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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. John Linley

What a relief! Thank you gentlemen for giving me the opportunity to present the Wooden Spoon back to Shona our Lady Captain after the men pipped the Ladies by 7 matches to 6 in our Annual contest.

I know it was difficult for those men who drew the short straws at our pre match meeting; when we decided who would win and who would lose, and I would especially like to thank all the gentlemen who lost so graciously. Their sacrifice during the tournament made the ladies feel that they almost won the day, which as we all know makes our lives so much easier after the dust has settled!



Shona receives the Wooden Spoon from John on behalf of the Ladies

The Ladies also “had a near thing” at Benamor Golf Club where they managed to halve their match 2 – 2. However, of much more significance, was the “near death experience” suffered by team member Pat Murrish when her partner Jenny Harrison ricocheted a ball off one of Benamor’s old and beautiful - but very dangerous stone walls - hitting Pat on the temple. Fortunately, after being taken to Faro Hospital and undergoing a scan it was discovered (much to Martin’s surprise!) that Pats head was absolutely fine!

Pat has made a full recovery and Jenny has had a two shot reduction in handicap due to the accuracy of her fairway wood shots!

Knut Ellingsen was the very popular winner of the Autumn Medal Rosebowl shooting a nett 70 and taking the prize from Rie Cherubini who was a distant three shots behind.

Not satisfied with this runner-up spot Rie went on to win the October Stableford with a level par 36 pts and so completing her very successful month.

I am looking forward to playing in the upcoming Pinheiros Altos Foursomes Championship (Sat 12th and Sun 13th November). I know that we have already received the largest number of entries for several years and I do hope that we can boast the largest ever entry when the event starts.

New Year’s Eve Menu 2011/2012

Welcome drinks

Duck foie Gras served with a Jam of Figs, herbal salad and Port Wine sauce

or

Trilogy of Prawn, Lobster and smoked salmon served with a herbal salad and avocado maionese

Steamed Sole fillet comfit of olive oil, garlic and capers served on a bed of vegetable spaghetti

or

Rack of lamb with crust of pistachio served with wild mushrooms and roast potatoes sprinkled with aromatic herbs

Vanilla Ice cream and raspberries served with wild fruit sauce and crushed pistachios

Cheese Plate, Biscuits and Port Wine

Wines: Esporão Reserva Red and White

Champagne at midnight

In the Pinheiros Altos Clubhouse
from 8h00 for 8h30 p.m.

Dress Code: Black Tie

€120 per Person

Please book at the Golf Office

Live Music

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Fortunately I was one of the men who drew a long straw in the Wooden Spoon match, and so with Captain John, we were allowed to (in spite of some stiff resistance) defeat Molly Wainwright and Florence D'Algue 3 and 2.

The Dinner which followed the match was great fun and the ladies took their narrow defeat much better than the men had done the year before (I suppose this has something to do with being used to handling defeat).

I was so sorry to hear about Pat and think it is very unfair what the Captain has written re this incident... in fact I think he could have been much more sympathetic to Pat and dropped Jenny 3 shots instead of two!

Finally, we have two sets of finalists for the Mixed and Mens Fourball Championships, Tim Russell and Margo Fletcher against Peter Harrison and Thérèse van Doorn; and Martin Walsh and Jim Cranwell against Neil Bamber and Phil Schofield. These events this year have been blighted by disputes cancellations and withdrawals, and we have decided that for future years these matchplay events will be played over a weekend like the Club singles matchplay events.

The same tornado which took part of the roof off Faro Airport also caused much damage at Pinherios Altos (see attached photographs). The tornado hit at around 4.30 – 5 am... and it was an amazing site when I arrived at around 7.30 that morning, especially (for me) the ball collecting buggy, complete with the frame that collects the balls, which was thrown a good 10 metres and ended up in the lake by the practise ground!



I must commend Sesinando and his Staff, Christophe and all the golf staff for the way they cleaned up and managed to keep the course open for play throughout.

Our Champion – José!

Our front cover this month shows our golf staff member José Gonçalves, who is also a P.G.A. Professional, receiving the Portuguese Seniors Championship Trophy from José Correia and Nelson Cavalheiro.

José has just won the Championship at Riba Golfe and I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating him on his success.



Campeão José with his trusty caddy Alfeu and Captain John Linley





1st on Corks takes a hammering!



Alfeu wonders where his next buggy is coming from!



Eucalyptus tree falls on buggy shed



The buggies shed from inside!



