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PINHEIROS ALTOS
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Introduction from the Captain - Mr. John Linley

September was a busy golfing month and Peter Harrison continued his rich vein of form by following his spectacular 68 gross (nett 64) in the August Medal with another superb 40 points (nett 68) to win the September Stableford... making him a firm favourite to take the Match Play Championship. However, golf being the fickle game that it is, Peter went out early doors to David Pirret who in turn progressed all the way to the final where he finally succumbed to the steady golf of Tony Hickey by 2 and 1.

In the Ladies Championship a tremendous performance by Rie Cherubini saw her take the title and deprive opponent Margo Fletcher of her third Match Play Championship.

Congratulations to Tony and Rie on their winning performances and thanks to all who participated in the Championships.

I had the pleasure of captaining a Pinheiros Altos team against the visiting Cotswold Hills Golf Club and a closely fought match ensued. The games were played in a competitive but friendly spirit and we went down by the narrowest of margins.

I partnered our Director of Golf against Cotswold Hills and Pinheiros Altos member John Bayston and their professional James Latham, and Brian was the first to admit that he let me down in our 2 and 1 defeat!

The September Medal was won by Tim Moores with a nett 71. Tim has been struggling with his golf this year but as they say, "every blind squirrel finds the odd acorn!" I must also mention the ever improving Janet Leffler who took the runner-up spot with a net 72. Well done Janet!

I partnered Christophe in the Roll Up last Saturday against Tony Hickey and Vernon Reed and even though we won the roll up with 43pts we lost our four ball match to Vernon and Tony on the last hole, with the last putt, even though their best ball score was only 40 pts! (Hello! What's that all about?)

October sees the men take on the ladies in the Wooden Spoon and I am already nervous at the thought of the men retaining that infamous trophy. So come on guys and give me some help to turn these ladies over!



Rie Cherubini with the Captains



Tony Hickey receiving the Trophy

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

I would like to start my report by reiterating the Captain's sentiments and congratulate Tony Hickey and Rie Cherubini on winning their respective Pinheiros Altos Match Play Championships.

The golf course remains in good condition with the greens a little slower than usual and October will see calçada paths totally repaired when work is carried out on the 1st Olives and the 3rd Pines.

I had a great trip to New Zealand to watch Max play for Scotland against Argentina and England. As we all know Scotland lost both matches by the narrowest of margins, but I am so glad that

I made the trip... although the 38 hours it took me to get from my hotel in Auckland to my home in Vale do Lobo will certainly slow my swing down for a few days, hopefully!

I returned to find that my cousin Chris Evans, a Pinheiros Altos member, won the Dunhill Pro Am at St Andrews with a fantastic 40 under par for the four days which I believe is a tournament record. Having played with him at the beginning of September there was little sign of him playing better than his 15 handicap so his pro partner Nick Dougherty must have brought out the very best in him although, according to Chris, Nick had 20 birdies himself over the four days. Congratulations to them both on an outstanding performance.



The happy bandit Chris Evans!



Chris with playing partner Nick Dougherty

Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 4th	September Stableford	Peter Harrison	40 Pts	Graham Lee	39 Pts
Wed 7th	Ladies Day September Medal	1st Division Janine van de Ree	68 Nett	1st Division Sharon Henderson	72 Nett
		2nd Division Pat Murrish	74 Nett	2nd Division Jenny Harrison	75 Nett
Fri 9th	Matchplay Championship	Ladies		Ladies	
Sat 10th		Rie Cherubini		Margo Fletcher	
Sun 11th		Men Tony Hickey		Men David Pirret	

Competition Results for September cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 14th	Team Stableford	<i>Olives to Pines</i>			
		Sharon Henderson, Win Walton and Shirley Lamb			76
		<i>Pines to Corks</i>			
		Zoe Pirret, Molly Wainwright and Jan Dickson			69
Sun 18th	September Medal	Tim Moores	71 Nett	Janet Leffler	72 Nett
Wed 21st	Ladies Invitational	Sally Evans Jenny Burt	44 Pts	Sharon Henderson Rosie Banks	40 Pts
Wed 28th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	<i>1st Division</i> Hilary Jessup	37 Pts	<i>1st Division</i> Rie Cherubini	35 Pts
		<i>2nd Division</i> Jenny Harrison	39 Pts	<i>2nd Division</i> Marian Jenkins	39 Pts

Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

We had a beautiful September Sunday for our Am-Am Competition. There was a shortage of men for whatever reason, but a team of three ladies had a good male floater who made a great contribution to their scoring! (They were second).

