

Introduction from the Captain

By Mr. Vernon Reed

I spent most of January in Las Vegas at the Electronics Trade Show. Actually, I spent most of it in bed with food poisoning courtesy of British Airways and am so happy to be back in the Algarve and ready for some golf.

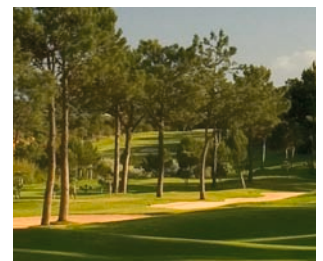
My absence allowed Phil Schofield to win the January Stableford with a superb 39 pts and the first board event of the year was the Winter Medal which was won by Sally Evans with a fabulous gross 76 nett 68. Congratulations to them both on a great start to their golfing year.

February has two important tournaments starting with my Charity Event on the 11th and then on the 27th we have the St. David's Day Competition which this year will be played in memory of Past Captain Trevor Griffiths who sadly passed away in December and who in years gone by celebrated his

Welsh roots through his tremendous support of the St. David's Day tournament.

I would really appreciate your participation in these events to help raise money for both the Refugio Aboim Ascensao and Christie Hospital- Research into head and neck cancer.

Happy golfing!



Pro Tip

By Brian Evans

“Two Turns and a Swish”

Sometimes technique becomes over complicated. For a right hander the backswing is a turn of the body around the right leg and the downswing is a turn of the body around the left leg.

If the player does this and keeps hands and arms relaxed a swish will be produced through the impact area.

Simple!

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I would like to reiterate the words of the Captain in relation to his Charity Event and the St. David's Day Tournament in memory of Trevor.

There is also, on the 13th February the St. Valentines Day event and these added to the February Medal on the 6th make it a very busy golfing month indeed.

I have never known January so quiet in the Algarve but it has allowed us to crack on with repair work to the calçada paths. Sesinando and his staff have got the greens in fantastic

condition and just the speed and firmness that I have wanted in spite of the wet weather so my compliments to them.

I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming Mike Hassid back after his stroke and he is already playing golf off a temporary handicap of 14 (very temporary) until the muscle memory returns.

I have no doubt that the golfing company that he keeps will be screaming for his handicap to be reduced in the very near future. Make the most of it Mike!

Competition Results for January

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sat 1st	New Year's Scramble Guest Paul Caddick Simon Stewart Darrell Quirk	Ian Hepworth	-17 (-10 back 9)	Andy Watkins Vera Watkins John Bayston Val Bayston Adrienne Buth	-17 (-8 back 9)
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Qualifying January Medal	1st Division Sharon Henderson 2nd Division Adrienne Buth	74 Nett 77 Nett	1st Division Thérèse v Doorn 2nd Division Claire Bamber	76 Nett 81 Nett
Sat 9th	Winter Medal	Sally Evans	67 Nett	Christian Holst	71 Nett
Wed 12th	Ladies Day Team Stableford	Olives to Pines Helen Mills Vera Watkins Adrienne Buth Corks to Olives Liz Beal Pat Wright Shona Callaghan	70 Pts 73 Pts		
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Qualifying January Stableford	1st Division Anne Copestake 2nd Division Adrienne Buth	34 Pts 42 Pts	1st Division Rie Cherubini 2nd Division Ann Campbell	32 Pts (bb9) 41 Pts
Sun 23rd	January Stableford	Phil Schofield	35 Pts	Tony Hickey	30 Pts (bb9)
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Team Waltz	Thérèse van Doorn Lubna Sands Claire Bamber	66 Pts (bb9)	Helen Mills Stella Jeffrey Liz Beal	66 Pts

Ladies Section

by Helen Mills

18 Ladies decided to dust off the cobwebs after the New Year celebrations to play in the Ladies Medal on 5th January that produced two first time winners of our special Medal glasses; Sharon Henderson with a 74 net in the 1st Division and Adrienne Buth with a 77 net in the 2nd Division. Congratulations and well done to both ladies. Congratulations also to Sally Evans, who, after several weeks of struggling with her game, went out to win the January Club Medal with a fantastic 68 net. She is now playing with a new handicap of 7.6, very well done Sally.

The team stableford on 12th January resulted in a double win for two ladies who were drawn as 'floaters'. No, it's not a misprint on the results sheet; Shona Callaghan and Vera Watkins walked off with prizes for being in both the 1st and 2nd place teams, one on each course, talk about hedging your bets!!

