

# Altos

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*Happy New Year!*

PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. John Linley

I am writing this intro to the first Newsletter of 2012 on my last day in the Pinheiros Altos before returning to the U.K. I think it is safe to say that in my twenty years of visiting the Algarve there hasn't been a more idyllic spell of weather at this time of the year... and it has been an added pleasure to be here.

Brian will cover the Christmas and New Year events in his report, but I would just like to thank all the members and their guests who attended the functions and played in the tournaments over the festive season. I wish you all a very Happy New Year for 2012, and of course, everything you would wish for on and off the golf course.



*Bernadette Hardie , Graeme and  
Fiona Thomson and Philip Hardie*



*Kay and David Ford*



*John Bayston,  
Sally Evans and  
Richard Marshall*



*Lisa Burns and John Irving*



*Mike Wright, John Linley and David Finneberg*



Mai and David Markey



Jan and Alex Kirk



Iain and Shona Callaghan



Iain Callaghan and Linda Bentley



Rhys Ford and Hannah Jones



Rhys Ford, Nick Menzies, Sam Botham and Rob Menzies



John and Molly Wainwright



Shirley Griffiths, David and Anne Finneberg

## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

What a winter! Day after day of beautiful weather and that typical Algarvian light; which we have tried to capture in as many photographs as possible throughout the festive competitions, just to make those who missed it even more envious of those who were here!

While there has to be winners in all competitions, this year there were absolutely no losers; as just to be out on the golf course was a pleasure, irrespective of the standard of golf!

Sally, Stella Jeffrey and Nigel Collins won the turkeys in the Turkey Flutter Tournament. In fact, even the guests who only came for the Christmas lunch won a prize... and while the tournament could be described as "small but perfectly formed" - it was a brilliant introduction to the Festive activities and Jorge, Rui and Nuno did a terrific job in supporting the event.

Kelvin and Yvonne White were still talking (just) when they completed their American Foursomes on Boxing Day, but all was forgiven when they realised that their score of 40pts was good enough for victory. Nigel Collins was in the frame again, this time with the help of Diana when they scored 39pts pipping Peter and Jenny Harrison for the runners up spot with a better back nine.

The glorious weather continued throughout the festive season, and after seeing in the New Year at the Pinheiros Altos Clubhouse with a very raucous lot, we awoke to a beautiful New Years day when 165 players, all of whom managed to make the 11 a.m. shotgun start, competed in our annual New Year's Day Scramble. An amazing turn out with some amazing scores, but none better than the team of Tim and Susan Russell, Nils and Janet Leffler and guest Gary Thorpe, whose 17 under par total won by two shots from the team of Rie Cherubini, Claire Bamber, Christian Holst and Phil and Nancy Schofield.

I must thank my team of Chris and Rene Hales, Justin Ryan and Sally who confirmed the old adage "if you can't play find a good team". They managed to drag me, kicking and screaming I might add, to a score of 15 under par which tied for second place and allowed me to take the much coveted pro team prize!

As you can see from the photographs of all the Christmas events, the weather remained immaculate. It is therefore not surprising to note that possibly the only two Wednesdays of 2011 (the last two) that it did not rain, were the only two Wednesdays where the ladies chose not to play a competition (I rest my case)!

Calçada paths on the 1st Olives is nearing completion and the blue, yellow and white tees on the 1st Corks have been re-laid. These holes will be ready for play by mid February, upon which the ladies red tee, which is being used by all and sundry at the moment, will be renewed.

Response to the annual subscription requests has been exceptional; I would like to thank all of you for the support and remind those who have not yet paid that reminders will be winging their way through the post in the very near future.

When members collect their membership cards from the Golf Office they will also receive the new Pinheiros Altos Members Diary containing much useful information. Many thanks must go to Lady Captain Shona Callaghan and Vice Captain David Markey, who collaborated to produce the first, of what I am sure will become an annual production.

2012 should be an exciting year at Pinheiros Altos and I would like to extend a Happy and Prosperous wish for the New Year to all our members and their families, from myself and all the staff at your Pinheiros Altos Golf Club.





