



PINHEIROS ALTOS

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Introduction from the Captain

- Mr. Vernon Reed

How lucky were we that the “volcanic ash” didn’t interfere with the Club Championship although I’m sure a spec or two of the ash must have got into my eyes after my scores! However, congratulations to Tim Hart and Susan Russell our new champions on their very good rounds. And I would like to say “well done” to all who participated over the two days. The course was in good condition and the weather was perfect for a medal round, cold, windy with a hint of sunshine. Perfect off the back tees!!!

So getting back to the “volcanic ash” saga, I understand from Brian that the Portuguese Day was cancelled as too many people were unable to fly into Faro. What a shame, I’m sure that Jorge, Rui and staff had planned a special day. I’m hoping this can be fitted in to the calendar at later date.

The “volcanic ash” saga continued effecting me with a 5 day delay on my trip to the States. We did eventually arrive in Vegas to do a recce for Gala Week with specific instructions from our Golfing Director to find out the rules and regulations for gambling, what outfits the showgirls are wearing and what cocktails are in vogue. As you can imagine it was a great trip, food, drink, gambling and golf and all the information that Brian needs! Hic! Not sure if Brian will look that great in his showgirl outfit we have chosen for him, he hasn’t got the legs for it!

Next weekend will see the contest for the Ben Hogan Trophy against Quinta do Lago. I have it on good authority that QDL are out to win this trophy back as they think it will look great in their new club house. If you are around please sign up and lets give them a good run for their money!

I’m looking forward to returning to the Algarve on 10th May, “volcanic ash” permitting and hope to see many of you at the Ben Hogan.

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



for more information
please contact the golf office
289 359 953.

Entry form for the Gala
Week is included in this
newsletter.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

As I write this on Monday morning 3rd May the world of golf has taken a seismic shift towards Ireland. The media's hitherto obsession with Tiger Woods has now been replaced by the amazing performance of Rory McIlroy. The ridiculous Sky coverage of the Quail Hollow Championship from the US which on Saturday seemed to spend more time talking about why Tiger (74-79) missed the cut than the players who made the cut was quite rightly replaced in Sunday's last round by the Irishman's course record 62. Rory has gone from 1 over par, the cut line; too 15 under par over the last two rounds to force a stunned but respectful Phil Mickelson into 2nd spot 4 shots behind the young pretender.

You may ask why I mention this in the Pinheiros Altos Newsletter and I have two reasons. Firstly, it marks a changing of the guard and a new era in golf. Palmer overlapped with Nicklaus, Nicklaus with Woods and now Woods with McIlroy. Secondly, I can guarantee that McIlroy will overlap with a player younger than the 20 years that he is now. This brings me to my second point being that all golf clubs should encourage the younger members to play the best golf they can. In my days as a junior I could not play in "Club" competitions even when at 15 I was Cheshire boys champion playing off 2 handicap. I would like to think that if a young girl or boy at Pinheiros Altos is capable of competing off scratch against the "grown ups" then we should provide them with every opportunity and encourage the next Rory McIlroy!

The golf course is still very green after all our early rain but after a light top dressing at the end of April the greens have slowed slightly which I never like to see. I expect them to find their pace again by mid June ready for what should be a very exciting Summer. The tees and fairways have improved dramatically and while we must put this down to the rain, Sesinando and his staff have had to be very busy to keep up with the growth brought about by water and sun and fertilizer. The new pines are shooting up but I have plans for more of the same which ultimately will make for an even more interesting and difficult golf course. I was hoping to remove the stakes towards the end of the year but I have been advised to keep them in place "until they rot and fade away" but then I think he was trying to protect his handicap!

The Ladies are staging a "FUN DAY" on the 3rd June on the Practise ground and I would encourage all to visit, enjoy and support the charities which will benefit. A poster is included in this Newsletter and tickets will be available from Cristina in the golf office contact e-mail cfernandes@pinheirosaltos.pt or telephone 00351 289 359 953.

