

# Altos

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain

## Mr. John Linley

May saw my first foray into Match Play when I Captained a Pinheiros Altos Team against Brian Hubbard's (Quinta Captain) Quinta do Lago for the Ben Hogan Trophy played over two days. The first day, played at Quinta, saw men against men and ladies v ladies... we managed to finish the first day only four matches down. The second day saw twenty matches of mixed teams played at Pinheiros Altos and it was a nail biting affair with the last result deciding the outcome; the closest of victories for Pinheiros Altos, 20 matches to 18. Both days were played in a spirit of friendship and camaraderie and Brian Hubbard was gracious in defeat when presenting me with the trophy at a splendid BBQ arranged by Jorge and Rui. It was universally agreed that the two day format was more suitable than the original three day tournament... and that it was going from strength to strength. I would like to thank all the Pinheiros Altos and Quinta do Lago members who supported the event and made it such a success.

I have now played in three Captain/Pro matches, two with Brian and the third on Saturday with Ross. The first we won one up against Hugh Campbell and Christophe, then we lost 3 – 2 to Steve Flanagan and his son Angus, who performed brilliantly and is one to watch for the future. For the third match I was partnered with Ross against Tim Russell and his guest Geoff Mortimer - they thrashed us 5 and 4.

Within these matches we are raising more money for charity and having fun with some furry friends. The camel for bunkers, the snake for 3 putts, the monkey for trees and the turtle for water.

For example, if you go into a bunker a euro goes into the charity pot and you must strap the cuddly toy to your back... where it stays until the next player visits a bunker and takes it off you. During the round the money accumulates and whoever leaves the 18th green wearing the camel pays for ALL the visits to bunkers during the round.

In our last match Ross played all the way round without hitting a tree (no mean feat at Pinheiros these days) and so never had the "monkey on his back". Everyone else was playing "Rick O'Shea"

hitting trees left right and centre and accumulating the euros. On the 18th hole Ross' drive clipped a tree and he walked off with the monkey and a bill for €25!

I promised I wouldn't mention it in the Newsletter!

There are more dates available to challenge us so please take us on and add to the €331 we have already raised for the Lady Captain's Charity.



*The Captain and his Vice with furry friends.*

I played in my first Social golf event last Sunday and had a great time playing with Albert Sohier and Molly Wainwright in a Waltz. We did not win (this Social golf is full of bandits!) but what a great atmosphere there was, and my congratulations must go to the organisers of these events, Molly Wainwright, Dirk Blaesing, Iain Callaghan, Roy Baddeley, Thérèse van Doorn and Jeanette Sohier. I will make sure that I play in more of these but will have to ask the Handicap Committee for some shots back if I am to have any chance!

Finally, my Captain's Day is looming fast (Saturday 18th June) and I'm asking for everyone's support in helping to make it one for me and the Club to remember for a long time to come.



## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Strange weather for May! One of the worst storms in my 16 years at Pinheiros Altos washed most of the sand out of the bunkers, and I must congratulate Sisenando and his staff for their nothing-short-of-miraculous efforts to repair the damage and get the golf course playable again. The photographs tell the tale and I wonder if you can guess which parts of the course this is?



It has been great to start the Captain/Pro matches again and especially the re-introduction of having animals strapped to your back, which reminds me of the many happy President/Pro matches when Bernie Mayer first introduced this idea in the late 90s. Many times he was left carrying all four animals off the 18th green, before happily donating what he owed to the charity. I really would ask everyone to support these matches. We won't raise huge amounts, but there is a lot of fun to be had along the way!

I would like to remind the membership that for June, July and August the green fee to play at San Lorenzo is again reduced to only €25, and if you wish to take guests, then their fee would be €70. The times are on availability and it is best to contact Christophe for him to book a slot for you.

I would again like to clarify the situation with the staked trees. For competition play the stakes, attached to the tree or not, the protective plastic around the base of the tree and the bowls around the base of the tree (filled with pine bark, or soil, or empty) are all integral parts of the course and no relief is available.

If your ball is considered unplayable then it can be lifted and dropped as an unplayable lie under penalty of one shot.

For friendly golf this Local Rule may be waived by mutual agreement.

During the next few months the relevant stakes will gradually be removed whenever possible at the discretion of the head greenkeeper.

I hope this clarifies the situation... until the next Newsletter!

## 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 in making 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](http://www.pinheirosaltos.com/members)



## Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 1st	Strokeplay Championship	Constantin Schmid Melaura Parker	73 92	Vivian Lewis Elizabeth Beal	79 95
Wed 4th	Ladies Day May Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Janine van de Ree <b>2nd Division</b> Janine van de Ree	69 Nett 69 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Melaura Parker <b>2nd Division</b> Melaura Parker	74 Nett 71 Nett
Wed 4th	2 Ball Better Ball	<b>Pines / Corks</b> Lubna Sands Pat Murrish	39 Pts	<b>Corks / Olives</b> Linda Bently Meg Black	46 Pts
Wed 13th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Pinheiros Altos	20	Quinta do Lago	18
Wed 18th	Ladies Day	Cancelled due to rain			
Sun 22nd	May Stableford	Tim Moores	40 Pts	Sergey Naumov	35 Pts
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Hilary Jessup <b>2nd Division</b> Mai Markey	38 Pts (BB9) 40 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Rie Cherubini <b>2nd Division</b> Diane Golding	38 Pts 38 Pts
Sun 29th	May Medal	Rie Cherubini	69 Nett (BB9)	Claire Bamber	69 Nett

## Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

The first three weeks of the month were really hectic. The sun shone for our May Medal and more ladies were able to start recording their eclectic scores. Janine Van de Ree won the 1st division medal glass, whilst I managed to have my “once a year” good game and won the 2nd division – we both scored 69 nett.