*Christmas Eve Roll Up*



*New Year's Eve Roll Up*



*Turkey Flutter Winners - left to right: Sally Evans, Stella Jeffrey and Nigel Collins*



*Boxing Day American Foursomes Winners - left to right: Kelvin and Yvonne, Diana and Nigel and Peter and Jenny.*



*4th Place*

*Left to right: The Captain John Linley, Sylvia Mullins, Ingrid Hollier, Marie Monahan, Sandra Seddon and Ineke Goossens and the Lady Captain Shona Callaghan*



*New Year's Day Scramble*

*2nd Place*

*Left to right: The Captain John Linley, Rie Cherubini, Christian Holst, Nancy Schofield, Claire Bamber and Phil Schofield and the Lady Captain Shona Callaghan*



*1st Place*

*Left to right: The Captain John Linley, Gary Thorpe, Susan and Tim Russell, Janet and Nils Leffler and the Lady Captain Shona Callaghan*

# Competition Results for December

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 4th	St. Andrews Stableford	Tony Hickey	38 Pts	Barbara Kyne	35 Pts (bb9)
Wed 7th	Ladies Day December Medal	<b>1st Division</b>		<b>1st Division</b>	
		Sharon Henderson	77 Nett	Rie Cherubini	77 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b>		<b>2nd Division</b>	
		Wendy Menzies	76 Nett	Adrienne Buth	81 Nett
Wed 14th	Ladies Day Christmas Waltz	Sally Evans, Anne Copestake and Ingrid Hollier			
Sun 18th	Christmas Turkey Flutter	Sally Evans	34 Pts (bb9)	Stella Jeffrey	34 Pts
Mon 26th	Boxing Day American Foursomes	Kelvin White Yvonne White	40 Pts	Nigel Collins Diana Collins	39 Pts (14 last 6)

## Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

Christmas preparations and family visits, either here or in the UK, resulted in only ten ladies taking part in the final medal of 2011 on the 7th of December. They were rewarded with beautiful playing conditions and some excellent scores. Sharon Henderson won the 1st division medal glass with a nett 77, narrowly beating Rie Cherubini with the better back 9. Wendy Menzies in 2nd division won her first medal glass with a nett 76.

The sun was shining for our "Strictly Christmas Waltz" competition on the 14th. Instead of prizes the winning team, Sally Evans, Anne Copestake and Ingrid Hollier were given first choice of the gifts on "Santa's Table" Helen Mills prepared a festive quiz which caused a lot of hilarity as each team tried to find appropriate answers (correct or otherwise!) Rie Cherubini,

Felicity Corbin Wheeler and Pat Murrish were the winners – Diets were forgotten by the 24 ladies present who enjoyed the drinks, mince pies, cakes and sweets, all accompanied by Christmas music and carols.

By the time you read this the festivities will be over and it will be time to focus on the year ahead. The Pinheiros Altos Diary for 2012 is now available from the office, so there's no excuse for missing some of the main tournament events.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2012

## Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

Somehow, less seems able to result in more, or at worst, just as much! At least that's the conclusion from some very impressive scores posted from the Four Clubs plus a Putter Social Golf Competition held on Sunday 11th December.

It was a comparatively warm day for the time of year, short sleeved shirt weather with "tourist" shorts in evidence sported by three of the hardy male competitors. Twenty-eight participants concentrated feverishly over their limited club selection and manufactured some amazing shots to produce some highly creditable team results from the better two scores.

The winners on Olives/Pines came from the team of Kelvin White, Felicity Corbin Wheeler, Chandra Patel and Diana Collins returning an incredible 85 points, beating Ken Irving, Nigel Collins, Adrienne Buth and me, on a mere 80 points!

Congratulations to Tony Hickey, Peter Beal, Shona and birthday girl Vera Watkins who came first on the more challenging Pines/Corks combination with 80 points, followed in second place by Malcolm Hollier, Liz Beal, Michael May and Sylvia Mullins.

Before the prize awards, we all enjoyed tucking in to our first of the Season offering of Christmas fare; roast turkey with all the trimmings, followed by ginger-cake pudding and ice cream, rounded off with a much appreciated glass of port, compliments of Jorge and Rui - many thanks to both for the generous gesture and the excellent meal.

The next Social Golf event will be held on 15th January 2012 - it's a Two Ball, Better Ball team competition with hidden partners organised by Dirk Blaesing and Roy Baddeley.

## Forthcoming Events January and February 2012

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
Wed 1st February	Ladies Day
Sat 4th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th February	February Medal
Wed 8th February	Ladies day
Sat 11th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 12th February	Valentines Day Scramble
Wed 15th February	Ladies Day
Sat 18th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 19th February	18 Holes Social Golf
Mon 20th February	Jimmy Tarbuck Classic
Wed 22nd February	Ladies Day
Thurs 23rd February	Past Captain's Day
Sat 25th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26th February	St. David's Day Stableford
Wed 29th February	Ladies Day

## PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

### Bunker Practice the right way

Gary Player was a great bunker player. One of the reasons he became so good was the way he practised with a dozen balls. He would randomly throw them in the sand trap then play them as they lay, some lying worse than others. Deal with

each shot mentally and try to be creative in your execution. They may not all come out but when you do have a perfect lie in a bunker on the golf course you will feel much more confident about the outcome.