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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Markey

It's hard to believe it's only a month since my drive-in and Brian is already talking about my Captains day, which takes place on Saturday 2nd June.

The month of May is a busy time for the club, with the annual Ben Hogan tournament taking place this weekend, Friday 11th - Saturday 12th. This year it's Quinta's turn to host us for the barbecue on the Saturday and hopefully by then we will have won the tournament for the fourth year in a row. I certainly don't want to lose it on my watch!

My goal as your Captain is to play with as many members as possible. My last trip saw me play 15 rounds of golf in 17 days, one of the highlights was playing with the "cloggies", a group formed by Michael Van Doorn which now has over 40 participants.

We also had our first committee meeting and I decided to give responsibilities to certain members to make sure your concerns were being taken into consideration. Graeme Thomson will liaise with the course staff, and Roy Baddeley and I will deal with George and Rui on all Club functions held in Pinheiros.

I intend to work closely with Therese and Graeme to deal with any queries from any members.

If you have a problem with any aspect of the Club I would urge you to talk directly to Brian or Christophe rather than just talk about it!

A number of members contacted Iain Callaghan as to why we have to play the likes of the Mixed Pairs Matchplay over a weekend as, in their opinion, the event has become more of an endurance test rather than a golf competition. We discussed this in great detail at committee with Brian and Christophe, and unfortunately decided we had no bright alternative so will leave things as they are for the moment.

Other issues raised were the Newsletter and the fact that some members are not able to access it. There are now notices throughout the Club advertising the www.pinheirosaltos.com/members/golf-newsletters but then if you are reading this you already know!

I hope you are all delighted with the refurbishment of the clubhouse, it looks great.

Finally, the sign up sheet for my Captains day is now on the board. The date again is June 2nd and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this event.



Captain's Day
Saturday 2nd June 2012

**Sign up sheet is now on the notice board
or you may enter by contacting the Golf Office.**

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Even after a busy Easter the tournaments just kept coming!

The APPA (Pinheiros Altos Owners Association) Tournament attracted a large field of 52 players with 64 attending dinner in the Clubhouse. Roger Kitson presented the prizes with Peter Newbald winning the APPA Trophy with a best of the day 35 pts, from David Pirret with 33 pts. Sumbaline Waters took the Ladies by the narrowest of margins (best last 6 holes) from Eva Lamaison, both having 32 pts.



APPA Trophy winner Peter Newbald and best Lady Sumbaline Waters with APPA President Roger Kitson

The Strokeplay Championship again proved how demanding the Pinheiros Altos golf course can be in a 36 hole medal scenario... and how exciting the game of golf can be even if it's not Tiger Woods and Rory McKilroy playing!

Tim Russell, three shots ahead of John Waters and safely on the island green 8th Olives (their 35th hole), must have thought he was home and dry (literally!)... but then John produced the shot of the tournament, hitting a 7 iron into the hole for the first ever hole-in-one in the Stropkeplay Championship. When Tim missed his putt for a birdie his lead was reduced to a solitary stroke with the last hole to play.

Unfortunately for John, what he had managed to do from 145 yards with a 7 iron on the previous hole he could not do from 12 inches with a putter on the last green and his chances of a

play off evaporated, leaving Tim the very worthy and relieved Club Champion.

The Ladies Championship was won by Sally Evans, who took the title by two shots from an ever improving Susan Russell. As the congregation gathered for the prize giving, Sally revealed that her victory had come despite her golf director husband disturbing her preparation for the event with his snoring! "I thought you might all like to know!"



Mens and Ladies Strokeplay Champions Tim Russell and Sally Evans



The Captain and Lady Captain with mens runner up John Waters who achieved a hole in one at the 8th Olives



The Ladies Championship runner up Susan Russell received her prize



By far the best nett performance of the weekend goes to Denise Reed.

At the AGM the Captain mentioned his idea to try and integrate the Wednesday groups by staging a monthly Wed Stableford competition. The winners of each monthly event would then play off at the end of his year in office and the overall winner would win a fantastic trip for two to the K Club (more about the K Club later!) in Ireland.

While the objectives behind this proposal were heartfelt, Christophe and I thought that the logistics of organising this event would be one tournament too far. So after discussing it with the Captain he has decided to offer the same great prize to the winner of a play off between all the Club Stableford (which take place on a Sunday) winners between April 2012 and March 2013 (inclusive). This means that Diana Collins is the first qualifier for these play offs with her 36 pts in the St. Georges Day April Stableford. Let's hope that the offer of this terrific prize attracts more and more members to play in the Club Stableford competitions irrespective of which group you normally play in! (the next Club Stableford will take place on Sunday 20th May).

