



PINHEIROS ALTOS

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Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Vernon Reed

I have just got back to the Algarve after a couple of weeks away and it was very nice to be greeted with blue skies and warm sunny weather, enough to put a smile on everyone's face..... or so I thought.

I walked in off the golf course the very next day to be presented with "The Wooden Spoon" by the Lady Captain. Come on chaps how has this happened? I'm staggered and bewildered so will have to let Helen give you the low down in her report which I think takes up at least two pages. Well done to all the ladies who played, you have certainly made Helen very happy!

Congratulations to Neil Bamber who has captained a successful Inter Club team, I understand that Pinheiros have won their

division and will now meet with Quinta da Ria for the final. Come on Pinheiros!

November will be a busy month in which we will have the Divorce Championships "oops" I meant Foursomes Championships, should be fun for the masochists amongst us!

I am now back in golf club mode and am looking forward to the upcoming events and wish everyone lucky enough to be in the Algarve very good golfing.

Captain Reed signing off.



Christmas And New Year

at

Pinheiros Altos

19th December – Turkey Flutter

26th December – Boxing Day American Foursomes

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

NEW YEARS DAY SCRAMBLE

For more details please contact the Golf Office.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

October started with that historic Ryder Cup victory and our version of events held at Pinheiros Altos which I covered in a belated October Newsletter. However, October finished with two fantastic 5 – 0 victories for the Pinheiros Altos Inter Club side led by Neil Bamber (surely a contender for the next Ryder Cup captaincy!). These victories in consecutive weeks against Silves and Parque da Floresta respectively resulted in the Pinheiros Altos team topping their group and now only Quinta da Ria stand between them and overall victory for the first time in the history of the Inter Club. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Neil and his team every success in the playoffs.

On November 13th and 14th the Pinheiros Altos Foursomes Championship will be played and there is already a larger than normal entry for the event which is great to have in this most difficult of formats.

Work on the calçada paths started in the middle of October and the 1st Corks is now complete and work will continue on to the 1st and 2nd Olives. The calçada around the clubhouse and academy will be carried out during December when the area is quieter.

October also saw treatment carried out on the greens and they are now starting to look like their normal self. I cannot mention greens without reminding everyone to “REPAIR YOUR PITCH MARKS”.

The middle of November will see the Annual Subscription Requests go out to the membership. These fees remain the same for 2011 although there may be an adjustment due to the impending increase to I.V.A. in Portugal. Fingers crossed!

On the 21st – 28th November a group from the “On Course Foundation” will be visiting Pinheiros Altos. These are group of servicemen injured in Iraq and Afghanistan who have or intend to take up golf and Pinheiros Altos is arranging their week. You can Google “On course Foundation” or go to the on www.oncoursefoundation.com. Anyone who would like to help in any way during this week please contact me on 96 392 87 62.

The pine trees on the golf course have had there first spraying to prevent the dreaded caterpillars having their wicked way in January/February. Another spraying will take place early in the New Year.

I would encourage property owners to have the pine trees on their property sprayed not only for the benefit of their property but to reinforce the treatment being done on the golf course. Please contact Carla Guerreiro or myself for information about this treatment.

Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Fri 1st Sat 2nd Sun 3rd	Ryder Cup	Europe	63 1/2	Melaura Parker	42 1/2
Wed 6th	Ladies Day October Medal	<i>1st Division</i> Val Rennie <i>2nd Division</i> Majida Lester	72 nett 73 nett	<i>1st Division</i> Sharon Henderson <i>2nd Division</i> Maried Kooijmans	76 nett 74 nett
Sun 10th	Autumn Medal Rosebowl	Mike Hassid	72 nett (bb9)	Robert Lester	72 nett

