

# Introduction from the Captain - Mr. John Linley

After the excitement and fun of Christmas and the New Year we are in January and trying hard to keep to our New Years resolutions (mine lasted three days) and face the reality of a world in financial crisis.

However, if you have been fortunate enough to be in Pinheiros Altos through January, the fantastic weather has continued with day after day of clear blue sky and a golf course which is in excellent condition. I am into the last leg of my Captaincy with the notice and agenda of the AGM appearing in this newsletter. I have enjoyed the experience tremendously and I have no doubt that David Markey will do a great job when he takes over in April.

Good Golfing!

## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Beautiful weather made Pinheiros Altos a great place to be through January with the golf course playing firm and fast.

The calçada path on 1st Olives was finally completed and attention has been turned to the trimming of trees around the clubhouse preparing for work to start on the clubhouse locker rooms.

January's Winter Medal was won by Denise Reed with a nett 72 with runner-up spot going to Vernon Reed. The January Stableford was won by Tony Hickey with 35 pts. Chris Hales of Florida Golf is sponsoring a Club eclectic competition for all medal rounds played in 2012. These medals will all be played on the Pines and Corks and there will be a set of Mizuno irons for the best gross and nett eclectic scores.

I was very sad to discover that for personal reasons Liz Beal will not now be the new Lady Captain and Thérèse van Doorn will take on the mantel (for the second time) from Shona Callaghan. I was much looking forward to working with Liz in the ever developing Pinheiros Altos ladies section and I wish her well.

The AGM of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 5th April 2012 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

#### Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by Chairman of the AGM, President of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club Mr. Walter Dickson.
- The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. John Linley.
- Mr. John Linley summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. David Markey.
- 4. The Captains acceptance speech.
- Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
- 6. The Chairman closes the meeting.

Questions for the Director of Golf at the AGM should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Friday 30th March 2012. Only questions made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered by the Director of Golf at the AGM

# Competition Results for January

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 1st	New Year's Scramble	Tim Russell Susan Russell Nils Leffler Janet Leffler Gary Thorpe	-17	Rie Cherubini Nancy Schofield Philip Schofield Claire Bamber Christian Holst	-15
Wed 4th	Ladies Day January Medal	Ist Division Janice Patterson 2nd Division Mai Markey	75 Nett 78 Nett	1st Division Denise Reed 2nd Division Lisa Burns	76 Nett (BB3) 82 Nett (BB9)
Sun 8th	Winter Medal	Denise Reed	72 Nett	Vernon Reed	78 Nett (BB9)
Wed 14th	Ladies Day Yellow Peril Stableford	Pines to Corks Corks to Olives	Pat Heley, Joanna Young and Adrienne Buth Margo Fletcher, Eva Lamaison and Jan Kirk		69 Pts 73 Pts
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	<i>1st Division</i> Rie Cherubini <i>2nd Division</i> Adrienne Buth	38 Pts 38 Pts	<i>1st Division</i> Pat Heley <i>2nd Division</i> Shona Callaghan	37 Pts 30 Pts
Mon 26th	January Stableford	Tony Hickey	35 Pts	Philip Schofield	32 Pts
Wed 25th	Lady Captain vs Lady Vice Captain Team Stableford		Lady Vice Captain's Team won 5 ½ to 2 ½		





# Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

The glorious January weather and the excellent condition of the course brought the ladies out in force for the Wednesday competitions this month.

Following closely on from the Christmas and New Year festivities, 19 ladies signed up to play in the January Medal on the 4th. Janice Paterson was the winner of the first division medal glass with a nett 75 closely followed by Denise Reed, Susan Russell & Anne Copestake who each scored nett 76. It was no easier a job for the card checkers when looking at the second division scores – Mai Markey was the outright winner with a nett 78, Lisa Burns and Pat Murrish were runners up, both with nett 82.

As a result of asking the ladies to suggest their favourite non qualifying games, a "yellow peril" stableford was played the following week by 33 competitors. Fortunately there was no penalty to the 7 teams who lost their yellow ball or the results could have been very different! Pat Heley, Joanna Young & Adrienne Buth were first on Pines to Corks with 69pts and Margo Fletcher, Eva Lamaison & Jan Kirk were the winners on Corks to Olives with 73pts.

Familiar names headed the leaderboard for the Qualifying Stableford on the 18th. Both Rie Cherubini and Adrienne Buth scored 38pts to win 1st and 2nd divisions respectively.

The annual Lady Captain's team versus Lady-Vice Captain's match took place on the 25th. As matchplay was the top favourite game, it was very well supported. Alas I have to report that it was the Vice Captain's team that won but take some consolation that it was for the second successive year!