PLEASE REPAIR YOUR PITCH MARKS AND ONE OTHER!
THANK YOU.

Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sat 3rd	Spring Medal	Eva Lamaison	73 Nett (bb9)	Jeff Hart	73 Nett
Sun 4th	Easter Scramble	Fiona Hanby Paul Hanby James Hanby Orla Hanby Alfeu da Silva	-12,5	Graeme Thomson Fiona Thomson David Markey Mai Markey Pat Murrish	-11,1
Tue 6th	APPA Competition	Peter Monahan	39 Pts	Paul Hanby	36 Pts
Wed 7th	Ladies Day April Medal	<i>1st Division</i> Thérèse v Doorn <i>2nd Division</i> Pat Wright	74 Nett 75 Nett	<i>1st Division</i> Zoë Pirret <i>2nd Division</i> Annette Newbald	77 Nett 77 Nett
Sat 10th	Strokeplay	Tim Hart	153 Gross	Oliver Hart	160 Gross
Sun 11th	Championship	Susan Russell	179 Gross	Thérèse v Doorn	185 Gross

Competition Results for April - cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 14th	Ladies day		Rained off		
Wed 21st	Ladies Day April Stableford	1st Division Helen Mills	39 Pts	1st Division Barbara Fletcher	34 Pts
		2nd Division Melody Cotterill	34 pts (bb9)	2nd Division Fiona Hanby	34 Pts
Sun 25th	Portugal Revolution Day	Postponed to Thursday 10th June			
Wed 7th	Ladies Day	Corks/Olives Susie Hart	73 Pts	Corks/Olives Sandra Little	39 Pts (bb9)
		Penny Slater Diane Golding		Heidi Ellingsen Yvonne White	
		Olives/Pines Margo Fletcher	83 Pts	Olives/Pines Liz Beal	78 Pts
		Eva Lamaison Jan Kirk		Maried Kooijmans Pat Murrish	

Ladies Section

- by Helen Mills

The Easter scramble saw a huge turnout with brilliant sunshine and atmosphere and featured many ladies in the prizes, in particular “the Easter Chicks” who allowed Christian Holst to share their glory by coming in 4th place. Well done Nancy, Rie, Slaney and of course Claire - the secret weapon.

Ladies competitions got off to a great start with 29 ladies playing the Medal on 7th April. It was the 1st chance for many ladies to start the eclectic competition, although it can now be played in a Club Medal also provided that another lady member marks the card. Thérèse van Doorn won it for the 1st Division with a nett 74 and Pat Wright took the honours for the 2nd Division with nett 75, well done ladies.

Wed 14th Captain's Choice was rained off again but some ladies defied the thunderous clouds and headed out anyway, some returned after four holes but 3 hardy souls battled on and finished the course only to find everyone else had ‘gone to lunch’ by the time they got in. Well done Zoë, Meg and Fiona – winners in every way except for the prize money!

The stableford on the 21st was won by yours truly for the 1st Division and in the 2nd Division, Melody Cotterill, well done

Melody - you will soon be heading down the handicap list. The highlight of the day was provided by Thérèse van Doorn who served us all with Pimms and delicious cake to celebrate her birthday, thank you Thérèse and Happy Birthday.

Our first Interclub Friendly matches were against Salgados away, we won 3 and 2 and we kept our end up the following week with a win against Carvoeiro at home 3.5 – 1.5. Thank you to all the ladies who played in these matches, some stepping into the breach at short notice. The consensus is that we cannot be beaten on style with our new outfits which have been much admired and so far the golf has more than matched up. See the photo below of some of the team and judge for yourselves!!!



The Strokeplay Championship took place on 10th and 11th saw some great golf with Susan Russell winning the Ladies Trophy with a fantastic score of 146 and Thérèse van Doorn was the runner up. Congratulations Susan and Thérèse and very well done to you both and thanks to all the ladies who took part.

Ladies Day on 28th saw Margo Fletcher and Jan Kirk back playing after a short period of ill health, but as they say “beware the injured golfer” as they came in, together with Eva Lamaison, with a fantastic team score. It's great to see you both in such good form.