With two scores to count and three on par 3's the score from the winning team on Corks/Olives was an amazing 98 points – well done Joop Carp Jürgen Ternieden, Linda Bentley and Yvonne White. The winning team on Olives/Pines with 84 points was John Wainwright, Jean Iggo, Graham Lee and Sylvia Mullins.

We had 35 competitors and 38 for supper which was excellent – thank you to Jorge and his team.

Our next competition is on 23rd October and will be a waltz – so come on you men!

Interclub by Neil Bamber

Today we played our last game of the season at Salgados and were defeated 3.5 - 1.5.

Philip Schofield and myself were the only victors with Bill & Knut managing a half.

I cannot tell you where we will finish this year as the competition is very close except for the Alto club who have convincingly won Division B, hopefully we will be runners up.

As the current Champions we will be hosting the final this year on Tuesday December 6th and if there is sufficient interest I am sure we could field two teams, but I will require names of interested players by email before the end of October please.

I have enjoyed my 3 years of captaincy, wish my successor all the best... and will of course be supporting him all the way.

He will be unveiled soon.

Thanks & Bye for now
Neil Bamber
Interclub Captain

Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

A hectic month for the Ladies Section began on the 5th with two competitions that day. The first was our Ladies Friendly return match against Salgados at PA, which I am very pleased to report resulted in a win. The second was an Individual Stableford with the Ladies from the Cotswold Hills Golf Club which was won by Linda Bentley. Jorge and staff were kept busy catering and supplying the drinks which followed both events. A very enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Our monthly medal on the 7th was won by Janine Van De Ree (1st division) with a nett 68 and by Pat Murrish (2nd division) with a nett 74. Well done to both ladies.

Congratulations to all those ladies who not only took part in the matchplay Championship from the 9th - 11th but also managed to get up in the dark and be on the tee as light was breaking at 7:38! Somehow the ladies finalists, Rie Cherubini and Margo Fletcher, had the stamina to play two successive games on the Sunday. Reportedly, both played immaculate golf but the congratulations go to Rie who won through in the end.

It was time for a more relaxed game of golf on the 14th when we held a Team Stableford competition. Sharon Henderson, Win Walton & Shirley Lamb won on the Olives to Pines with an excellent total of 76 pts. The winners on the Pines to Corks were Zoe Pirret, Molly Wainwright & Jan Dickson - recording 69 pts.

One of our big events of the year, the Ladies Invitational Day was held on the 21st. My sincere thanks to Helen and Sylvia for all the arrangements, making the day go so well. Forty ladies took part in a hard fought competition which was won by Sally Evans and her partner Jenny Burt with 44 pts. It was a very close call to decide the runners up prize as six teams came in "second" with 40 pts. The countback went almost to the wire with Sharon Henderson & Rosie Banks taking second place with a better back 6!



Sally, Shona and Sally's Guest Jenny Burt

We played our return match at home against Quinta Da Ria on the 26th and I am really delighted to be able to say that we returned exactly the outcome of the away match with a 4/1 win. As each of our pairings had to give (in some cases many) shots to the opposition, our teams had to play really well to produce this result – thank you ladies.

Some excellent scores were recorded in the last match of the month, the September Stableford. Hilary Jessup won the 1st division with 37pts. Once again a countback was necessary to determine the winner of the 2nd division as three ladies scored 39pts. Well done to Jenny Harrison taking first place from Marian Jenkins and Vera Watkins. Handicap cuts imminent!

And for those who have been playing the Olives course frequently – the thought for the month

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Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, sold by the dozen and you need to buy fresh ones each week!

PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

Ladies – you can hit it further

It is true that ladies do not hit the ball as far as men because they do not have the physical equipment to generate comparable clubhead speed.

A lady must realise that distance comes from clubhead speed correctly applied. To swing the club into the ball on a shallow arc in the impact area she must use her arms, wrists and hands earlier in the downswing than a man does.

Make a conscious effort to get the arms going early in the downswing to achieve maximum clubhead speed and a 'flush' hit at impact.



Forthcoming Events October and November

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
Wed 2nd November	Ladies Day
Sat 5th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th November	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 9th November	Ladies Day
Sat 12th November	Foursomes Championship
Sun 13th November	Foursomes Championship
Wed 16th November	Ladies Day
Sat 19th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th November	November Stableford
Wed 23rd November	Ladies Day
Sat 26th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th November	November Medal
Wed 30th November	Ladies Day