Our Vice Captain, Liz Beal, joined us after the game to sadly announce, with sincere regret, that due to changes in home circumstances back in the UK she would not be able to take over "the reins" in April. She has been a great support to me throughout my year and I am aware that she had many ideas and plans for her year as Lady Captain – We all wish her well and I hope that circumstances may allow her to bring these ideas to fruition at some future date.

Therese Van Doorn has very kindly agreed to "step into the breach" and will become Lady Captain for the second time, after our AGM in April. As one of the founder members, first Lady Captain and staunch supporter of the Ladies Section she will no doubt bring a wealth of experience to the role.

And finally (I'm sure that you have missed them!) the thought for the month:

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A good golf partner is one who's always slightly worse than you are... so that's why I get so many calls to play with friends.

# Social Golf by Roy Baddeley

Forty four players enjoyed a 2-Ball better Ball competition with hidden partners on Sunday 15th January played over Corks/ Olives and Olives/Pines.

We were lucky with the weather... the heavy and persistent rain in the morning finished just before the first pairings were teeing off. We need the rain so desperately at the moment, but why does it seem to arrive on the 'Social days' that I organise. Thankfully the decision to carry on with the event was vindicated.

The scoring once again was tremendous with Olives/Pines scores considerably higher overall and congratulations go to all our winners.

1st Place	Olives to Pines Peter Young Thérèse van Doorn Graeme Thomson Ingrid Hollier	85 Pts	Corks to Olives Kelvin White Adrienne Buth Nils Leffler Inge Kura	75 Pts
2nd Place	Iain Callaghan Janet Leffler Diane Collins Alan Bentley	75 Pts	Ron Goossens Pat Galloway John Guy Yvonne White	72 Pts
3rd Place	Heinz Kura Ann Heijmeijer Joe Hanley Angela Guy	74 Pts	John Verloop Fiona Thomson Dirk Blaesing Shona Callaghan	67 Pts

Afterwards we all sat down together with four extra guests for a very enjoyable salmon supper courtesy of Jorge and we look forward to our next Social event which will be held on 19th February. If you are here come and join us.

#### PRO TIP – Peter Ashdown

#### TWO TURNS AND A SWISH

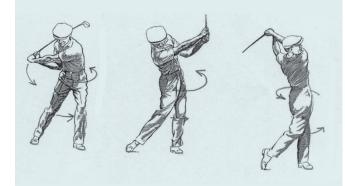
There are only three phases to making a golf swing. The set up, the preparation and the release.



The set up – grip, stance and posture, preparing a good foundation for the swing.



The preparation – a turn of the shoulders which swings the arms, hands and club to the top of the backswing ready for the hit.



The release – a turn of the hips to the left which triggers the swish of the arms and hands through the ball and into the finish.

KEEP IT SIMPLE
TWO TURNS and a SWISH!

### Interclub by Christian Holst

The AGM of the Algarve Interclub League was held on 18th January and the fixture list was finally agreed shortly thereafter. We are playing in the same division as Levante (Quinta da Ria), Morgado, Penina, Serra da Monchique (Silves), Vila Sol, Palmares, Salgados and Vilamoura this year, which should give us some interesting matches and venues.

The fixture list is now on the notice board and I would encourage as many of you as possible to put your names down as potential players (please include your contact details). Individual lists for each match will be put up in due course and I will also be communicating directly if you provide your e-mail address. If for some reason you prefer to give details to me personally please use christian@holst.oslo.no

We have three matches in March already with the first match on 8th March at home against Vilamoura.

For those of you interested to follow the league you will find details of matches, league standings and other news on www.interclubalgarve.com.



### Forthcoming Events February and March 2012

Wed 1st February Ladies Day
Sat 4th February Mens Roll Up

Sun 5th February February Medal

Wed 8th February Ladies day

Sat 11th February

Sun 12th February Valentines Day Scramble

Mens Roll Up

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

Fri 2nd March Men Pairs Matchplay

Sat 3rd March Men Pairs Matchplay

Sun 4th March Men Pairs Matchplay

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Wed 7th March Ladies Day

Sat 10th March Mens Roll Up

Sun 11th March 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 14th March Ladies Day
Sat 17th March Mens Roll Up

Sun 18th March St. Patrick's Day Medal

Wed 21st March

Ladies Day

Sat 24th March

Mens Roll Up

Sun 25th March

March Stableford

Wed 28th March Ladies Day
Sat 31st March Mens Roll Up