Competition Results for October

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 5th	Ladies Day September Medal	1st Division Susan Russell	77 Nett	1st Division Marian Hill	78 Nett
		2nd Division Majida Lester	72 Nett	2nd Division Stella Jeffrey	74 Nett
Sun 9th	Autumn Medal Rosebowl	Knut Ellingsen	70 Nett	Rie Cherubini	73 Nett
Wed 12th	Non Qualifying Stableford	Olives to Pines Hilary Jessup	36 Pts	Olives to Pines Thérèse v Doorn	33 Pts
		Pines to Corks Annette Newbald	39 Pts	Pines to Corks Sally Evans	37 Pts
Fri 14th	Wooden Spoon	Men	7	Ladies	6
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Stableford Competition	1st Division Susan Russell	36 Pts	1st Division Margo Fletcher	35 Pts
		2nd Division Annette Newbald	34 Pts	2nd Division Jenny Harrison	33 Pts
Wed 26th	Fourball Better Ball	Olives to Pines Denise Reed and Diana Collins			45 Pts
		Pines to Corks Sally Evans and Josie Waddington			46 Pts
Sun 30th	October Stableford	Rie Cherubini	36 Pts (bb9)	Gerry Higginson	36 Pts

Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

My thanks to Liz Beal for organising the October medal while I was back in the UK for my son's wedding. Susan Russell won the first division's glass with a nett 77 and Majida Lester was the winner in the second division with a nett 72.

The following week, a Non Qualifying Stableford was held to enable some of the ladies to complete their eclectic cards. The winner on Olives/ Pines was Hilary Jessup recording 36 pts and narrowly missing yet another handicap cut. Sally Evans scored 37 pts on Pines/Corks but had to settle for second place to Annette Newbald's 39pts. Well done, ladies.

I returned in time to select our pairings for the annual "Battle of the Sexes," The Wooden Spoon. By the time you've reached this stage, you'll already know the result! It was close fought, 6

matches to 7 and only lost on the penultimate hole of the final match. It was a very enjoyable event and although we regained the Spoon, we gave the gents a run for their money... roll on next year!

Forty six of us attended the Ladies Annual Dinner on the 19th and helped the winners of the morning's Stableford Competition and this year's Eclectic Competition celebrate their successes. Annette Newbald won the prize for 2nd division in the morning's competition. It was a double celebration for Susan Russell who won first place in the Stableford (1st division) with 36pts and was also awarded the prize for the Best Gross (Div 1) in the Eclectic Competition. The prize for the Best Gross (Div 2) was awarded to Jenny Harrison. If only we could always play to our eclectic scores!

Pink was the predominate colour on the 26th when Shirley Griffiths sponsored her annual Four Ball Better Ball Competition to raise funds for the Algarve Oncology Association. Denise Reed & Diana Collins were the winners of Olives/Pines with 45pts and Sally Evans and Josie Waddington scored 46 pts on Corks/Olives – Good pairings for next year's Wooden Spoon?!!

game, a ball ricocheted off the stone wall on the 14th fairway and hit Pat on the side of the head causing concussion. We were very grateful to all the assistance given by both their ladies and their staff. I'm very pleased to report that a CT scan revealed she hadn't sustained serious injury and was allowed home later that night. The result of the match seemed irrelevant - we had two wins and two losses and the final game was called a half



Photos from the Ladies Annual Dinner

My sincere thanks to all the ladies who made donations and bought raffle tickets at these events. We raised €1060 at the Ladies Annual Dinner and a further €1000 on Shirley's "Pink" day.

We played two Ladies Friendly Matches this month. In the home match against Alto, we had to give between 11 and 14 shots in four of the five games. As their ladies played really well, this proved too much. Thanks to the gentlemen who came to Jenny Harrison's aid doing the equivalent of a F1 pit-stop when her battery ran out half way through the round.

The second Friendly Match at Benamor will always be dramatically memorable. One of our team had to withdraw due to storm damage to her house and I had to call on our reserve, Pat Murrish, to take her place. Alas, during the final flight's

resulting in a draw overall.

And finally...

Thought for the month

If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there!



Ladies charity pink day

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

October's social golf event was held on Sunday 23rd in excellent weather conditions for the time of year. The competition format was a Waltz and we had a very good turnout of 51 participants playing over Olives/Pines and Pines/Corks.

