

PINHEIROS ALTOS

GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

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Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Vernon Reed

Blimey.....what's happened to the weather? Who turned the central heating on to "High"? All of a sudden the change in the climate has been incredible and it's just as I like it, hot, hot, hot!!!

Talking of hot, the May highlight for me was Pinheiros Altos retaining the Ben Hogan Trophy from our hosts Quinta do Lago. The format was changed from a 3 day event to 2 days and I must say it worked very well. Both courses were in great condition and it made for some very good golf. The ladies played exceptionally well and looked very glamorous in their new team colours. (I think it's time for us "chaps" to uniform ourselves as well and I am going to look into it and make some suggestions). We all enjoyed an afternoon barbeque around the temporary Quinta do Lago Clubhouse and it was a joy to be presented with the Ben Hogan Trophy and bring it back to PA. Well played to all who took part.

And so moving on to June, the main events this month will be The Portuguese Day on 10th June, Hillbillies v Sandancers 12th June and later in the month the Seniors Championship and the Presidents Putter 27th June. I hope if you're around you will sign up to play.

Although there will be a report later on in the newsletter, I would like to congratulate the Inter Club Team captained by Neil Bamber who are riding high and positioned top of the league at this time. I know we're only halfway through the matches but it is certainly very encouraging and I would like to say "well done" to Neil and all the team.

Don't forget to sign up for Gala Week the entry forms are available from the golf office.

Captain Reed signing off.....Happy Golfing!

Important dates that you should not miss

Saturday 24th July
- Captain's Day

Sunday 25th to
Saturday 31st July
- LAS VEGAS Gala Week



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

May was a relatively quiet month except in the maintenance department. All the preparation for a successful presentation of the golf course through a competition filled June, July and August is carried out in May. The pace of the greens has been unusually slow particularly the old greens compared to the new. However, through June the speed should increase ready for the peak of the competition season in July with this years Captain's Day on Saturday 24th July and Gala Week starting on Sunday 25th July.

I must apologise to the membership for the delay in receiving the May Newsletter and I know that many members have still not been able to open it with the link. This problem has now been resolved as should be clear if you are reading this!

Starting in the July Newsletter and following on from the golf sections APPA members can read the reports of Carla Guerreiro from the Pinheiros Altos Resort Management and Mr. Roger Kitson the President of the APPA board.

The Pinheiros Altos Newsletter will now become the vessel by which, not just the Golf Section but also APPA and Pinheiros Altos Resort Management will communicate with their members and clients respectively. Surface mail will only be used for financial and confidential correspondence. APPA members wishing to communicate with the APPA board should do so by e-mail to appa@pinheirosaltos.pt.

I am very pleased to announce that the latest news on Trevor Griffiths is very positive. As you all know Trevor has been undergoing treatment for a tumour which developed on the bridge of his nose. He has undergone over 30 hours of operations to remove the tumour and six weeks of radio and chemotherapy and has never failed to maintain his sense of humour throughout this ordeal. At the end of June he will have the reconstructive surgery to his face and after a period of recuperation he expects to be back in the Algarve in August. I am sure you will join with me in wishing him all the very best for the final stages of his treatment.

Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 5th	Ladies Day May Medal	1st Division Hilary Jessup	75 Nett	1st Division Melaura Parker	78 Nett (bb9)
		2nd Division Marian Jenkins	72 Nett	2nd Division Diana Collins	74 Nett
Wed 12th	Ladies Day Team Waltz	Pines to Corks Thérèse v Doorn Adrienne Buth Pat Murrish	73 Pts	Pines to Corks Janice Paterson Jan Dickinson Marian Jenkins	71 Pts
		Corks to Olives Susie Hobday Sylvia Mullins Maried Kooijmans	77 Pts (bb9)	Corks to Olives Molly Wainwright Angela Scott Jenny Harrison	77 Pts
Fri 14th Sat 15th	The Ben Hogan Trophy (PA vs QDL)	Pinheiros Altos	16 ½	Quinta do Lago	15 ½
Wed 19th	Ladies Day April Stableford	1st Division Helen Mills	35 Pts	1st Division Barbara Kyne	33 Pts
		2nd Division Jan Dickinson	33 Pts	2nd Division Suzanne Davis	32 Pts (bb9)
Sun 23rd	May Stableford	Tim Russell	38 Pts	Mike Hassid	37 Pts
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Team Hidden Partners	Paula Burke Sandra Little		Yvonne White Margo Fletcher	
Sun 30th	May Medal	Susan Russell	73 Nett (bb9)	Chris Hales	73 Nett

Ladies Section

- by Helen Mills

No one told me that this job involved so much drinking of champagne or I would have volunteered earlier! Sabine returned at the beginning of May and kept her promise to have a large glass of champagne with us all – she not only supplied enough of the bubbly stuff for 25 ladies but she also managed to get the kitchen to provide us with probably the best canapés we have ever had the pleasure of eating at PA. Thank you Sabine.

