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Introduction from the Captain

- Mr. John Linley

I have just presented the prizes for the 2012 Pinheiros Altos Men's Fourball Matchplay Championship. The event had a new format this year with a qualifying (Better Ball Medal) on Friday. The top 8 qualifiers played the Quarter Finals and Semi Finals on Saturday, whilst the Final took place on Sunday morning with an Open Individual Stableford providing the backdrop for the Final.

Our 60 year old Golf Director (as of 1st March) refereed the Final and saw Chris Hales and Hamish Rumball defeat Alan Pugh and Tim Moores at the 20th hole. An amazing result considering Alan and Tim were three up with three to play and both missed from 4 feet to win the match on the 16th hole! However, given this "chink of light", Chris and Hamish won the match with some spectacular match winning shots over the closing holes.

Our new format was a great success, with Nancy Schofield taking the Open Stableford Competition with a superb 41 pts ... followed by a prize presentation with a great atmosphere.

This will be my last Newsletter as the April edition will only be published after the AGM and your new Captain Mr. David Markey will be writing his first intro. I have had a terrific year and cannot thank the membership enough for the support they have given to me. I would also like to thank Brian, Christophe, Cristina and all the golf staff for their organisational and operational contribution, not just for my year as Captain but to the Club in general.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Lady Captain, Shona Callaghan and I would like to congratulate her on the sterling work she has done for the Ladies Section and her chosen charity.

Finally, I shall continue to support the Club at every opportunity in the coming years and I wish David and Thérèse every success for their upcoming year in office.



*Mens Fourball Matchplay Champions 2012
Chris Hales and Hamish Rumball*



*Mens Fourball Matchplay Runners Up 2012
Tim Moores and Alan Pugh*



Open Stableford Winner Nancy Schofield

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

As I write this I don't feel a day over 60! I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and even those that have rubbed it in!

The Captain gave me license plates for my buggy "UR60" but most gave me wine, basically saying "your life is over, drown your sorrows!"

While we are talking about Captains I would like to introduce the incoming Captains and their new Vice Captains, as we now have confirmation of Graeme Thomson and Rie Cherubini in their respective rolls as Club and Lady Vice Captains at the upcoming A.G.M.



*David Markey the Incoming Club Captain
and his Vice Captain Graeme Thomson.*



*Thérèse van Doorn who will become Lady Captain for the second time
and camera shy Vice Captain Rie Cherubini.*

The February Medal was won by Hilary Jessup with a nett 76! Adrienne Buth was runner up with the same score but a worse last 9 score.

Congratulations to Joanna Young on winning the St. Valentines Day Scramble with a fantastic 58 nett (14 under par). The performance was all the more remarkable when you consider that her partner was husband Peter! Nils and Janet Leffler were runners up only 0.6 shots behind.

The St. David's Day Stableford Trophy, presented in memory of Trevor Griffiths was won by Jenny Harrison with a superb 39 pts taking the prize from Knut Ellingsen who scored 37 pts from a handicap of 7.

The Clubhouse will undergo renovation over the following two months, including painting, renewal of curtains and recovering of furniture. The works will start in the members lounge and this will be closed until these works are complete.



He is 92 and still playing golf, that's our oldest member Mr. Jim O'Neal. Born in 1920 Jim plays at least 9 holes every day when he is in the Algarve but you have to be early to spot him as he and his good lady Kathleen can be found in the Clubhouse before 10 am having played their golf for the day!

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 5th April 2012 at 10am in the Clubhouse.

Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by Chairman of the AGM, President of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club Mr. Walter Dickson.
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. John Linley.
3. Mr. John Linley summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. David Markey.
4. The Captains acceptance speech.
5. 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 A.G.M. 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 A.G.M.

Easter Competitions schedule

<i>Thurs 5th April</i>	<i>AGM followed by Captains Drive In and 9 Hole Team Scramble.</i>
<i>Sat 7th April</i>	<i>Spring Medal</i>
<i>Sun 8th April</i>	<i>Easter Scramble</i>
<i>Tues 10th April</i>	<i>APPA Golf Tournament Individual Stableford</i>
<i>Sat 14th and Sun 15th April</i>	<i>The Pinheiros Altos Strokeplay Championship</i>

Competition Results for February

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Medal	<i>1st Division</i> Rie Cherubini	74 Nett	<i>1st Division</i> Sally Evans	77 Nett
		<i>2nd Division</i> Molly Wainwright	78 Nett (BB9)	<i>2nd Division</i> Adrienne Buth	78 Nett
Sun 5th	February Medal	Hilary Jessup	76 Nett (BB9)	Adrienne Buth	76 Nett
Wed 8th	Ladies Foursomes Championship	Thérèse van Doorn Adrienne Buth	33 Pts	Zoe Pirret Molly Wainwright	31 Pts
Sun 12th	St Valentine's Day Scramble	Peter Young Joanna Young	58,0 Nett	Nils Leffler Janet Leffler	58,6 Nett
Wed 15th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	<i>1st Division</i> Margo Fletcher	36 Pts	<i>1st Division</i> Rie Cherubini	30 Pts
		<i>2nd Division</i> Ann Campbell	38 Pts	<i>2nd Division</i> Adrienne Buth	37 Pts

Competition Results cont...