As is so often the case, there was quite a disparity between scores on the two courses with those on Olives/Pines scoring considerably higher overall. Congratulations to the team comprising Orlando Hill, Zoe Pirret, Reinhard Schlegel and Sylvia Mullins, winning on Olives/Pines with a massive 89 points, just three points ahead of Tony Hickey, David Pirret, Marian Jenkins and Stella Jeffrey on 86 points. Worthy winners on Pines/Corks were Peter Newbald, John Mullins, Deirdre Forde and Diana Collins on 81

points with Kelvin White, Mike Shepherd, Meg Black and Peter Wolters runners-up on 76 points.

Three guests joined us for a very enjoyable supper, making our total 54 - thank you Jorge! The next Social Golf event, a Texas Scramble, will be held on the 6th November, organised by Roy Baddeley and me - we're looking forward to another good turnout (so far 52 signed up) and hopefully some pleasant weather.

Interclub by Neil Bamber



The Interclub Team lunch was also to celebrate Neil Bamber's Captaincy of the team which will now be handed over to Christian Holst for the 2012 season.

Academy News from Ross Sutherland

With Christmas shortly approaching why not treat your loved one to a package of golf lessons from our PGA Professional Ross Sutherland?

On the run up to Christmas members can purchase a package of 6 ½ hour lessons for the price of 5 (€150), which can be reserved and paid for with Cristina in the Golf Office.

Once again, I thank you for your support and wish you every golfing success in 2012. Hopefully I will see you in the Golf Academy soon.

Forthcoming Events November and December

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

Sat 3rd December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 4th December	St. Andrews Stableford
Wed 7th December	Ladies Day
Sat 10th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 11th December	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 14th December	Ladies Day
Sat 17th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th December	December Medal
Wed 21st December	Ladies Day
Thur 22nd December	Christmas Turkey Flutter
Sat 24th December	Mens Roll Up

Mr. Roland Brown 1922 – 2011

It is with the very deepest regret we announce the passing of Mr. Roland Brown who was one of the original residents and golf members of Pinheiros Altos.

He was a keen golfer in his day, but of late had left the golfing prowess to grandson Joel who won this years Sunshine Classic.

Mr. Brown will be sadly missed and I am sure you will join with me and the staff of Pinheiros Altos in sending our condolences to his wife Anne and their family.

Christmas at Dona Filipa

And finally, before a few words from our pros... we'd just like to hand you over to General Manager Luis Filipe to tell you about a couple of special events happening at Dona Filipa Hotel over the festive period:

24th December 19.30

Celebration Buffet

55 € per person

In Portugal, Christmas Eve is a very special, sacred time... and we'd like to invite you to come and share it with us at our Celebration Buffet. We'll be serving an eclectic mix of gourmet holiday fare and can think of no better way to usher in the perfect Portuguese Christmas.

25th December 12.30

Family Christmas Lunch

48 € per person

Serving up all the gourmet delights of a traditional Christmas dinner in a homely family atmosphere. Come along for some festive fun and fantastic food.

27th December 15.00

Battle of the Bridge

An exciting - and what is expected to be - hard fought Bridge tournament. Serious and amateur players are welcome for a house of cards showdown, some warming winter drinks and a seriously good time guaranteed.

31st December 19.30

A Quiet Night Out

For those wishing to spend a quiet evening, with some fine dine a la carte dining to see in the New Year, we invite you to come along to Dom Duarte Restaurant and see out 2011 in style.

31st December 19.30

The Dawn of 2012: A not so quiet night out

115 € per person

For those of you who fancy something a tad more raucous, look no further than our New Years buffet, offering over 40 outstanding dishes with beverages included... all accompanied by a festive atmosphere and an outstanding live music performance. It's all happening in our Primavera Restaurant - and is the ideal location to see the fireworks when the clock strikes twelve on this memorable evening.

Full details of all events and menus are available from Dona Filipa Hotel, call 289 357 200 to learn more or to make a booking.

Have a great Christmas... and we hope to see you over the festive period.

Season's Greetings

Luis Filipe

PRO TIP – Brian Evans

What key opens your golfing lock?

If you watch the best players in the World (men and ladies) they all have the same very good basic principles to their swings, but these basic principals are all achieved in different ways.

For instance some are more supple than others and while this can be an asset - and always implies more potential - it can

also create room for error since consistency is more difficult when you are supple. In the same way bulky, thick set golfers while limited in movement, are normally stronger and more compact, making for more consistency.

Every golf teacher is like a jailor. He has a bunch of golfing keys and has to decide which key opens the golfing lock for each golfer he teaches. The principles are the same but the keys to making them work are different for every golfer.

Visit our professionals and let them find your key to success!