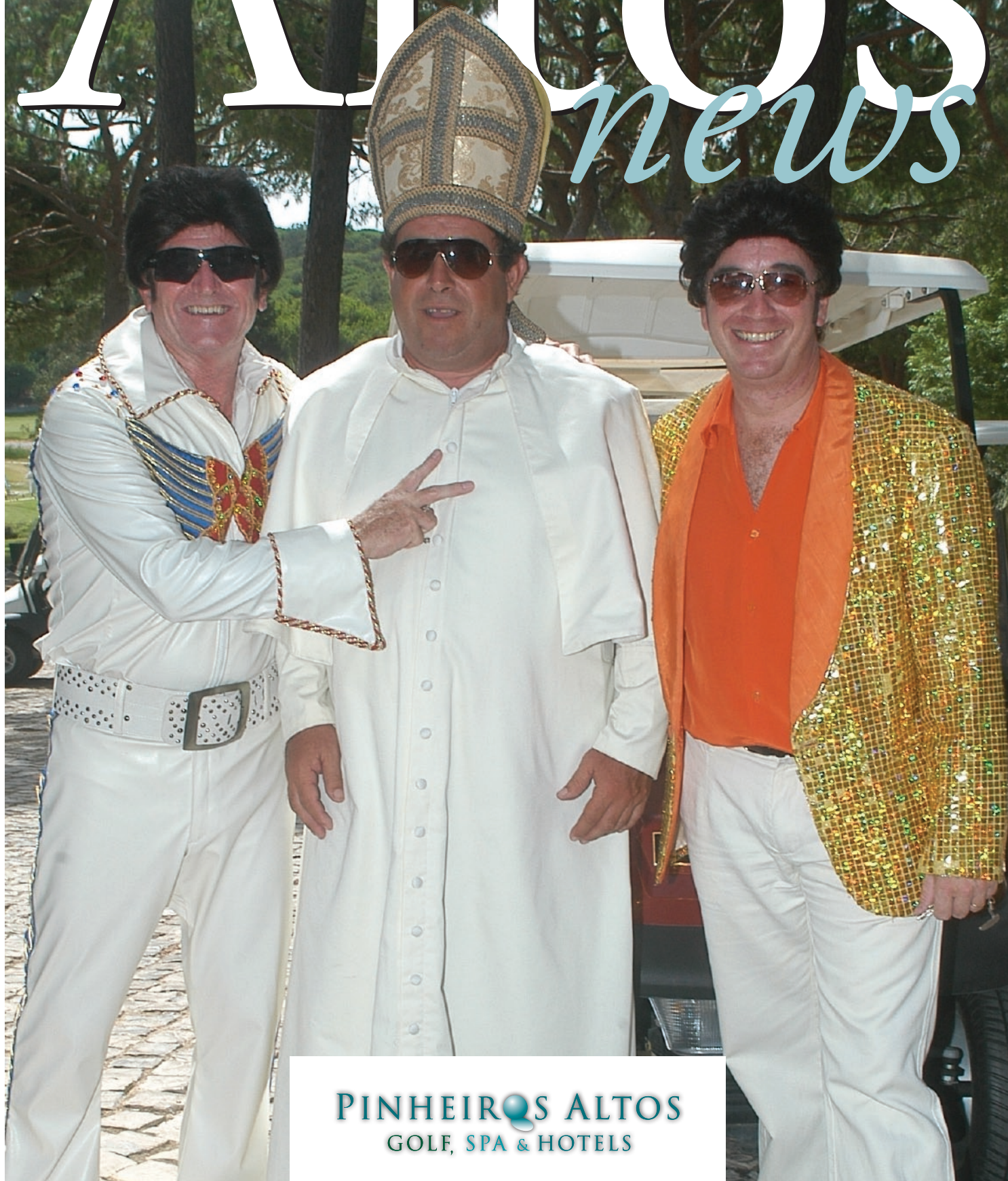


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Introduction from the Captain

By Mr. Vernon Reed

April is a very busy month and by the end of it you will have a new Captain and I will be retired to the green pastures of past captaincy.

The month starts calmly enough with the monthly medal on the 10th. The AGM is on the 21st where I hand over to John Linley who I know is preparing for his drive-in by acquiring (he normally drives with a 3 wood) the largest headed driver he could find so as to give himself the best chance of making contact with the ball.

