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Introduction from the Captain Mr. John Linley

“Small but perfectly formed” has often been a phrase used to describe me in the past (actually only the first part was even remotely accurate)! However, it is the phrase I would use to describe my Captain’s Day, which was also my 63rd Birthday. There were 50 players, 60 dinner guests and what a time we had.

I must congratulate my daughter Susan for her organisation of the day, along with Christophe, Brian and the golf staff for their tremendous input. A big thank you as well to Rui, Jorge and Nuno for a superb meal and great service... but most importantly to all the members and guests who played on the day, then took part in all the fun and dancing supplied in the evening by the fantastic Alton Edwards. The whole day was a great experience for me and one that I shall never forget. My congratulations go to Mike Hassid not only on winning my prize, but for showing signs of getting back to his brilliant best having suffered a stroke earlier in the year.

As you can see from the photos the theme for the evening was the Venetian masks, which in Mike’s case turned into a “bandit bin bag mask” for the presentation, and a reduction off his handicap back down to 10.

The course was in superb condition and Mike’s winning 37 points was a testament to the speed of the greens which made it difficult for everyone.

I must thank Marion Griffiths and Joro for providing the on course nibbles and drinks, and Jamie O’Doherty for contributing his Million Dollar Hole-in-one challenge for the day.

Finally, I must thank my wife Janet for being so supportive on my special day; all my love.

I will leave Brian to cover the other events in his report as I know he will enjoy reporting the Hillbillies/Sanddancers results (not).

Venetian masks set the scene



Margo Fletcher and Hilary Jessup



Hugh, Ann and Christine Campbell, Brian, Shirley and the Captain.



Joanna Young, Diane and Doug Golding, Valerie and Graham Lee



The Captain with his prize winner wearing the bandit mask



Vice captain David Markey, Captain and Graeme Thomson



Ann Campbell, Fiona Thomson, Mai Markey



Graham Lee – or is it?



Janet and John AAAAAH!



The bandit revealed



The Captain with Bernadette Hardie

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Many thanks Mr. Captain for the reference to the Hillbillies/ Sanddancers match. The score was 11 ½ - 10 ½... I Captained the Sanddancers and as you can see from the photograph, had to present the trophy (in front of a baying crowd thirsty for more) to Christophe who Captained the Hillbillies side. I would like to say it was a pleasant experience and I tried to pretend that it was just a "fun" thing but.....I will move on.



Brian happily presents the Trophy to Christophe, the Hillbillies Captain.

The Presidents Putter was combined with the Seniors Championship and you could tell from the number of members winning prizes in both events that our members, like a good wine, are getting better with age!

The Presidents Putter was won by Hugh Campbell who most people thought should have been playing in the Seniors but wasn't (next year I believe)! Our President Mr. Walter Dickson, recovering from a hip replacement, made his first foray to the Golf Club in many a moon to present the prizes. I think everyone will agree that he is looking the picture of health and is considering his return to the golfing arena in the very near future. New Senior Peter Harrison took the Seniors Championship by one shot from Orlando Hill.



The President with the Senior Champion Peter Harrison



Mr. Walter Dickson with Hugh Campbell and the Presidents Day Trophy.

Now our attention turns to Gala Week and the theme of "Angels and Demons." With a full three weeks to go we already have over 30 teams entered for the event and preparations are well under way.

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




Autumn Social Event

Following the success of last years APPA organised trip to Isla Deserta, APPA invite you to attend this years Social Event which will be held on Tuesday 6th September at the San Lorenzo Cultural Centre.

There will be a reception at 7.00 pm, followed by a traditional jazz concert from the New Orleans Jazz Band... after which we'll be holding an Indian themed supper, rounded off with a New Orleans style Jazz Parade.

The evening will cost €45.00 per person, which will include wine at the reception and on the supper tables.

Places at the Event will be reserved for owners, members of Pinheiros Altos Golf Club and their guests, in the order in which payment is received by Cristina Fernandes at the PA Golf Office. Payments can be made in cash or by a cheque denominated in Euros. They can also be made via direct transfer to APPA's Bank Account (in which case please contact Christina beforehand: tel 289 35 99 53 - email cfernandes@pinheirosaltos.pt).

Further information will be sent before the Event to those who have reserved places.

Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day June Medal	1st Division Hilary Jessup	70 Nett	1st Division Nancy Schofield	73 Nett (bb9)
		2nd Division Claire Bamber	62 Nett	2nd Division Mai Markey	74 Nett (bb9)
Wed 8th	Lady Captain's Bowl	Overall Winner - Joanna Young - 41 1st Division Stableford - Florence D'Algue - 38 2nd Division Stableford - Jenny Harrison - 39			
Sat 11th	Hillbillies vs Sanddancers	Hillbillies	11 ½	Sanddancers	10 ½
Sun 12th	June Medal	Bill Webster	70 Nett	Joshua Burks	72 Nett
Sat 18th	Captain's Day	Overall Winner Mike Hassid	37	Best Nett Men Orlando Hill	37
				Best Nett Ladies Bernadette Hardie	34
				Best Gross Men Paul Hanby	35
				Best Gross Ladies Sally Evans	33
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Non Qualifying Stableford	1st Division Helen Mills	38 Pts	1st Division Hilary Jessup	35 Pts
		2nd Division Adrienne Buth	37 Pts	2nd Division Jenny Harrison	34 Pts

Competition Results for June cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 26th	President's Day	Hugh Campbell	37 pts	Orlando Hill	37 Pts (bb9)
		Best Lady Barbara Fletcher	35 Pts	Valerie Lee	34 Pts
	Seniors Championship	Seniors Champion Peter Harrison	28 Pts (gross)	Best Nett Orlando Hill	37 Nett
				Best Nett Ladies Barbara Fletcher	38 Pts
Wed 29th	Three Mulligans Stableford	Jonna Young	41 Pts	Marian Hill	38 Pts

Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

The start of June saw several ladies receiving handicap cuts. Hilary Jessup continued her winning streak by taking the 1st division prize in the June Medal with a nett 70. Claire Bamber, not content with her handicap cut after the Club May Medal won the 2nd division medal with a magnificent 62 nett. Nancy Schofield and Mai Markey took the runner up prizes with nett scores of 73 and 74 respectively. Well done ladies.

Eleven Past Lady Captains played on the 3rd of June, and at the very enjoyable lunch which followed I presented the trophy to Therese Van Doorn who won it for the third time.

A large field of forty-nine ladies competed for the Lady Captain's Bowl on the morning of 8th June and then, joined by 4 other lady non-competitors, helped to celebrate the winners with champagne and a late lunch in the garden of Jardim do Vale. Florence Morgue D'Algue won the 1st division Stableford with 38pts – quite an achievement off her 4.6 handicap - and Jenny Harrison earned herself a handicap cut with a score of 39 pts. The overall winner was Joanna Young who managed to score an excellent total of 41 pts. My thanks must go not only to Iain and Peter Beal who served the wine and “goodie bags” at the 10th hole, but also to our photographer for the day, Nancy Schofield, and to all those in attendance who helped make the day so successful.

Liz Beal organised a Four Ball Better Ball game on the 15th which was then followed by a Non Qualifying Stableford on the 22nd. Helen Mills won the 1st division with 38 pts and Adrienne Buth the 2nd division with 37pts - two more handicap reductions! Another lady with a lowered handicap this month was Bernadette Hardie who scored 38 pts in the Club Captain's Day match.

In “The Three Mulligans Stableford” on the 29th, each lady received 3 free Mulligans but could buy another 2 by contributing to the Ladies Charity Fund raising €52 euros on the day. Marian Hill who came second with 38 pts made good use of her Mulligan by having a Hole in One. The winner was Joanna Young once again with 41pts!

Thought for the month

It is very easy to hole a 30 foot putt... when it's for a 10!

Social Golf

by Molly Wainwright

The Social Golf “team” were really pleased to have both Captains and Vice-Captains playing in our Waltz competitions. Yet again we had excellent numbers playing quite a difficult format with only three players in each team. Not that it made any difference to the scoring which was as good as ever. Jorge and his team put on a very acceptable meal and a good time was had by all.

The winners were:-

Pines/Corks	Paula Burke Diana Collins John Wainwright	71 points
Olives/Pines	Janet Leffler Sue Georges David Markey	79 points

Our next competition, a 2 Ball Texas Scramble, is on 17th July and all are welcome.

PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

Triggers

It is important in setting up to the ball that we don't freeze, but always have continuous motion in either the hands or lower body. There are numerous ways to trigger the swing, from Jack Nicklaus' famous chin swivel to Gary Players' right knee kick in. These habits give you the signal to smoothly begin the swing. Study the triggers of good players, experiment to find what works best for you and then practice it until it becomes second nature.

Forthcoming Events

July and August

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
Sun 24th July	Practise and Registration
Mon 25th July	Four Ball Best Ball
Tue 26th July	Greensomes
Wed 27th July	Shoot Out 5 p.m.
Thu 28th July	American Foursomes
Fri 29th July	Scramble
Sat 30th July	Gala Dinner

Tues 2nd August	Junior Open
Wed 3rd August	Ladies Day
Sat 6th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th August	August Stebleford
Wed 10th August	Ladies Day
Thu 11th August	9 Holes Social Golf
Sat 13th August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 17th August	Ladies Day
Sat 20th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st August	August Medal
Wed 24th August	Ladies Day
Sat 27th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th August	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 31st August	Ladies Day

GALA WEEK