Well it wasn't long into the year before there was cause to have a celebration. On 19th January the champagne was once again on the menu when Shona Callaghan announced that Liz Beal had accepted her invitation to be her Vice Captain for her year. Congratulations to Liz, a very popular appointment, and I wish her all the very best for her term and thank her for her support during my year as LC.



There was even more to celebrate when we looked at the scores for the stableford competition that day, Ann Campbell came in with a fantastic 41 points that on any other day would surely have won the competition. However, Adrienne Buth, who has been playing great golf recently and working hard to reduce her handicap, came in with 42 points! Congratulations and well done to both ladies who have since received a severe cut in their respective handicaps, something they have both been working towards for some time.

We finished the month with a Team Waltz on 26th January. The sky was threatening but we carried on regardless even when the drizzle started, it's called a 'soft' day where I come from! A couple of ladies retired gracefully but the remainder followed the 'leader' to the bitter end and there were a few bedraggled ladies who didn't have suitable wet gear. Your LC came in for some severe ribbing but after a few hot chocolates and a natter all was well - if this had been a popularity competition, then I certainly would not be in a winning team!

We are moving towards the final weeks in which to play the Wainwright and Madrinha Trophy competitions. Following the problems encountered with getting four ladies together to play the Madrinha, it has been decided that next year we will split the competition into 4 sections and the winners of each section play to find the overall winners. The Committee has also decided that in future players can choose their own 'Madrinha' and then enter the competition as a pair. This is a new competition and it is still evolving so I do hope that ladies will continue to support it for the benefit of our inexperienced ladies, this new format should make it easier to participate.

There are a few dates for your diary:

Wed 9th Feb

Lady Captain versus Lady Vice Captain matchplay

Wed 9th March

Ladies Foursomes – get your partners lined up.

Wed 23rd March

Lady Captain versus Past Lady Captain matchplay

Monday 18th April

Ladies AGM

Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

Sunday, January 16th was a really beautiful Algarvian Winters day for our team stableford competition. The format was quite tough with all scores counting on par 3's, three scores on par 4's and two on par 5's. Everyone playing to net par would have produced a score of 108 points.

The best score was 100 points on Pines/Corks by Tony Hickey, Peter Mills, Shona Callaghan and Annette Hanley. In second place were Roy Baddeley, Joop Carp, Stella Jeffrey and Joe Hanley with 97 points.

On Corks/Olives the winning score was 96 points by Iain Callaghan, Helen Mills, Janet Leffler and Molly Wainwright (standing in). Second place with 92 points went to Thérèse van Doorn, Carel Heijmeijer, Nils Leffler and Sylvia Mullins.

It was another marvellous entry – 40 players and 42 for supper. A good time was had by all. We welcomed old friends and some new members – everyone is always very welcome.

The next competition is on 20th February and will be organised by Dirk Blaesing and Iain Callaghan.

Interclub by Neil Bamber

For the first time ever we begin the Interclub competition as defenders of the Championship. Our first match is at home on February 17th against Salgados.

Unlike last year our first 6 matches are at home, which should leave us in a strong position to successfully retain our title.

The team sheet for the first match is on the notice board and new players are welcome and will be given their chance to shine.

The new team shirts should be arriving any day now, with just the ladies sleeveless shirts to follow Mid April.

Forthcoming Events February and March

Wed 2nd February – Ladies Day
Sat 5th February – Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th February – February Medal
Wed 9th February – Ladies Day
Fri 11th February – Captains Charity Day
Sat 12th February – Mens Roll Up
Sun 13th February – St. Valentine's Day Scramble
Mon 14th February – Jimmy Tarbuck Classic
Wed 16th February – Ladies Day
Sat 19th February – Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th February – 18 Holes Social Golf
Mon 21st February – White Hot Pro Am
Wed 23rd February – Ladies Day
Thurs 24th February – Past Captains Day
Sat 26th February – Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th February – St. David's Stableford
Wed 2nd March – Ladies Day
Sat 5th March – Mens Roll Up
Wed 9th March – Ladies Day
Sat 12th March – Ladies Day
Sun 13th March – 18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 16th March – Ladies Day
Sat 19th March – Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th March – St. Patrick's Day Medal
Wed 23rd March – Ladies Day
Sat 26th March – Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th March – March Stableford
Mon 28th March – White Hot Pro Am
Wed 30th March – Ladies Day

