett	Chris Hales	75 nett (bb9)
Wed 22nd	Ladies Invitation Day	Win Walton Lynn Whitall	43 Pts	Barbara Fletcher Marianne Jespersen	41 Pts
Wed 29th	Captain's Choice	<b>Corks to Olives</b> Sally Evans Annette Newbald Yvonne White	79 Pts	<b>Corks to Olives</b> Helen Mills Ann Campbell Win Walton	73 Pts
		<b>Olives to Pines</b> Ineke Goossens Diane Golding Adrienne Buth	79 Pts	<b>Olives to Pines</b> Marian Jenkins Joanna Young Jan Kirk	66 Pts

## Ladies Section

- by Helen Mills

The hot and humid conditions of August got the better of many ladies and there was a very low turnout of 10 ladies for the Medal on 1st September. Pat Murrish added another glass to her collection of winning trophies returning a nett score of 71 for the 2nd Division and Barbara Fletcher took the honours for the 1st Division with a 72 nett score. Well done ladies.

The Club Matchplay championship culminated in an exciting finish with Angela Scott winning the ladies prize against Melaura Parker in the final. Congratulations Angela and to all the ladies who participated in the competition.

The monthly stableford was won by Melaura Parker for the 1st Division and Mariëd Kooijmans for the 2nd Division.

The Ladies section took on the male PA Greens staff on 16th September in what is now an annual struggle for the ladies and the gentlemen again won the day. This was followed by a very enjoyable supper.

Invitation Day on 22nd September was as usual a well attended affair with 44 ladies and guests playing a betterball stableford competition. Win Walton and her guest Lynn Whitall were the winners and Barbara Fletcher and her guest Marianne Jespersen came a close second. 46 ladies enjoyed a buffet lunch at the clubhouse and €472 was raised for the Lady Captain's Charity fund. My thanks to all who supported this event and particularly to Hilary and Liz for their great organization of the day, the prizes and table decorations, it all looked superb. Thanks also to the golf Director for allowing our guests the courtesy of the course for this annual competition.

We were up bright and early on 23rd September for our 'Away trip' to Arcos de la Frontera in Spain. 20 Ladies enjoyed two days of golf, food, a little wine, a little song and lots of laughs. I'm afraid that I am not at liberty to report much else for fear of being in breach of the 'Away' code; save to say that a fantastic time was had by all.

Not much time for rest and relaxation as we headed to Benamor for our Interclub Ladies Friendly match on 28th where we more than recuperated and had a 5-0 win. This was closely followed by a home match against Salgados on Monday 4th Oct when



we were relieved to get a draw. It turned out to be one of our most memorable matches as we watched the end of the Ryder Cup on the big screen whilst entertaining the Salgados Ladies to lunch. Well done to all the ladies who played, some at short notice, others over- golfed after the 3 day Ryder Cup marathon, thank you all for supporting these matches.

Congratulations to Claire Bamber who, after much hard work, has had a handicap cut of another 2 points, I am sure this is just the beginning and she will certainly be the one to watch during the coming year.

The Committee have decided that the Madrinha Trophy competition will be divided into two Groups, A and B. The winners of each Group will play each other in the final to get an overall winner. This decision was made because it had become clear that ladies were finding it increasingly difficult to arrange matches. I would like to point out that it is a 9 Hole competition - not 18 as some ladies had thought. The aim of the competition is for higher handicappers (Afilhadas) to learn the rules and etiquette of matchplay, however it is my personal experience that it is proving to be a learning curve for the Madrinhas as well!

We were delighted to have Shirley and Trevor Griffiths amongst us again after such a long absence, it was great that many people were able to catch up with them and to offer their continued support and good wishes to them in person.



## Dates for your Diary:

**The Wooden Spoon** - Friday 15th October, The ladies are already in training at a boot camp in a secret location and we will be aiming to hand over The Spoon to the men.

**Pink Day** - October 29th: Once again Shirley will be sponsoring this competition in aid of breast cancer although she will not be able to be present, ladies should wear something pink on the day and our entry fees and other donations will go to the charity.

### Ladies Interclub Friendlies -

Quinta da Ria away Monday November 1st

Quinta da Ria at home Thursday November 18th

Benamor at home on Tuesday November 23rd

## Interclub

What a month that was with two matches played away.

A valiant fight was put up against Silves but sadly they were victorious 3.5-1.5 but a good match none the less followed by excellent lunch at a nearby restaurant.

