

Altos

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Reviews



PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain Mr. John Linley

July at Pinheiros Altos is all about Gala Week and it once again lived up to all expectations. The theme of Angels and Demons paved the way for some fantastic and imaginative fancy dress, "Hells Angels", "Fallen Angels", "Angels on horseback", "Handsome Devils", "Charlie's Angels" and "Red Devils".

I partnered my son-in-law Steve Hersey for the pairs tournament. We qualified for the play offs in Wednesdays Shoot Out, eventually finishing third, and managing to win the day prize in Friday's Scramble format (thanks to the tournament rule that each pair may only win one prize).

Both the Wednesday BBQ and Saturdays Gala Dinner were a huge success with almost three hundred members and guests attending the two events.

It gave me great pleasure to present young Joel Collins and his partner Steve Wright with the Gala Week Trophy. I have known

Joel since he was a baby and both he and his partner made fine speeches in accepting their prizes.

I would also like to congratulate Tim Russell and his partner Steve Holiday who gave Joel and Steve a run for their money in the nett category, but comfortably took the gross prize with a stunning 10 under par gross team score over the 4 days.

Once more, the whole event demonstrated how fortunate we are to have such a tremendous club atmosphere, in what has historically been a commercial golfing area. Much of this is due to Brian, Christophe and their staff, who worked tirelessly to produce a magnificent environment for us fortunate members to take every advantage of. Long may it last, develop... and receive the appreciation from the membership it deserves.

"Angel and Demons"



Not the Adams family the Markey's



"Angels on horse back"



"Charlies Angels"



"Hells Angels"



Our very own Angel



Jim Cranwell flies in



Graham and Valerie in theme



Philip Hardie hits the winning shot



"One fallen angel"



Linda with her winning buggy



Very worrying, far more demons than angels

Dan receives his hole-in-one prize



Paul and Linda Dixon



Best gross Tim Russell and Steve Holliday



Gala Week Winners Joel Collins and Steve Wright

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

As the Captain has said, July was all about Gala Week. I thought it went very well, which of course means I have a lot of thank you's to make. Firstly to Sesinando and his staff who managed to present the course in excellent condition... despite the Poa in a couple of the old greens suffering from a reaction to the high level of salt content in the water (which made putting even more difficult). To Christophe and Cristina, the backbone of the whole event, who get little sleep thinking of producing starting times and table plans! A massive thanks to Rosa who single handedly created the red and white curtains and coverings which adorned the clubhouse over the Gala Week, showing once again that she has missed her vocation in interior design! And special thanks to all the golf and maintenance staff that helped produce the same outstanding service and atmosphere that we're lucky to be treated to every year... it's this unique atmosphere that makes this event so popular year in, year out.

This years fancy dress were some of the best ever with Demons being favoured far more than Angels!

To reiterate the Captain's comments, it was great to see Joel Collins, Hywel and Rhys Ford, Charlie Ballard and Daniel

Waters all appearing in the prizes... although Daniel's hole-in-one at the 9th Pines on Tuesday was a costly one for dad John who is still paying for the drinks!

These young guys are the next generation of Pinheiros Altos members and we're all proud to give them as much encouragement as possible... and to see them compete and improve at the club.

However, the performance of the week for me was the super golf from Tim Russell and partner Steve Holiday, who won the gross and were runners up in the overall nett. Tim is now a very solid three handicap and I am sure will be pushing for scratch by the end of the year, work - and Susan - permitting of course!

Finally, I would like to thank all those who took part in this year's event. Obviously not everyone can win, but every competitor is so important to the success of the event and I hope that everyone will compete in next year's Gala Week. The theme of which, incidentally, will be Hollywood, whilst the Gala Dinner will be "A night at the Oscars!"

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 São Lourenço Cultural Centre.

There will be a reception at 7.00 pm, followed by a traditional jazz concert from the New Orleans Jazz Band. After the concert there will be an Indian themed supper, followed by 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. Such payments can be made in cash or by a cheque denominated in Euros. They can also be made by direct transfer to APPA's Bank Account (in which case please contact Christina beforehand on tel. 289 35 99 53 or email cfernandes@pinheirosaltos.pt).

