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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

August is a quiet month after the pandemonium of July... it's the time of year when everyone gets down to the serious business of holidaying! The golf is light-hearted, except of course for Peter Harrison, who produced an amateur course record 68 gross in the August Medal! Many congratulations to Peter.

Peter Ashdown, our third Pinheiros Altos PGA fully qualified professional, taught over five hundred kids in his Junior Clinics throughout the summer holidays and is developing an outstanding reputation not only for teaching... but for his expertise in the area of club repair too.

The golf course continues to be presented in great order by Sesinando and his staff, it seems that every time I play the course the newly planted trees get bigger... or maybe it's because I don't hit it straight enough now there's no free drop from the staked trees!

The Club Captain, Mr John Linley has flown out from England to play in two more Captain Pro matches, which has taken our charity pot to over €500. We will continue to use the monkey

(trees hit), camel (bunkers found), turtle (water splash and out of bounds) and snake (three putts), to raise money for the Lady Captain's chosen Children's Charity. John has devoted so much time to these matches that I have excused him from making his usual Captain's intro this month. Don't worry though, next month he will be back to normal with the Cotswold Hills Match, the Club Matchplay Championships and the Ladies Invitation event to report on.



The Animals Day Out

Competition Results for August

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tue 2nd	Junior Open	Julius Koster		Daniel Waters	
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day August Medal	1st Division Angela Scott	73 Nett	1st Division Sally Evans	77 Nett
		2nd Division Fiona Thomson	73 Nett		
Sun 7th	August Stableford	Nancy Schofield	37 Pts	Philip Schofield	36 Pts
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	1st Division Rie Cherubini	38 Pts	1st Division Margo Fletcher	34 Pts
		2nd Division Pat Murrish	34 Pts	2nd Division Ann Campbell	33 Pts
Sun 21st	August Medal	Peter Harrison	64 Nett	John Waters	72 Nett

Competition Results for August cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 24th	6s Competition	Denise Reed Jan Kirk Vera Watkins	71 Pts	Janine van de Ree Linda Bentley Linda Dixon	69 Pts (bb9)
Wed 31st	Ladies Day Stableford	1st Division		1st Division	
		Janine van de Ree	30 Pts	Sally Evans	29 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Shona Callaghan	35 Pts	Lubna Cater	34 Pts

Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

For the second consecutive month, Angela Scott won the 1st division Ladies Medal Glass, this time with an impressive nett 73 (I hope that William provided good Champagne to fill both glasses). The 2nd division Medal Glass was won by Fiona Thomson who also scored an excellent 73 nett. Both glasses were presented by Diana Collins who, along with Yvonne White and Sylvia Mullins, ran the Ladies Section for me during the three weeks I was in the UK. Thank you very much ladies.

Barbara Fletcher, Shirley Griffiths and Pat Murrish made a very hard team to beat in the Waltz held on the 10th August. They scored a massive 86pts - thirteen more than the runners up!

It was very difficult, whilst sitting indoors in Edinburgh looking out at the rain, to have sympathy with reports that it was very hot and everyone may need to use a golf cart! The heat didn't prevent Rie Cherubini (1st division) scoring 38 pts off her 10.8 handicap and Pat Murrish winning the 2nd division with 34 pts. I was very glad that I didn't have to do the card checking for 2nd div. that day as Ann Campbell took the runners up prize from Sam Waters. Both ladies scored 33pts, with Ann very narrowly taking it with a BB1 (after being tied on 18 holes, back 9, back 6, back 3, back 2)!

I was back in the helm again on the 24th to run the 6s competition. The winning team was Denise Reed, Jan Kirk and Vera Watkins who returned a card with 71pts.

Ten of us got up very early on the 29th to drive to Vale da Pinta to play our return Ladies Friendly with the Carvoeiro team. Unfortunately we lost by the same margin as we beat them at PA, 3 to 2, so we decided that overall it was a draw! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and the hospitality.

It was a non Qualifying Stableford on the last day of August. Despite overnight rain the skies cleared and we enjoyed our game in comfortable, sunny weather. It was Janine Van De Ree's turn to take the 1st div. Prize with 30 pts. My period of rest from golf must have helped as I won the 2nd div with 35 pts.

A visit to our ladies locker room will give you the chance to see photos from ladies events held since April. It will enable you when passing to add your names to the sign up sheets for the Ladies Invitational Day, the Ladies Annual Dinner, the Wainwright Trophy and the Madrinha Trophies. Don't forget to look out for the Wooden Spoon Sign up sheet as well, which will be put up on the main club notice board soon.

And finally a short thought for the month...

Thought for the month

Hazards attract; fairways repel

Social Golf

by Thérèse van Doorn

On the 11th August a 9 hole competition was planned. There were not many names on the list and we decided to cancel the match. Probably, due to it being so soon after the Gala Week - and with the heat - people were busy with other things and not so keen on playing.

On the 28th, however, there were enough players (24) and we played a yellow ball format.

This involves teams of four players, with the yellow ball being played in turn. The yellow ball plus the two best scores are to count, with the yellow ball's score counting double.

It is a difficult format because if you lose the yellow ball you cannot score double anymore... which will obviously cost your team a lot of points. Only one team lost the yellow ball and plenty of good humoured care was taken by everyone.

On Pines and Corks the winners were: Kelvin White, Mike Shepherd, Deirdre Forde and Shona Callaghan with 139 points.

On Corks and Olives the winners were; Therese van Doorn, Alan Bentley, Janine van de Ree and Brian Scott with 152 points.

We all enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon in a good atmosphere... with a grand meal afterwards.

The next social golf is the 25th September.



Interclub

by Neil Bamber

It seems a long time since my last report and September could not have started better with a 5-0 thrashing of QDL. This has consolidated our 2nd position and we now lie only 4 points behind Alto.

Whilst we have just 3 matches remaining, they are all away from home starting with Palmares on the 8th September and then Boavista & Salgados.

Competition for player of the year is hotting up with Peter Harrison, Christian Holst, Keith Fletcher and myself in contention - but last years winner - Rie Cherubini, is by no means out the running.

From a personal point of view I would like to find a successor to Captain the Interclub next year, so any volunteers please contact me on neilbamber@hotmail.com.

I have enjoyed my three years but would like a rest!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

How hard is a typical bunker shot? Most people I see are petrified by them but actually if you set up to the shot correctly and go against your natural instincts to lift the ball into the air, you'll have a far better chance of getting out in one shot.

So simple points:

- 1 - Ball position forward in stance
- 2 - Weight on front foot
(left foot for right handed golfer)
- 3 - Hands in line with ball at address

Finally make the swing without transferring weight and maintain weight on your front foot... make sure you feel the club 'cutting' through the sand not 'digging' or 'scooping' the ball.



Forthcoming Events September and October

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
Wed 21st September	Ladies Invitation Day
Sat 24th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th September	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 28th September	Ladies Day
Sat 1st October	Mens Roll Up
Wed 5th October	Ladies Day
Sat 8th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9th October	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Wed 12th October	Ladies Day
Fri 14th October	Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies
Sat 15th October	Mens Roll Up
Wed 19th October	Ladies Competition (morning) and Ladies Annual Dinner
Sat 22nd October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd October	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 26th October	Ladies Day
Sat 29th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 30th October	October Stableford