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# Altos

*Merry  
Christmas*

PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. John Linley

Another year enters its final month and time certainly does fly!

Congratulations to Stewart and Cathy Harper who took the Foursomes Championship, in spite of Brian trying to present the trophy to Neil Bamber and Peter Harrison for their gross score. Fortunately Susan Russell reminded him that the trophy went to the best nett score and saved him even more embarrassment!

Stewart and Cathy took the trophy, with excellent scores of 74 and 72, by 5 shots from John and Sumbaline Waters.

The end of the year also sees your Subscription request forms drop through the letter box. As Captain of the Club I can only reiterate the sentiments of Brian's accompanying letter and ask that the members support the Club with prompt payment of their subscriptions for 2012. Next year will be an exciting time for the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club and I am looking forward to playing my part before my Captaincy finishes and I hand over to David Markey.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my wife Janet and I to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2012.



*The eventual winners of the Foursomes Championship! Cathy, Stewart and Captain John.*

### New Year's Eve Menu 2011/2012

Welcome drinks

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

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

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

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

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

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Cheese Plate, Biscuits and Port Wine

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Wines: Esporão Reserva Red and White

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Champagne at midnight

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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**



## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Firstly, my congratulations and apologies to Stewart and Cathy Harper on their superb win (eventually) in the Foursomes Championship, after I had tried to present the trophy to Peter Harrison and Neil Bamber (I have only presented 16 Foursomes Championships and it is certainly a sign of old age... but unfortunately not the first sign I have had). Thank you to Susan and once again apologies to Stewart and Cathy.

As the Captain mentioned, the subscription requests are out and as I include in my letter, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

We have an extensive Christmas golf programme and hope that many of you are here to participate, especially the New Year's Eve Party and New Year's Day Scramble to start 2012 off with fun games and possibly a prize!

So, from all the golf staff at Pinheiros Altos, I would like to wish the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a great golfing New Year.



*Merry Christmas from Christophe, Brian and Seginando.*

## Competition Results for November

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day November Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Denise Reed	74 Nett		
		<b>2nd Division</b> Maried Kooijmans	79 Nett		
Wed 9th	5 Clubs & a putter	Helen Mills Stella Jeffrey	19 Pts	Shona Callaghan Molly Wainwright	18 Pts
Sat 12th Sun 13th	Foursomes Championship	Stewart Harper Cathy Harper	146	John Waters Sumbaline Waters	151
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Stableford Competition	<b>Olives to Pines</b> Thérèse van Doorn	36 Pts	<b>Olives to Pines</b> Susan Russell	36 Pts
		<b>Pines to Corks</b> Adrienne Buth	40 Pts	<b>Pines to Corks</b> Jan Kirk	37 Pts
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Foxtrot	Jenny Harrison, Josie Waddington, Vera Watkins and Adrienne Buth			88 Pts
Sun 27th	November Medal	Peter Harrison	69 Nett	Chris Hales	70 Nett
Wed 30th	Ladies Day Non Qualifying Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Rie Cherubini	35 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Margo Fletcher	29 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Felicity C Wheeler	33 Pts	<b>2nd Division</b> Stella Jeffrey	29 Pts

## Ladies Section

### by Shona Callaghan

The rain clouds threatened on the first two Wednesdays of the month and on each day the ladies were given the choice to play or not.

Ten ladies braved the elements and completed their Medal round on the 2nd. Denise Reed (1st div) and Mariëd Kooijmans (2nd div) were the medal glass winners with scores of nett 74 and nett 79 respectively.

The fun competition on the 9th was a "5 clubs and a putter" Better Ball Stableford. Twelve of us managed to play nine holes before the heavens opened and ended the match. The winners were Helen Mills and Stella Jeffrey with 19pts.

Fortunately the weather improved for the rest of the month and 32 ladies took part in the Qualifying Stableford on the 16th. Therese Van Doorn (1st div) was the winner on Olives/ Pines recording 36pts and Adrienne Buth brought her handicap down with an excellent score of 40 pts.

## Interclub

### by Neil Bamber

Interclub Finals Day is Tuesday December 6th and is being held at PA for the first time, but hopefully not the last.

Each club has a team of 6 players and our team of me, Martin Jessup, Peter Harrison, Therese van Doorn, Rie Cherubini and our new Interclub Captain Christian Holst will be doing our utmost to win.

The weather forecast is superb and I hope everyone enjoys the day.

As I hand over the post of Captain to Christian, this will be my last contribution to the newsletter and I would just like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me over the past 3 years. I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Xmas and healthy & prosperous 2012.

My travel plans had to be altered because of the General Strike so Liz Beal ran the "Foxtrot" competition on the 23rd. I was pleased to hear that everyone enjoyed the game which was won by Jenny Harrison, Josie Waddington, Vera Watkins & Adrienne Buth with a total of 88pts

The final competition of the month was a non qualifying Stableford run by Diana Collins. Rie Cherubini was the first division winner with 35pts and Felicity Corbin Wheeler won in second division with 33pts.

We'll be dancing again next month with our "Strictly Christmas Waltz" on the 8th followed by Christmas celebrations. Even if you can't manage to play on the day, please come along and join us in the club dining room – the more the merrier!

No thought for the month (you'll be glad to hear!) just a wish that you all have a very Merry Christmas.



*The Interclub team before finals day held at Pinheiros Altos.  
Christian, Neil, Thérèse, Peter, Rie and Martin*

## Social Golf by Roy Baddeley

On the 6th November, a lovely sunny afternoon, 54 members and guests enjoyed a Texas Scramble in teams of four with two teams of three.

With some very good golf and great scores, the winners on Olives/Pines were Iain Callaghan, Kelvin White, Cathy Harper and Stella Jeffrey with a net score of 64.4 and in a very close second were Peter Newbald, Bob Seddon, Jeanette Sohler and Sylvia Mullins with a net score of 64.7.

The best team score on Corks/Olives were Peter Beal, John Mullins, Annette Newbald and Adrienne Buth with a net score of 64.9 closely followed in second place by Tony Hickey, Carel Heijmeijer, Dirk Blaesing and Meg Black with 65.8. With lots of prizes most players left with a bottle of wine.

Our thanks go to Jorge and his staff for the meal and also the service when 58 people sat down for supper.

The next Social is a fun Day being close to Christmas and is a four club and a putter format being held on the 11th December.

### PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

How many times have you been told to keep your body still when you chip? If you have, ignore it! When playing a chip shot allow the hips and shoulders to rotate through the shot to almost face your target, this will ensure that the club continues to accelerate through impact and prevent the hands from 'scooping' or 'flicking' when the ball is struck! Good luck!



*Merry Christmas and  
Good Golfing for 2012  
from Ross and Kenny.*

## Forthcoming Events November and December

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

Sun 1st January	New Year's Scramble
Wed 4th January	Ladies Day
Sat 7th January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 8th January	Winter Medal
Wed 11th January	Ladies Day
Sat 14th January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15th January	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 18th January	Ladies Day
Sat 21st January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd January	January Stableford
Wed 25th January	Ladies Day
Sat 28th January	Mens Roll Up

## 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.