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

Gala Day Results

Winners	Joel Collins/Stephen Wright	41-43-42-46	172		
Best Gross	Tim Russell / Steve Holliday	40-37-35-42	154		
2nd	Kay Ford / Rhys Ford	44-43-38-39	164		
3rd	Susan Russell / Geoff Mortimer	39-40-37-47	163		
4th	Sumbaline Waters / John Waters	40-43-35-45	163		
5th	John Linley / Steve Hersey	44-37-34-44	159		
Best Juniors	Hywel Ford / Charlie Ballard	48-43-35-47	173		
Best Guest/Guest	David Heley / Mark Johnson	45-39-34-45	163		
Best Mix	David Ford / Christine Soden	35-37-37-42	151		
Best Ladies team	Angela Scott / Barbara Lumsden	33-30-31-36	130		
Monday	1st Daniel Waters / Adam Ross	46		Nearest to the pin	Amelia Drumm
	2nd George Heley / Michael Heley	43			Mike Comer
	3rd Nils Leffler / Janet Leffler	40 (B6 14)			
Tuesday	1st Orlando Hill / Marian Hill	43		Nearest to the pin	Fiona Corbett
	2nd Steve Kent / Ed Kent	42			John Waters
	3rd Paul Dixon / Linda Dixon	39			
Thursday	1st John Barrett / Amelia Drum	38		Nearest to the pin	Susan Russell
	2nd Keith Fletcher / Barbara Fletcher	35			Mike Comer
	3rd Margo Fletcher / Peter Black	34 (bb9 17)			
Friday	1st Clive Nation / Ed Nation	44		Nearest to the pin	Kay Ford
	2nd George Bray / Rupert Hill	43			Ken Nagle
	3rd Brian Evans / Shirley Griffiths	41 (BB3 7)			
	Brian Marshall / Ken McKenzie	41			

Competition Results for July

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 6th	Ladies Day June Medal	1st Division Angela Scott	71 Nett	1st Division Sharon Henderson	72 Nett
		2nd Division Felicity C Wheeler	68 Nett (bb9)	2nd Division Wendy Menzies	78 Nett
Wed 13th	Ladies Day Stableford at San Lorenzo	Marian Hill	40 Pts	Slaney Mullen	39 Pts
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	1st Division Melaure Parker	40 Pts	1st Division Patricia Tolland	37 Pts
		2nd Division Kerry Spooner	37 Pts	2nd Division Wendy Menzies	34 Pts
Sat 23rd	Summer Medal	Orlando Hill	70 Nett	Tim Russell	71 Nett

Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

Despite continuing back problems, Angela Scott led the 1st division Medal on the 6th July with a winning nett 71...the saying: "Beware the injured golfer" springs to mind! Felicity Corbin Wheeler showed a return to form winning the medal glass for the 2nd division with a nett 78.

Numbers were down at the beginning of the month as many regulars were either on holiday or entertaining guests. We took advantage of the reduced green fees by holding an individual Stableford at San Lorenzo on the 13th, which was very enjoyable and well supported. Sixteen ladies took part with some very high scores being returned – Marian Hill and Slaney Mullen both had their handicaps cut after scoring 40pts and 39pts respectively.

As Gala Week approached our numbers rose for the Qualifying Stableford on the 20th July. Melaure Parker demonstrated that her recent good form was no "flash in the pan" by coming in with 40pts and winning the 1st division prize. We were delighted to welcome long time member Patricia Tolland, playing with the ladies for the first time, who featured in the prizes as the 1st div. runner up with 37pts. Another lady member, Kerry Spooner, who has only recently started to play with the Section, won 1st prize in the second division scoring 37pts. Hopefully this will encourage more ladies to "take the plunge" and join the Ladies section.

The month ended as it began with congratulations going to Angela Scott, who accompanied by her guest Barbara Lumsden, won the prize for the Best ladies Team in Gala Week.

I have had to return to the UK for three weeks and Diana Collins has kindly agreed to run the ladies competitions while I am away. Three sign up sheets should be on the board for the Wainwright Trophy, the Madrinha Trophy and the return Ladies Friendly v. Carvoeiro at Vale da Pinta on the 29th August. I shall also be asking for volunteers to play with the ladies of the Cotswald Hills Golf Club which will be held at PA on the same day.

Thought for the month

Why is it that you can only hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time?

Social Golf

by Molly Wainwright

A very select fourteen golfers took part in our Two Man Texas Scramble of 17th July.

We changed the tee time thinking more people would prefer morning because of the heat (and also because it was the final day of the British Open). It would have been nice to see a few more faces... but nevertheless, we greatly enjoyed the golf and lunch afterwards.

Thanks go to Brian for allowing us to change the tee time.

As ever, the scores were good with a better back 3 countback on the Olives/Pines combination.

The winning pair on Olives/Pines was Yvonne White and Ron Goossens with 51 points. Winners on Corks/Olives, also with 51 points, were Orlando Hill and Ineke Goossens.

There are two competitions in August – Thursday 11th August will be a 9 Hole Team Competition, whilst on Sunday 28th August there will be a Yellow Ball.

PRO TIP – Peter Ashdown

Dynamic Posture

When you watch the modern day professionals, men or ladies, the way they stand to the ball tells you they mean business. A powerful and dynamic posture lays the foundation which will allow the same qualities to happen in the swing.



Dynamic posture at address leads to dynamic movement in the swing. Try it and see.

Forthcoming Events

August and September

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
Sat 3rd September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 4th September	September Stableford
Wed 7th September	Ladies Day
Fri 9th September	Matchplay Championship
Sat 10th September	Matchplay Championship
Sun 11th September	Matchplay Championship
Wed 14th September	Ladies Day
Sat 17th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th September	September Medal
Mon 19th September	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 21st September	Ladies Invitation Day
Sat 24th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th September	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 28th September	Ladies Day