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 22nd	Ladies Day Waltz	<i>Olives to Pines</i> Marian Jenkins, Sabine Schlegel and Meg Black			67 Pts
		<i>Pines to Corks</i> Diana Collins, Rie Cherubini and Sylvia Mullins			74 Pts
Sun 26th	St. David's Stableford	Jenny Harrison	39 Pts	Knut Ellingsen	37 Pts
Wed 29th	Ladies Day	Fourball Better Ball Matchplay			

Ladies Section by Shona Callaghan

It's been a great start to the year for the ladies. Denise Reed paved the way in January by winning the Winter Club Medal, followed by Hilary Jessup and Adrienne Buth taking first and second place in the February Medal (both scoring nett 76) and Jenny Harrison winning the St David's Day Stableford with 39pts. Very well done ladies.

I was surprised to learn that Rie Cherubini, winner of the 1st division Ladies Medal with a nett 74, was receiving her first Medal Glass. Despite featuring regularly in the list of prize winners, she had been "pipped at the post" in this competition on several occasions. Molly Wainwright received the 2nd division medal having a better back 9 than the runner up Adrienne Buth – both returned nett 78.

The Ladies Foursomes Championship held on the 8th was won by Therese Van Doorn and Adrienne Buth who scored 33 pts ahead of Zoe Pirret and Molly Wainwright who came second with 31pts. The trophy and prizes were presented by Shirley Griffiths who initiated the competition in 2006.

In the Qualifying Stableford which was organised by Helen Mills while I was back in the UK. (Thank you Helen) Margo Fletcher won the 1st division with 36pts and Ann Campbell the 2nd division with 38pts - a return to form for both ladies.

It was time to "Waltz" again on the 22nd. Marian Jenkins, Sabine Schlegel and Meg Black were the winners on Olives to Pines with 67 pts. Diana Collins, Rie Cherubini and Sylvia Mullins proved to be a formidable team on Pines to Corks returning an excellent score of 74 pts.

On the 29th the Ladies Committee held a Charity Sale at the Academy Bar which was very well attended for the time of year. Items on sale were golf bits and pieces from lost property, books, handbags and a selection of delicious cakes baked and donated by members and friends of the Ladies Section. Throughout the preceding week Brian Evans arm-twisted many of the men in to a €10 raffle donation for the miscellany of golf clubs and raised €500. Further revenue came from a raffle, on the day, for a special cake depicting the 8th green of Olives kindly donated

by Vera, the wife of Ricardo in reception. David Adamson was the lucky winner and he'll be able to satisfy his family's pangs for sweetmeats for quite a few days!

The ladies who played a Fourball Better Ball Matchplay competition in the morning helped to boost the funds afterwards by "going shopping" around the stalls. When the final tally came in, we were absolutely delighted to learn that our combined efforts had raised a total of €1746 on the day. This will be added to the amount already collected, to purchase items for the Casa Da Primeira Infancia, "Os Miudos", Centro de Acolhimento Temporario in Loule... a Children's Home which offers refuge to battered and/or abused children from birth to 12 years of age who have been taken into care until places can be found in orphanages or foster homes. My sincere thanks go to the committee, all those who contributed and those who attended on the day to help make it such a worthwhile success.

I presented the ASCA Home for the Elderly in Almancil, my other chosen charity, with a cheque for €2983.50 this month to pay for much needed new bed linen. As you'd expect the

donation was very much appreciated, and they were also delighted when I delivered the unsold cakes from the Charity Sale to add a little extra to their afternoon snack.

We will be holding the Madrinha Greensomes trophy on the 14th March. The aim of this competition is to enable higher handicap ladies to play golf in a competitive situation with lower/more experienced players and help them understand how the rules and etiquette of golf apply on the course. If you would like to enter but are unable to visit the club beforehand to add your name to the sign up sheet, please let me know. The draw will be made on Monday, the 12th March.

Thought for the month

There are two things you can learn by stopping your back-swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove!

Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

The Greensome Competition of 19th February proved very popular despite what we thought of it as a difficult format. It was another wonderful sunny day for our forty six competitors and the scores, as ever, were excellent.

In first place on Corks/Olives were Thérèse van Doorn and Ken Irving with a magnificent 44 points closely followed with 42 points by Susie Hobday and John Mullins. On Pines/Corks Meg Black and Jürgen Ternieden triumphed with 43 points.

Three couples had 36 points but with a better back 6 Yvonne White and Malcolm Hanson were in second place.

We had fifty for supper which brought a lovely "buzz" to the restaurant.

Our next competition - a Team Game – will be on March 11th. Everyone is most welcome.

Interclub by Christian Holst

Thank you so far to everyone who has put their names on the list or otherwise confirmed their availability for matches. We always need more candidates so do not hesitate to put your name down when the lists are up. Our first match will be played on 8th March against Vilamoura at home. We then have two away matches against Morgado on the 14th March and Palmares on the 29th March.

By the time you read this I expect the result for the first match is ready but otherwise not much to report since last time.

PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

Recently I've had a lot of short game lessons where the pupils have had very different opinions on where the ball should be in relation to the type of shot.

For the right handed player if you want the ball to go higher, position the ball towards your left foot.

For the lower shot, put the ball position further back towards your right foot, as this reduces the loft on the clubface. This simple thought process is true for most short game shots!

Good luck!!!

Forthcoming Events February and March 2012

Fri 2nd March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sat 3rd March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sun 4th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
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
Mon 2nd April	Ladies AGM
Wed 4th April	Ladies Day
Thurs 5th April	Golf AGM
Sat 7th April	Spring Medal
Sun 8th April	Easter Scramble
Tues 10th April	APPA AGM and APPA Competition
Wed 11th April	Ladies Day
Sat 14th April	Strokeplay Championship
Sun 15th April	Strokeplay Championship
Wed 18th April	Ladies Day
Sat 21st April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd April	St. George April Stableford
Wed 25th April	Ladies Day
Sat 28th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 29th April	18 Holes Social Golf