Christophe and I spent two days (seemed like a week!) at the K Club with a group of Pinheiros Altos members, hosted by the Pinheiros Altos Captain Mr. David Markey.

"It was great craic," as the locals would say, with good food and too much to drink... and even though it was cold we stayed dry, which for Ireland is a minor miracle! I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and Christophe to thank the Captain and his wife Mai for their fantastic hospitality.

The golf was secondary to the socialising and I have no doubt that the same might be said of this years' Captains Day at Pinheiros Altos!



Gerry Higginson celebrates his birthday



Brian and Christophe look for ideas for the Pinheiros Altos Clubhouse



The group unwind after a hard day at the office!

The sign up sheet for Captains Day on the 2nd June is now on the notice board outside the golf reception and I have absolutely no doubt that it will be a day to remember.

No sooner will we have played Captains Day than Gala Week will be on the horizon.

Work is continuing on the Clubhouse and I hope you like the colour combinations (we are not using the chocolate brown which appeared on the columns at the entrance).



All present and correct the group gather around Pinheiros Altos Club Captain and K Club member David Markey

The golf course is in good shape, except for some weeds in the fairways which Sesinando will be treating when his super dooper new product arrives. Do not confuse this with the kikuyu grass which is gradually taking over from the Bermuda grass and which we are cultivating.

The buggy storage shed which was destroyed in November last year by the storm has now been repaired and re designed to be used as an additional golf academy facility.

Sunshine Classic Gala Week

“Hollywood Shoot Out” and “The Oscars Gala Dinner”

A 72 Hole Stableford Tournament for Pairs
Sponsored by PINHEIROS ALTOS

For entry forms please contact the Golf Club Office.



**22nd - 28th
July 2012**

Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Mon 2nd	9 Holes Greensome Stableford	Sally Ward Adrienne Buth	21 Pts (BB3)	Barbara Fletcher Ann Tucker Brown	21 Pts
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Medal	1st Division Hilary Jessop	74 Nett	1st Division Susan Russell	74 Nett
		2nd Division Adrienne Buth	76 Nett	2nd Division Lisa Burns	77 Nett
Sat 7th	Spring Medal	Daniel Waters	67 Nett	Sumbaline Waters	68 Nett

Competition Results for April cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 8th	Easter Scramble	Tim Russell Susan Russell Paul Cotterill Melody Cotterill Philip Goodman	-17	David Markey Mai Markey Jordan Markey Karl Markey Helen Fahy	-15
Tues 10th	APPA Competition	Men Owner		Men Owner	
		Peter Newbald	35 Pts	Peter Newbald	33 Pts
		Ladies Owner		Ladies Owner	
		Sumbaline Waters	32 Pts	Sumbaline Waters	32 Pts
		Non Owner	(bb6 13)	Non Owner	
		Ken Irving	34 Pts	Ken Irving	33 Pts
Wed 11th	Ladies Day Matchplay 4 ball better ball				
Sat 14th	Strokeplay	Tim Russell	82 - 86 = 168	John Waters	82 - 87 = 169
Sun 15th	Championship	Sally Evans	88 - 88 = 176	Susan Russell	91 - 87 = 178
Wed 18th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	1st Division		1st Division	
		Janine van de Ree	36 Pts	Hilary Jessup	35 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Jenny Harrison	33 Pts (bbn)	Lubna Cater	33 Pts
Sun 22nd	St. George's Stableford	Diana Collins	36 Pts	Nigel Collins	35 Pts
Wed 25th	Ladies Day Non Qualifying Stableford mixed handicaps	Corks to Olives:		Corks to Olives:	
		Liz Beal	38 Pts	Helen Mills	37 Pts
		Olives to Pines:		Olives to Pines:	
		Sally Evans	37 Pts	Hilary Jessup	35 Pts

Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn

Well the first month is over, time flies...

The 2nd April was the Ladies AGM, where I received my black bag as a symbol of the burden to carry for this year (thanks to Denise).

After the AGM was my Drive-in and I was relieved to produce a decent one with all eyes looking at me! Margo knew exactly where to put her flag to win my drive-in prize.