The Easter Scramble on Easter Sunday 24th has already generated its usual interest with 10 teams having entered at the time of writing and I have no doubt that the usual 150 players will be there for what is without doubt one of the highlights of the competition calendar.

Tuesday 26th sees the APPA tournament which has changed its format to an American Foursomes and I should like to emphasise this event is open to all members and their guests. This busy month concludes with the first round of the Pinheiros Altos Strokeplay Championship and I would like to see a large entry for this 36 hole event and remind the higher handicaps that while the Championship is for the gross scores there are many super nett prizes on offer.

I have had a great year with many highlights especially my Captain's Day and my Charity Day and at this point I must thank Brian, Christophe, Cristina and the rest of the golf staff for their time and efforts behind the scenes too make these days a success. Also my thanks must go to the Lady Captain, Helen Mills and all the members of the Golf Committee for their support. Of course no competition could work without the support of the membership and I certainly felt privileged to be supported brilliantly by so many members throughout my



year. I do hope that John Linley, a great contributor to the Club, receives your continued support during his year in office.

The last paragraph of my last Newsletter must be dedicated to my wife Denise who has supported me tirelessly throughout my Captains year and I love her to bits!

Good golfing

Captain Reed signing off!

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The Beginning of March is always slightly depressing as I get another year older on the 1st and next year is a big one and I will be an age that some very good golfers have already shot!

Max scored a fine try for Scotland against England at Twickenham which could only have been surpassed had Scotland managed to achieve their first win on this hallowed turf for 28 years but it was not to be.

I also found out that Sally and I will be grandparents for the first time with our youngest Thom and his partner Kelly expecting a little girl in September. Great news and I am already looking around for little golf clubs which can be present at the birth to give "whatever her name is" the right idea from the very beginning!

The weather has started to improve and we have already had some typically beautiful Algarvian sunshine which combined with the pine trees being beautifully trimmed in some important places has made the golf course a real picture.

The greens remain in good condition but somewhat slower than of late. This is due to the "poa" on the old greens "leafing" at this time of the year making it difficult for the greenstaff to keep them as fast as the new greens which are still too young to be infested with this scourge of the greens in the Algarve.

Andrea Trigo from the Dona Filipa Hotel and Andrea King and her team in London have been improving the presentation of the Newsletter over the last few months. The April edition sees a full list of 2011 fixtures with the possibility for members to enter on line for the Sunshine Classic Gala Week which will take place in its usual slot in the last week of July.

Each Newsletter will now have a front cover photograph and access to previous newsletters will be by activating a thumb nail showing the front page. For the May Newsletter we will be adding a photo gallery for every year dating back to 1995 which in my case shows clearly my rapid deterioration which does not bode well for the future!

What a busy month April is and not just at Pinheiros Altos. Next week the first major starts at Augusta National and I have a

sneaky feeling Lee Westwood is going to win his first major and that coveted Masters Green Jacket.

Then on Friday 29th April the Royal Wedding takes place between Prince William and Kate Middleton and for all our lady members not invited to the real thing the new Lady Captain Shona Callaghan is staging an unofficial Kate Middleton hen party on Wednesday 27th.

Not Postman Pat But Repair Man Pete!

We have at your service the best club repair man in the Algarve. Peter Ashdown can do everything from re gripping to building you a personalized set of clubs. You can contact him by calling his mobile **919655527** or you can leave your club(s) in the Golf Reception where they also have a price list for the repair options.

Take A Walk On The Wild Side



Lady Past Captains Margo Fletcher and Hilary Jessup alias the "Pink Flamingos" are part of a 15,000 strong field competing in the 14th Moon Walk London event on May 14th. This marathon walk starting from Hyde Park taking place through the night will see these brave walkers decorated in fancy dress to the theme of "Take a Walk on the Wild Side". The Moon Walk London is organised by Health Charity, "Walk the Walk Worldwide". The aim is to raise £6 million for vital breast cancer causes. Why not sponsor Hilary and Margo online at www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/pinkflamingoes

Annual General Meeting 2011 Thursday 21st April in the Clubhouse

Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by Chairman of the AGM, President of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club Mr. Walter Dickson.
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. Vernon Reed.
3. Mr. Vernon Reed summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. John Linley.
4. The Captains acceptance speech.
5. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
6. The Chairman closes the meeting.