We started off the month with the Medal on the 5th. The sun shone at last, the wind dropped and there was no excuse for a bad round – unfortunately bad rounds some of us had. But, our immediate past Lady Captain who had just spent three weeks and some Volcanic Ash time burning her b*** on an Indian Ocean beach, came in with a 75 nett to win the 1st division and Marian Jenkins had a great nett par 72 to win the 2nd division. Well done Hilary and Marian.



The Ben Hogan PA Ladies at Quinta do Lago

We were all fired up for the Ben Hogan Trophy on 14th and 15th against Quinta do Lago which this year was reduced to a 2 day competition. The ladies triumphed again on the 1st day with a home win of 6.5 – 1.5 paving the way for a huge lead of 11 - 4 overall. The mixed competition the following day at QdL

was not so convincing for our side but we nonetheless finished the winners by 1 point. Again the new team strip was on display and much admired by all, we even elicited a wolf whistle at the celebration barbeque!!!!

Past Lady Captain's Day was held on 24th May having been postponed from a date in April, now that their numbers are increasing it's difficult to get everyone together. 7 ladies played and Hilary Jessup wasted no time in getting her name on the new trophy emerging the winner with 34 points with a bb9 over Therese. Congratulations to Hilary. We followed with a lovely lunch which everyone enjoyed.

Congratulations to Linda Bentley for her handicap reduction of 2 shots – the 1st Division awaits you Linda – then you can have a lie in on a Wed morning that should be plenty of incentive for you to get another couple of points off, well done.

There was another great turnout for the Medal on June 2nd with 30 ladies playing Pines and Corks in glorious sunshine. The 2nd division was won by Lisa Burns with a nett 75 with a bb9 over Vera Watkins, well done Lisa and congratulations from everyone on your recent marriage. We wish yourself and Ken a long and happy life together – now that you have finally decided, after a short engagement, that he's the 'One'!

In the 1st division Melaura Parker came in with a great score of 70 nett, this however was not enough to win as Sally Evans returned a fantastic score of gross 76 nett 67! Congratulations Sally on a great round of golf.

And then we had the Fun Day on June 3rd, your scribe had to be surgically removed from her bed to write this following all the events leading up to the big day and the day itself! It was impossible to put a figure on the numbers attending but we can be sure that we reached a wide audience with many families joining in the games, drinking champagne and wine, enjoying the burgers and hot dogs, bobbing the apple, hooking the balls, salsa dancing and many more activities.

The highlight of the Day was the Gold Cup race which saw the petite members of the Ladies Section resplendent in their racing silks and matching riding hats complete with crops! The excitement was mounting but unfortunately Shergar did

another disappearing act and our esteemed golf director took over the job with Karen Morgan in the saddle, however, he was no match for the younger stallions and finished up lying on his back with 2 nurses in attendance giving him a rubdown with horse liniment. The prognosis is good and fortunately he will not have to go the way of the lame horse. Sylvia "Carson" Mullins romped home past the winning post on her handsome steed Robert Adams to win the coveted Gold Cup. Well done Sylvia (a dark horse if ever there was one!) and all the lady jockeys: - Margo, Vera, Rie, Jackie Quirk and Karen – you are indeed great sports and provided us with great entertainment.



The hog rotated on its spit the whole day long and everyone was at the ready when the cook finally served it up at the end of the day with salads and plenty of wine.

Social Golf

- by Molly Wainwright (May 9th)

Who would have thought we would be worrying about the weather here in May? Have never known such unpredictable days but yet again we were fortunate to have a fine dry day - what do they say about the sun shining on the righteous!!

Forty competitors played an Am-Am with two scores to count except on par 3's when three had to count. It was a very relaxing format and as is usually the case the scores were excellent.

We had an enjoyable supper with lots of laughter - good to hear. Results;

	<i>Olives to Pines</i>		<i>Corks to Olives</i>	
1 st Place	Iain Callaghan	89 Pts	Roy Baddeley	92 Pts
	John Wainwright		Jürgen Ternieden	
	Linda Bentley		Susie Hart	
	Diane Golding		Sylvia Mullins	
2 nd Place	Knut Ellingsen	89 Pts	Jeff Hart	86 Pts
	Michael May		Ken Irving	
	Lisa Burns		Val Rennie	
	Marian Jenkins		Mai Markey	

The Day has been deemed a fantastic success by one and all and my heartfelt thanks must go to Brian, Christophe and the team, the Charity Committee:-Melody Cotterill, Sylvia Mullins, Edyta Procter, Susan Russell, Margo Fletcher, Paula Burke, Melaura Parker and Susie Hobday who have done a fantastic job of fundraising and organizing. Also to the many ladies who turned out to help on the day, manning the stands, selling tickets and supervising various events, thank you all and last but not least the membership of PA who supported the event in many and various ways.

As my 'press' deadline approaches, I am only able to give you a ballpark figure of €8000 as a nett figure of the funds raised for the four Charities. We hope to increase this figure with the sale, at a later date to be advised to everyone, of items which were on the auction list but have now been withdrawn as they were mistakenly not offered for sale at the 'live' auction on the night. These items are:- 3 lithographs, T shirt signed by Lee Westwood, green fees at QdL South and at Laranjal, dinner at Vincents restaurant and a bronze coloured wall hanging .