Competition Results for September cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 13th	Ladies Day Waltz	<i>Olives to Pines</i>		<i>Olives to Pines</i>	
		Thérèse van Doorn	77 Pts	Florence D’Algue	73 Pts
		Yvonne White		Shona Callaghan	
		Wendy Menzies		Ineke Goossens	
		<i>Pines to Corks</i>		<i>Pines to Corks</i>	
		Helen Mills	72 Pts	Anne Copestake	69 Pts
		Adrienne Buth		Jenny Harrison	
		Heidi Ellingsen		Annette Newbald	
Fri 15th	Wooden Spoon	Ladies	7	Men	4
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	<i>1st Division</i>		<i>1st Division</i>	
		Val Rennie	38 Pts	Thérèse van Doorn	33 Pts
		<i>2nd Division</i>		<i>2nd Division</i>	
		Meg Black	34 Pts	Pat Murrish	33 Pts
Nearest the Pins - Nancy Scofield / Margo Fletcher					
Wed 27th	Ladies Day Pink Day	<i>Pines to Corks</i>		<i>Pines to Corks</i>	
		Nancy Schofield	77 Pts	Rie Cherubini	72 Pts
		Jan Dickinson		Claire Bamber	
		Barbara Fletcher		Lubna Sands	
		<i>Olives to Pines</i>		<i>Olives to Pines</i>	
		Angela Scott	79 Pts	Edyta Procter	74 Pts
		Lisa Burns		Susanne Davis	
		Vera Watkins		Margo Fletcher	
Sun 31st	October Stableford	Christian Holst	34 Pts	P J O’Regan	33 Pts

Ladies Section

- by Helen Mills

There was a good turnout of 19 ladies for the monthly Medal and the winner of the 1st Division was Val Rennie who is playing very well of late and getting her handicap down to the low teens, congratulations Val and well done.

Majida Lester was the winner of the 2nd Division and again her handicap is heading the right direction and she should soon be back in the 1st division, well done Majida.

Lady Captain's Day was held on 8th October and incorporated for the 1st time the Eclectic Competition prize giving.

Our President Mr. Walter Dickson started off the proceedings on the 1st tee and saw 44 ladies tee off for the Lady Captain's Bowl single stableford competition, thank you Walter for your very professional assistance. The forecasters were predicting

a downpour but all the ladies got in dry and refreshed after snacking at the 10th with our Club Captain ably assisted by Chef Peter who plied them with bacon butties and some bubbly stuff. That evening, the ladies pulled out all the stops in the glamour stakes and headed for Vincents Restaurant for an evening of good food, wine, company and a little entertainment supplied by Mario. The downpour outside did nothing to dampen the spirits and one and all had a great evening.

Majida Lester emerged the outright winner of the Lady Captain's Bowl Trophy – her 2nd Captain's prize this year, congratulations Majida on a great win and a great golfing year so far. Hilary Jessup and Wendy Menzies were the winners in their respective divisions, well done ladies and congratulations.



In the Eclectic Competition, Sally Evans and Mariëd Kooijmans won the best gross in for the 1st and 2nd divisions respectively. Margo Fletcher and Linda Dixon won the best nett in their respective divisions. Congratulations and well done to all the winners in both competitions.

October 13th Captain's Choice – After our team Waltz, more champagne had to be consumed when Mariëd Kooijmans provided Pimms, Champagne and canapés to celebrate her winning the gross prize in the 2nd Division in the Eclectic Competition the previous week. Thank you Mariëd.

The Wooden Spoon

MY JOB IS DONE - WE WON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

And by a large margin, 7 – 4 was the final score and I am sure that the celebrations could not have been better had we won the World Cup, indeed, most of us ladies would prefer to win this competition than any World Cup! It has to be said that

it is only the 2nd time the ladies have beaten the men in the Wooden Spoon, the last time being 2001 when Janine van de Ree was Lady Captain.

A great day all round starting with a little alcohol on the 1st tee for the gentlemen compliments of the LC. The ladies were given instructions on course etiquette and behaviour on the course, specific to this competition. However, these were not really necessary since the ladies had been well prepared by their week in the boot camp and romped home with a great win. Our Club Captain was absent without leave for this occasion but thought he had left the job in a safe pair of hands, unfortunately Peter Shilton was otherwise engaged on Strictly Come Dancing and Jim Cranwell stepped into the breach to partner our esteemed Past Club Captain Keith Fletcher taking on the Lady and Vice Captain.

I must congratulate Keith on a superb shot from the bunker of the 4th Pines where he putted out for an eagle, the rest of the game I will leave to your imagination, but Keith has decided that his record of beating Lady Captain's is such that he may well retire from the Wooden Spoon event in the future!