PETER MONAHAN 1942 - 2011

It is with the deepest regret that I announce the passing of Mr Peter Monahan. He was a tremendously supportive Member of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club and the President of the Delgany Golf Club in Ireland. Such was his character that he will be sadly missed by all who knew him and on behalf of the entire membership and staff I convey our deepest sympathy to his widow Marie and their family.

Important Dates for your Diary

Captain's Day 2011 Saturday 18th June

Mr. John Linley would like to notify all members of his Captain's Day and looks forward to your support to make it a day to remember.

SUNSHINE CLASSIC GALA WEEK "ANGELS AND DEMONS"

A 72 Hole Stableford
Tournament for Pairs.

Sponsored by
PINHEIROS ALTOS

24th to 30th July 2011

Entries can be made through the Golf Office
or online at www.pinheirosaltos.com/members



Competition Results for March

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Qualifying March Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Margo Fletcher	76 Nett	Denise Reed	77 Nett
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Linda Dixon	77 Nett	Diana Collins	81 Nett
Wed 9th	Ladies Foursomes	Jenny Harrison Joanna Young	31 Pts	Sandra Little Ilse Berg	28 Pts (bb9)

Competition Results cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Qualifying March Stableford	1st Division Hilary Jessop	37 Pts (bb9)	1st Division Zoe Pirret	37 Pts
		2nd Division Sylvia Mullins	32 Pts	2nd Division Ann Campbell	31 Pts (bb9)
Sun 20th	St Patrick's Day Medal	Patrick O'Regan	70 Nett	Peter Harrsion	74 Nett
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Team Stableford	Pines / Corks Liz Beal Joanna Young Denise Reed		Pines / Corks Paula Burke Daphne Higginson Shona Callaghan	
		Olives / Pines N v Drogenbroeck Wendy Menzies Sylvia Mullins		Olives / Pines Win Walton Josie Waddington Ann Campbell	
Sun 27th	March Stableford	Claire Bamber	39 Pts	Nevin Prakash	37 Pts
Wed 30th	Ladies Captain vs Lady Past Captain	Hillary Jessop Team	7.5	Helen Mills Team	2.5

Ladies Section by Helen Mills

The March Medal was won by Margo Fletcher with a 76 Nett with Denise Reed the runner-up with 77 Nett in the 1st Division. Linda Dixon won with 77 Nett and in 2nd place Diana Collins with a 81 Nett in the 2nd division.

There was a large turnout for the annual Ladies Foursomes on 9th March with 32 ladies taking part. Joanna Young and Jenny Harrison were the winners with 31 points and it was fitting that the trophy was presented by Shirley Griffiths who introduced this competition and donated the trophy during her captaincy year. Congratulations to Joanna and Jenny on their win.

Thanks to Shona for standing in for me and organizing the stableford on 16th March. It was won by Hilary Jessup with 37 points for the 1st Division and by Sylvia Mullins with 32 points for the 2nd division. Well done ladies.

We had a team stableford on 23rd March with Liz Beal, Joanna Young and Denise Reed winning with 68 points on one course, and, Nina van Droogenbroeck, Wendy Menzies and Sylvia Mullins winning with 70 points on the other course.

The final of the Wainwright Trophy and Plate matchplay competition was played at the front of the field on 23rd March. Nancy Schofield and Therese van Doorn emerged the finalists for the Trophy, an equally matched pair and both playing well so no one was betting on the result. It was Nancy who proved the winner on the day. Congratulations Nancy, I believe it's the 1st time for winning this particular trophy, one that we all want to get our name on.

Yours truly caught Molly Wainwright on a rare off day and I came away the winner of the Plate. Well done to all the

winners, runners up and to everyone who took part, the trophy presentations will take place at the AGM on 18th April.

Pimms and wine were flowing when we returned to the clubhouse, this time to celebrate the safe arrival of a new grandson, Jaime Ronnie, for Pat Galloway. Congratulations Pat and thank you, I think we well and truly wet the baby's head, we wish him a long and happy life.

Claire Bamber won the Club March stableford with a fantastic 39 points and earned a handicap reduction of 2 shots. Congratulations Claire and well played.