Available with this newsletter is a poster for our **Charity Fun Day on 3rd June**.

The Charity Committee and I would like to invite you together with your family and friends to come and join in the fun, but we also need your help. We need sponsors for many of the stands and entertainment as well as peripheral costs such as poster printing, children's entertainer etc.

We are planning a fun filled day for all the family starting at 1 pm followed by an early evening hog roast supper and disco to round off the day. We need to know the numbers for the supper and **tickets are available now at €20 each from Cristina at the Academy golf office**.

This promises to be another great day at Pinheiros Altos. The Charity Committee with the support of our Captain, Vernon Reed, is working hard to ensure that it will be a memorable day for everyone. We want to involve as many people as possible in this event, members, residents of the surrounding resorts, visitors and the local community.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to contribute to the Fun Day either with sponsorship, participation in the events and supper or with your help on the day itself - preferably all three! If you wish to make a donation by bank transfer, please make sure that your name is mentioned in the **reference** by your bank. Tax receipts are available on request from the respective charities. Sponsors will be able to place advertising banners around the arena.

If you would like to have any further information on the various charities being supported by this event or about any other aspect of the day, please contact me.

With many thanks in advance for your kind support, for more information:- helenmills33@gmail.com or call ++ 351 917565174

Name of Account: - **Pinheiros Altos Charity Account**

Transfers within Portugal:

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I have to mention a much more mundane subject now, the ladies locker room notice boards!! I have to thank our Director of Golf for providing new boards (plural) - they are much admired I'm sure!

Dates for your diaries: **Medal** on May 5th. The **Ben Hogan Trophy** against Qta do Lago on 14th and 15th May, Ladies V Ladies on the 1st day and mixed the 2nd day and of course the **Fun Day** on June 3rd.

The **Rosebowl Trophy** - traditionally played for on Lady Captains Day has now been scheduled for Friday 8th October. This will incorporate the Annual Dinner and the prizegiving for the Eclectic Competition and the Most Improved Player of the year. I hope that this new arrangement will prove to be a popular event and I look forward to your support.

Finally, on a very sad note, the daughter of Roxanne Charley passed away last week after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Roxanne who was such an active and supportive member of the Ladies Section for some years.

Social Golf

- by Roy Baddeley

On Sunday 18th April due to a very wet weather forecast for the afternoon, the Social Golf Am-Am competition was cancelled and all the 42 competitors sat down for a great fish and chips meal courtesy of Rui and his staff. Twenty four prizes were awarded in a draw of the score cards.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this competition for their support and understanding especially after the decision to cancel was promptly followed by glorious sunshine only to be vindicated later in the afternoon when the 'heavens opened'.

The next Social Golf is on the 9th May which will be the Am-Am competition postponed from this month.

Interclub

- by Neil Bamber

It is hard to believe that it's May already and the sun is beating down on us again.

We've had quite an April with two brilliant home wins, both 5-0 against local rivals Vale de Lobo and Benamor. These matches were both followed by great lunches served by Jorge & his team.

Sadly though our first away match at Alto ended in a 4-1 defeat, the course at Alto has been much maligned in the past but the Pestana Group who now own the facility are trying very hard and the difference is plain to see.

We have two away matches in May at Penina & Benamor so come on all you PA members put your names down and you never know you may actually enjoy yourselves.

Forthcoming Events

- May and June

Sat 1st May	Mens Roll Up
Wed 5th May	Ladies Day
Sat 8th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9th May	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 12th May	Ladies Day
Fri 14th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA
Sat 15th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA Presentation and Gala Dinner
Wed 19th May	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd May	May Stableford
Mon 24th May	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 26th May	Ladies Day
Sat 29th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 30th May	May Medal
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

Academy News

Just a small reminder to our members.

Any existing golf lesson vouchers will be valid until the end of 2010. Make use of them and we look forward to seeing you down at the Academy during the season.

"Swing easy". Ross and Kenny