We then played at Parque de Floresta where we had a famous victory 3-2 and our 2 bonus points for a way win has kept us well in contention to win our league.

Interestingly we play Silves at home on October 21st followed by Parque de Floresta on the 28th. If we can win both these matches convincingly then we can still win the league but Silves are favourites as they have 3 matches to play albeit all away from home and they do hold a narrow lead over us.

It has been a great season and team spirit is excellent.

I have to thank everyone who has played or put their name down to play and hopefully my next newsletter will bring good news.

Neil Bamber  
*Interclub Captain*

## Barbara and Denise's - "Caminho to Santiago de Compostela"

We set off from Tui (North of Porto) for our 1st 24 km walk hard going but beautiful. End of Day after a couple of stiff drinks backs and legs muscles improved.

2nd Day only 11 km piece of cake we thought but no up and downhill very tough, another couple of drinks no problem.

3rd Day 26 km poured with rain wet through and I mean wet through, cold dejected took more than a couple of drinks to restore our good natures!

4th Day rain managed to buy bin liners to cover ourselves, very attractive then the sun came out only 20 km that day.

5th and Final Day 26 km up and up hill but there was the cathedral in the distance. We had made it! Decided to stop for a light lunch before entering the cathedral, here was the real test we couldn't stand up leg muscles seized up totally. So in pain physically and mentally we crawled to the cathedral.

Was it worth the pain? Yes, great trip even the sore and blistered feet were worth it. Next walk to be advised perhaps 3 month walk over the Alps!!!



## Social Golf

- by Andy Watkins

Yet again members joined together on 26th September to find out how the Social Committee would challenge them..

This time it was "Sudden Death" based on the normal rules where a yellow ball scores double points with each team member taking a hole in turn. The added twist was, if the yellow ball is OB or in a water hazard it is out of the competition.

Simple? When it's your turn to play one of the water holes, the 8th of Olives for instance, with your three team members muttering hopeful incantations under their breath? Strong nerves and forgiving partners are needed. Well, 8 teams of 4 players departed cradling a coded yellow ball - but - only 3 balls returned! Listening to the hole by hole explanations in the bar it was obvious that every team 'nearly' had a top score, just a pity they lost that special ball! If only.....? For the record the earliest disappearing yellow ball was on the 4th hole!

Jorge and team gave 35 diners an excellent meal of sliced Pork with veggies followed by apple pie and ice cream. Many thanks and lots of clean plates.

Prizes included a couple of the quality, smart shower proof tops plus the usual alcohol.

Winners were:-

	<i><b>Pines to Corks</b></i>		<i><b>Olives to Pines</b></i>	
1st Place	Dirk Blaesing 128 Pts Valerie Lee Jürgen Ternieden Vera Watkins		Ron Goossens 139 Pts Bob Seddon Yvonne White Meg Black	
2nd Place	Kelvin White 112 Pts Michael May Paula Burke Roger Kitson		Tont Hickey 115 Pts Albert Sohler Roy Baddeley Linda Bentley	

Next Social Golf is 24th October - all members and their guests are welcome.

## Forthcoming Events

- September and October

<b>Fri 1st October</b>	<b>Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup</b>
<b>Sat 2nd October</b>	<b>Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup</b>
<b>Sun 3rd October</b>	<b>Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup</b>
Wed 6th October	Ladies Day
Fri 8th October	Ladies Competition followed by Annual Ladies Dinner
Sat 9th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 10th October	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Wed 13th October	Ladies Day
Fri 15th October	Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies
Sat 16th October	Mens Roll Up
Wed 20th October	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th October	18 Hole Social Golf
Mon 25th October	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 27th October	Ladies Day
Sat 30th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 31st October	October Stableford
Wed 3rd November	Ladies Day
Sat 6th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th November	November Medal
Wed 10th November	Ladies Day
Sat 13th November	Foursomes Championship
Sun 14th November	Foursomes Championship
Wed 17th November	Ladies Day
Sat 20th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st November	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 24th November	Ladies Day
Sat 27th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th November	St. Andrews Stableford
Mon 29th November	White Hot Pro Am

## Pro Tip - Kenny Fairbairn

### Rescue Clubs

Many people now own one but are there any tips to help with their use? Treat the club a little more like a long iron and grip to the top of the club. It is always advisable to have the ball position a little further back in the stance than for a driver (a steeper angle of attack helps). Finally try to extend your right shoulder through impact; it keeps the loft on the clubface for as long a time as possible ensuring a good ball flight.