Interclub

- by Neil Bamber

As I write my latest update the outside temperature is over 30°C and Summer is definitely here.

May was a quiet month with just two away matches - Penina where the team won 3-2 and Benamor where we lost 2-3.

June has both our home & away matches against Quinta do Lago and also our away match at Vale de Lobo.

Many thanks to all of you who have made yourself available for these matches, I am now faced with the difficult choice of who to select.

The team for the first match at home to QDL will be on the board by June 4th and depending how we perform, that will influence my selection for the two away matches.

Finally, I have just received the League positions at the end of May and we are second just 1 point behind Alto but they have played one game more.

Social Golf

- by Andy Watkins (June 6th)

44 members & guests had signed up for yet another strange format of golf dreamt up by the Committee. Every person turned up, no last minute cancellations, panics, team alterations etc. Wonderfully easy for the organisers! Eleven teams wandered off into the sunshine to play - 1 score to count on par 3s, 2 on par 4s & 3 on par 5s.

Some ice creams were still in stock from the Ladies Charity Day on Thursday so these were delivered to the players on the course. While appreciated by all on a hot day, this act gave many contestants a new excuse; "We were doing well until the ice creams arrived ". Bet you've never heard that one before! A measure of Social Competition success is the noise level in the bar afterwards i.e. teams are still talking to each other. It was noisy!

A good meal served by Jorge and crew was followed by some excellent cake, bought in Thursdays Fun Day Auction by Iain Callaghan and donated to the Social Golf. An Honesty Box for ice creams and cake received considerable generosity and €190 was passed to the Lady Captain.

Prizes of 24 bottles of alcoholic products were distributed to the top 6 teams with the last 2 winners each having to accept 1 litre bottles of good Scotch – it's a tough life. Fun and social is the aim of the day but winners were;-

Corks to Olives

Nigel Collins
John Mullins
Lisa Burns
Fran Broadhurst

Olives to Pines

Cornelius van de Ree
Doug Golding
Diana Collins
Molly Wainwright

Next event is 19th July - a great way of meeting other members.

Forthcoming Events

- June and July

Wed 2nd June	Ladies Day
Thurs 3rd June	Lady Captain Charity Race Day
Sat 5th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th June	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 9th June	Ladies Day
Thurs 10th June	Portugal Day
Sat 12th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers
Mon 14th June	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 16th June	Ladies Day
Sat 19th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th June	June Stableford
Wed 23rd June	Ladies Day
Sun 26th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th June	Seniors Championship and President Day
Wed 30th June	Ladies Day

Sat 3rd July	Mens Roll Up
Mon 5th July	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 7th July	Ladies Day
Sat 10th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 11th July	Summer Medal
Wed 14th July	Ladies Day
Sat 17th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 21st July	Ladies Day
Sat 24th July	CAPTAIN'S DAY
Sun 25th July	Practise and Registration
Mon 26th July	Four Ball Best Ball
Tue 27th July	Greensomes
Wed 28th July	Shoot Out 5 p.m.
Thu 29th July	American Foursomes
Fri 30th July	Scramble
Sat 31st July	Gala Dinner

GALA WEEK

Pro Tip - Ross Sutherland

How many times have you stood on the tee and hit your ball a mile off line only to discover you're aiming that way?

There are many times where tees or tee markers will be pointing in the wrong direction so take care to align yourself correctly by standing behind the ball on the tee and then pick

an intermediate target in front of the ball and then align your clubface accordingly and then build your stance parallel to the clubface.

Hopefully this will help you to stay on your own fairway!
Good luck!!

Appa News

- by the President Mr. Roger Kitson

As some owners did not receive the message sent on 3rd May we are resending it as part of this Newsletter.

APPA SOCIAL EVENT

– Thursday, 2nd SEPTEMBER

Several Owners have suggested that the Board should arrange a social event for APPA Members and their guests, thus reviving a custom which lapsed some years ago. Such an event might be held early in September when the weather is still good and children have not returned to school.

A suitable venue would be the Ilha Deserta (Desert Island); this island is close to Faro and the only building on it is a restaurant called Estamine – see www.ilha-deserta.com for full details. As you will see from this excellent site (which is in English), a visit to the restaurant can also include a guided Nature Tour by boat round the lagoons of the Ria Formosa Natural Park.

The restaurant can cater for a private party of twenty or more people. The boat journey to and from the restaurant costs €10; alternatively, the guided boat Tour round the Ria Formosa (which also goes to the restaurant) costs €20. Lunch would probably be around €35 per head.

If you are interested in participating please reply to appa@pinheirosaltos.pt (our new email address) **ENTIRELY WITHOUT COMMITMENT**.

You can also call Cristina Fernandes (telephone no. 289 35 99 53). Please also let us know how many people might accompany you.

We shall decide whether or not to go ahead with this idea on the basis of the number of positive responses which we receive so, if the above idea appeals to you and you would like to join us for a very special experience, **PLEASE REPLY**.