The blue team shirts were put to good use during the following week when we hosted the Ladies Friendly against Carvoeiro which we won 3&2. After a quick wash and iron the shirts were back in use for the two day Ben Hogan Trophy event with Quinta do Lago. Thank you to all the ladies who answered my email appeal for players and rose to the challenge so well, that we were able to contribute to the trophy being retained by PA for the third year in succession.

We had a real bride at PA this month - Lubna Sands tied the knot with Iain Cater. On the Wednesday before her wedding, Lubna partnered Pat Murrish and won the 2 ball better ball Stableford on the Pines/Corks course with 39 pts whilst Linda Bentley and Meg Black managed a magnificent 46pts on the Corks/ Olives combination. We all wish Iain & Lubna a long and happy life together.

Helen provided the ladies who turned up on the 16th (I had to make an unexpected short trip back to the UK) with coffee after it became obvious that the weather was not going to be kind. The heavy rain ensured that our two Pink Flamingoes, Hilary & Jessup had a well earned rest after successfully completing

the 26 mile London Moon Walk and raising £3,800 for Breast Cancer Research. The exercise must have helped because, thanks to a BB9, Hilary took the first prize from Rie Cherubini in the 1st division's Stableford the following week – both ladies scored 38pts. The points were even higher in the 2nd division, where Mai Markey won with an excellent 40pts.

After all these success stories it was time to come down to earth with the loss of our Ladies Friendly at Salgados Golf Club. Although we only recorded one win (thanks Helen & Pat), most of the matches were closely fought right up to the 18th hole – we shall seek our revenge when they come to PA in September!

Not content with having one lady at the top of the club leaderboard, two of our ladies took first and second place in the Club medal on the 29th. Both Rie Cherubini and Claire Bamber scored nett 69s – It was Rie's turn to have the BB9 and take the first prize. Well done Ladies.

and finally ...

### Thought for the month

*Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three!!!*

## Interclub by Neil Bamber

Thank goodness May is now behind us; not only were we soundly beaten away to Vilamoura, but to add insult to injury we lost at home to Palmares.

Not looking for excuses, but Palmares do have a new look team incorporating a number of former Parque de Floresta players... and they are very good.

We have also just lost to Alto away and they are now leading our division by 8 points.

I will be putting the latest league on the notice board after our match against Tavira GC at Benamor on the 8th June.

Just one more match before the Summer break and that is away against Quinta do Lago on Saturday June 25th.

Have a great summer  
Neil Bamber

## Social Golf

by Thérèse van Doorn

There were 36 people on the list for the social golf competition. We had teams of four players and the competition format was Stableford, two best scores to count and all scores on the par 3's.

The best score on Corks and Olives was 91 points by the team of Diane Golding, Ineke Goossens, Mike Hassid and Michiel van Doorn.

The winning score on Olives and Pines was 95 points from the team of Shona Callaghan, Molly Wainwright, Graham Lee and Kelvin White.

There were lots of prizes, so many players left with a bottle of wine.

It was a nice day with beautiful weather and Jorge and his staff made us a very tasteful dinner which we all enjoyed.

The next social golf is on the 5th of June.

### PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

Quick tip to help improve your putting stroke.

A lot of the players I see allow the right elbow to become separated from their body on the backswing. To prevent this lack of connection try and tuck your right elbow in front of your right hip - and try to keep it there throughout the stroke. This should hopefully provide you with a stroke that has the arms and body more in sync!

## Forthcoming Events

### June and July

Wed 1st June	Ladies Day
Fri 3rd June	Ladies Past Captain's Day
Sat 4th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th June	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 8th June	Ladies Captains Day
Sat 11th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers
Sun 12th June	June Medal
Wed 15th June	Ladies Day
Sat 18th June	Captain's Day
Wed 22nd June	Ladies Day
Sat 25th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26th June	Seniors Championship, President Putter and June Stableford
Wed 29th June	Ladies Day
Sat 2nd July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 3rd July	Independence Day
Wed 6th July	Ladies Day
Sat 9th July	Mens Roll Up
Mon 11th July	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 13th July	Ladies Day
Sat 16th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 20th July	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd July	Summer Medal
<b>Sun 24th July</b>	<b>Practise and Registration</b>
<b>Mon 25th July</b>	<b>Four Ball Best Ball</b>
<b>Tue 26th July</b>	<b>Greensomes</b>
<b>Wed 27th July</b>	<b>Shoot Out 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thu 28th July</b>	<b>American Foursomes</b>
<b>Fri 29th July</b>	<b>Scramble</b>
<b>Sat 30th July</b>	<b>Gala Dinner</b>

**GALA WEEK**