Following supper in the clubhouse, it was my great pleasure to present the admirable 'stand-in Captain' of the men's team, with the Wooden Spoon. The men will hold this until the next battle in 2011. Congratulations and well done to all the ladies and thanks to everyone for a memorable fun day and evening.



A surprised Jim Cranwell - both at being Captain for the day and at receiving the Wooden Spoon for the men.

Pink Day

This is the 5th year that Shirley Griffiths has sponsored this special day in our calendar during breast cancer awareness month; unfortunately Shirley could not be with us this year but I hope she will be pleased with the result. Following the game in which 33 Ladies played a team stableford competition, we had lots of raffle prizes and a guess the weight of the cake competition. The total amount raised on the day was €895 which was promptly rounded up to €1000 by a further generous donation from one of our ladies. Maria de Lurdes Pereira who is the main fundraiser for the AOA – Association Oncologia do Algarve - was present to receive the cheque and was also delighted to win the cake in the competition. The Association, based in Faro has already raised enough funds for a mobile mammography unit that operates in outlying towns and villages as well as main towns in the area and is available to all who are registered in the Portuguese medical

system. Funds are now being directed towards an accommodation facility next to the oncology centre for patients requiring treatment on a daily basis but who are unable to travel daily.

Dates for your Diary

The Foursomes Championships on 13th and 14th
To all ladies who intend to play with their husbands or partners, I urge you to consider this carefully before committing yourself to this annual test of nerves and marriage vows. Now is the time to think again - this is the competition where a little husband swapping is definitely allowed!!

Ladies Interclub Friendlies

Quinta da Ria away **Monday November 1st**

Quinta da Ria at home **Thursday November 18th**

Benamor at home on **23rd November**

Interclub

It is with great pride that I write this edition.

We have won our Division (B) Outright. Next week, we will play Levante, the Division A winners for the overall Interclub Championship.

We won both our last two matches 5-0 against very strong opposition but home advantage told. Both Parque de Floresta and SDMGC complimented the condition of the course.

Rather than mention individual performances I would like to thank everyone who has supported the team, both players and non players alike. The camaraderie in the Team has been fantastic and I am sure this has helped our performances greatly.

So, we will travel to Quinta da Ria to play the away match next Tuesday, then finally we play our home match against them next Thursday.

Neil Bamber
Interclub Captain

Social Golf - by Thérèse van Doorn

On the 24th October, we had a social golf competition playing the Waltz in teams of four.

There were 40 players enjoying a beautiful sunny afternoon on the golf course. The competition was played on two different courses, so there were two sets of prizes.

The first prize on Pines and Corks with an unbelievable score of 90 points went to Brian Gallen, Bob Gramson, Lisa Burns and Deirdre Forde.

The first Prize on Corks and Olives with 84 points went to Peter Newbald, Nigel Collins, Sylvia Mullins and Meg Black.

Afterwards everybody enjoyed their meal.

The next social Golf event is on the **21st November**.

Pro Tip

- Peter Ashdown

The flight of the ball tells you everything

SLICE – Ball starts left and finishes right of target; swing path out to in with open clubface.

HOOK – Ball starts right and finishes left of target; swing path in to out with closed clubface.

PULL – Ball starts left and finishes further left; swing path out to in with closed clubface.

PUSH – Ball starts right and finishes further right; swing path in to out with open clubface.

PERFECT STRAIGHT SHOT (you wish!) – Ball flies straight at target; swing path in to in with square clubface.

This analysis applies to right handed players left handers just change left to right and vice versa but the swing path cause remains the same.

Forthcoming Events

- November and December

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 Holes 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
Wed 1st December	Ladies Day
Sat 4th December	Mens Roll Up
Wed 8th December	Ladies Day
Sat 11th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 12th December	18 Holes Social Golf
Mon 13th December	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 15th December	Ladies Day
Sat 18th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 19th December	Christmas Turkey Flutter
Wed 22nd December	Ladies Day
Sun 26th December	Boxing Day American Foursomes
Wed 29th December	Ladies Day