Lady Captain V Past Lady Captain match

There was a big turnout of 38 ladies for this match that was postponed from last year. Hilary and I went out in front head to head and we had a great game that went all the way to the 18th hole where Hilary putted out for a win. I should have taken this as an omen for the entire match but with such strong pairings in the field, I was confident. I had not reckoned on the competitive spirit amongst the ladies where no quarter was given and the day finished with Hilary's team winning 7.5 – 2.5.

Social Golf by Roy Baddeley

Sunday 13th March was an eventful day with thunderstorms in the morning and luckily a fine, clear even sunny afternoon for a 'Yellow Ball' Competition.

This is a 'pressure' game with the rotating use of this ball, which doubled the score of the player using it. With the 'pressure' on the player not losing the ball in either the water or out of bounds, thereby penalising the whole team afterwards, this created some interesting score. Two teams actually managed to keep their ball for the whole round.

The winners were;

1st Olives & Pines with 134 points, Shona Callaghan, Knut Ellingsen, Kelvin White and Helen Mills.

The atmosphere in the clubhouse was jovial and everyone had a great day's golf in wonderful weather and a very social time afterwards in the clubhouse. Congratulations to Hilary and her team and to all the ladies who took part, thank you all for your support, I hope you all enjoyed the day.

Dates for your diary:

Eclectic Competition: The dates for the Ladies monthly medal and qualifying Stableford will be exchanged in April to allow ladies to start the eclectic competition as soon as possible after the AGM.

The qualifying Stableford will now be played on **6th April** and the Medal on **20th April**. Ladies will have a 2nd chance to play the 1st card of the Eclectic competition in the Club Medal on the 23rd April provided that a fellow lady member marks the card.

Monday **18th April** at 10.30 am – Ladies AGM and Lady Captain's Drive-in

Thursday **21st April** – Club AGM

2nd with 131 points, Keith Hirst, Ilse Berg, Marianne Wiren.

1st Pines & Corks with 112 points, Bertil Wiren, Stella Jeffreys, Ian Callaghan and Vera Watkins,

2nd with 106 points, Udo Berg, Daphne Higginson, Dirk Blaesing, Ingrid Hollier.

The next Social Golf is on 17th April and is a team Waltz, so if you enjoy a fun social game come and join us, with everyone welcome.

Interclub by Neil Bamber

Doesn't time fly! Here we are already in April; the clocks have gone forward and temperatures are rising nicely.

Our two matches in March were both won 3-2, which after our earlier great results was slightly disappointing, but Brian Evans assures me that any victory against Vilamoura is good.

19 different players have played already so if you are fancying playing for our team then please put your name down.

April is a quieter month with just one match against Alto on 19th, so there is still time to sign up.

Finally, thanks to George for all his good food at our lunches especially the fish, chips and mushy peas on Tuesday 29th March.

Neil Bamber
Interclub Captain

PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

Chipping

Visualize – then commit

On any pitch or chip you must have a mental picture of the shot your are attempting. The routine must be – first to examine the lie of the ball, then look at the flag, then visualize the ball landing on the green and rolling to the hole and finally select the club most suitable for the job (not always the wedge!)

Best of luck.

Forthcoming Events March and April

Sat 2nd April	Mens Roll Up
Wed 6th April	Ladies Day
Sat 9th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 10th April	April Stableford
Wed 13th April	Ladies Day
Sat 16th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th April	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 20th April	Ladies Day
Thurs 21st April	Golf AGM
Sat 23rd April	St. George Spring Medal
Sun 24th April	Easter Scramble
Tues 26th April	APPA Competition
Wed 27th April	Ladies Day
Sat 30th April	Strokeplay Championship
Sun 1st May	Strokeplay Championship
Wed 4th May	Ladies Day
Sat 7th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 8th May	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 11th May	Ladies Day
Fri 13th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL
Sat 14th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL Presentation and Gala Dinner
Wed 18th May	Ladies Day
Sat 21st May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd May	May Stableford
Mon 23rd May	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 25th May	Ladies Day
Sat 28th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 29th May	May Medal

Dolce Deluxe Spa *spa yourself*



At the Easter Scramble event the Dolce Delux Spa will be offering a “warm up” and “warm down” massage before and after your round for 10 € the proceeds of which will go to charity.