My drive-in was followed by a 9 holes Greensome with a shotgun start so we could all celebrate together by drinking a glass of "bubbles", tea/coffee, whilst indulging in some pretty, and heartily tasty, cakes. It was nice to see that there were so many ladies to support the day.

The 4th of April was the monthly medal where the 1st card for the eclectic could be played.

The eclectic competition will be calculated this year over the Gross Scores. For the Nett Prizes the handicap will be deducted at the end of the competition. An overview of the Gross and Nett scores (calculated with the present playing handicap) will be displayed monthly on the information board in the Ladies Locker room.

The idea is to play more matchplay competitions this year, with mixed handicaps. This happened on the 11th of April with a 4 ball better ball. The losers had to pay for the drinks of their opponents.

On the 14th and 15th was the Strokeplay championship and it's always difficult to maintain your score, or to fight back playing over two days. It's also interesting playing from different tee positions (we should practice that more). Sally Evans played very good and steady golf over the two days and deserved to win. Congratulations Sally! Susan Russell was a very good Runner Up... whilst Denise Reed won the Nett Prize. Well done Ladies.

On the 18th April was the Qualifying Stableford and there was also the possibility to play a first eclectic with a medal round for the ones who missed the opportunity before. Claire Bamber who played her 1st eclectic round scored an EAGLE on the 7th of Corks. Congratulations with that score Claire, nobody will be able to better that one!!!

The last Wednesday of the month was a Non Qualifying stableford with mixed handicaps. These tournaments will be played so that higher handicap players can hopefully learn from the experience of playing with lower handicap ladies who they might not normally play with.

The 30th April saw our first Ladies friendly match against the Clube de Levante at the beautiful Quinta de Ria course. Unfortunately we lost by 3 matches to 2, but it was a very nice away day.

This month we have been very lucky with the weather and all the matches could be played.

In the first weeks I had some difficulties with all the computer work but with the help of Cristina, in the golf office and Adrienne Buth, I have learned and I am now able to send out the draw!

Director of Golf comment:

"When the Lady Captain wrote that she was having some difficulties with her computer work it reminded me of this card I received from a good friend, who knew that the iPad I received for my birthday was still in its wrapper! It definitely sums up my IT skills!"



On behalf of the Ladies of Pinheiros Altos I would like to wish David Markey a very good year, he has certainly started it in style with his drive-in Texas Scramble and the splendid lunch for so many members that followed. I think I am lucky to be sharing my year as Lady Captain with him!

s with 95 points were Keith Hirst,
on and Sandra Seddon. Jorge and
ce supper which we all enjoyed...
a Yellow Ball competition on the

Since last time we have played 4 more matches – away against Levante (Quinta da Ria) and Vilamoura, and home against Salgados and Vila Sol.

I believe we have a very good chance to be in the running this year.

Entry lists for the matches will be posted in good time before each match. If you are not around and would like to be considered, feel free to contact me by other means or through the golf reception.

I also reiterate that for those of you interested in following the league, there is a quite informative website:
www.interclubalgarve.com

PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

Uphill and Downhill Lies

We are all guilty. Rushing in to play a shot thinking it is a flat lie and then topping or thinning the ball. Try to stick to some simple but effective rules:

- 1) Use the golf club across your shoulders to help line them up parallel to the slope (very important point!)
- 2) Uphill – narrow stance
Downhill – wide stance
- 3) Stick to a central ball position for both. It avoids complications with the alignment.
- 4) Never try to hit too hard. Take less loft uphill, a little more loft downhill and hit calmly.

Sorry, we don't have anywhere to practice on the driving range but do your best the next time you play the course.



Forthcoming Events February and March 2012

Wed 2nd May	Ladies Day
Sat 5th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th May	May Medal
Wed 9th May	Ladies Day
Fri 11th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL
Sat 12th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL
Wed 16th May	Ladies Day
Fri 18th May	Ladies Past Captain day
Sat 19th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th May	May Stableford
Wed 23rd May	Ladies Day
Fri 25th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sat 26th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sun 27th May	18 Holes Social Golf and Final of the Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Wed 30th May	Ladies Day
Sat 2nd June	Captain's Day
Wed 6th June	Ladies Day
Sat 9th June	Mens Roll up
Sun 10th June	Portugal Vs The rest of the World
Wed 13th June	Lady Captains Day
Sat 16th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers
Sun 17th June	June Medal
Wed 20th June	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th June	Seniors Championship, President's Putter and June Stableford
Wed 27th June	Ladies Day
Sat 30th June	Mens Roll Up