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Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Markey

My Captain's Day on June 2nd was a shotgun start at 9.30. We had 102 players and the day was glorious, the buggy bar was kindly sponsored by my Vice-Captain Graeme Thomson and Jorge produced some excellent food on the course.

Some fantastic scores were recorded on the day considering the course was playing so tough.

The evening commenced with a champagne reception sponsored by my very good friend Phillip Hardie, which was followed by the prize giving.

The Captain's prize was won with a magnificent score of 40pts by none other than our Lady Captain, Thérèse Van Doorn. Tim Russell won the best gross and others to feature were Denise Reed, Sally Evans, Mai Markey, Kieran Nagle, Remo Cherubini and Ann Copestake. My guest, Jim O-my-honey as Brian called him at the presentation, won the guest prize with 33pts.

We had 122 for dinner, with Jorge and Rui surpassing themselves with a superb 5 star meal. The room was decorated in green, and the meal comprised of a special "Jubilee Dessert" to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The evening was completed with music from Eurovision winner Paul Harrington, followed by DJ Mike. Mind you the dancing started at 9-15 with Kay Ford leading the charge to the dance floor!

The atmosphere in the room was electric and we finally stopped dancing at 1-30. I would like to thank everyone who played and those of you who joined us for dinner. It was a fantastic day for me and my family.

May had been a very busy golfing month with Quinta do Lago getting the better of Pinheiros Altos for the first time in four years in the Annual Ben Hogan Challenge Match. This

of course shattered my "street cred" as Captain, but I put the whole experience down to diplomacy! The atmosphere at the post match bbq held at Quinta do Lago was superb and we are hoping to arrange one or two more joint events each year between the two Clubs.



David Markey reluctantly presents the trophy to the Captain of Quinta do Lago GC Mr. Geoffrey Garbutt.

Then there was the Mixed Pairs Championship, which was played over three days. The winners were Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst, who beat Hilary and Martin Jessup by 2 and 1.

The presentation was attended by over 60 members. In my opinion, both the Mixed Pairs and Captain's Day we're hugely successful events for the Club. This is entirely due to Brian, Christophe and the staff in PA who go about their jobs in such an efficient manner, nothing is ever a problem!

We are going to produce the Club Diary again this year. This was the brainchild of Shona Callaghan and raised €3,500 for her charity. I am delighted to report that Shona and Iain have agreed to take on the task of producing it again this year. It is our intention to have it out by the end of November.

This month, we will also have the Lady Captain's day on June 13th, I would like to wish Thérèse the best of luck. Later that week on Saturday, 16th June, the Hillbillies and Sandancers will once again battle it out for glory.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Joe the Pro on his upcoming birthday. Joe, who turns 80 on the 21st June is a great character within the Club. Over 80 guests attended a celebration dinner for him, including wife Shirley and youngest daughter Nicki, before he flew back to the UK to celebrate his official birthday; where his whole family will be joining him from all corners of the globe. The Algarve event was organised by Iain Callaghan, Andy Watkins and Geoff Stott. One of the highlights of the

evening was a video tribute to Joe by some special guests which proved to be very emotional. Chris Hales presented Joe with the "Joe the Pro Famous Grouse Trophy" which was played for the following day and won by Geoff Stott and Simon Stuart. This Trophy will now be played for annually. Well done to everyone involved.

Before I sign off, don't forget to register early for Gala Week, this year the theme is "Hollywood and the Oscars" If you want to win an Oscar then start planning your outfits now.

By the way, there is no truth in the rumour that I am coming as Snow White!



David and Mai Markey



Angela, Karl and Rebecca Markey



Best man of Captain's Day Tim Russell



Best Ladies net prize with 38 pts Denise Reed



Remo Cherubini took mens 3rd place net with 36 pts



Nils and Janet Leffler



Christophe Rindlisbacher with Jan Dickson



Sylvia and John Mullins with Marie Monahan



David and Kay Ford



Knut Pederson, Michiel van Doorn and Roy Baddeley



Lynsey Thomson, Jim and Esme McRae with Fiona and Graeme Thomson

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Captain's Day was a great success and I would like to congratulate Mr. David Markey and his wife Mai for organising such a special day. There was tremendous support for a very hard working Captain.

The Mixed Fourball attracted the largest field in its short history, producing some exciting and unexpected results. However, in the end the cream rose to the top with Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst taking the title by 2 and 1 from Martin and Hilary Jessup. It has been decided to extend this event to four days next year; allowing even more teams to enter and so the older members can recover between matches!!!



Winners of the Mixed Matchplay Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst



"Joe the Pro" with Geoff Stott



Joe's Wife Shirley and youngest daughter Nicki



The Captain with Joe and Brian



Chris Hales presents Joe with the "Joe the Pro's Famous Grouse Trophy"

The Captain has sponsored a very generous prize which will be awarded to the winner of a play off between all the Club Stableford winners. The May qualifier was 3 handicap Jeff Archer who now joins Diana Collins in that March 2013 play off.

I was very privileged to be amongst the 70 or so who attended the party to celebrate Joe the Pro's 80th Birthday. I first met Joe in 1978 in Hong Kong where he was the Club Professional; I have admired and respected him ever since and am proud to call him a friend. Happy Birthday Joe!

Florida Golf is sponsoring the Club Eclectic competition where scores from Club Medals played on Pines to Corks throughout the year will count. Gross and net prizes are available for both

men and ladies. Peter Harrison has made a very fast start and already has an eclectic gross score of 64, but there is a long way to go!

The competitors in the Captain's prize were full of compliments about the condition of the course and Sesinando and his staff deserve all the credit.

There is a new path on the 9th Corks to match the recently opened path on the 1st Olives. Next on the agenda is to take out the bunker in the middle of the 8th fairway on Corks and move it to the left. The plan is to have this work finished for Gala Week which starts on Sunday 22nd July.

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 May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Medal	1st Division Sally Evans	76 Nett	1st Division Thérèse v Doorn	79 Nett
Sun 6th	May Medal	Tony Hickey	72 Nett	Jenny Harrison	74 Nett (bb9)
Wed 9th	Ladies Day	Matchplay			
Fri 11th Sat 12th	Ben Hogan Trophy PA vs QdL	Quinta do Lago	23 ½	Pinheiros Altos	16 ½
Wed 16th	Ladies Day	1st Division Sally Evans	37 Pts	1st Division Nancy Schofield	33 Pts
		2nd Division Shirley Griffiths	37 Pts	2nd Division Vera Watkins	35 Pts
Fri 18th	Ladies Past Captain's Day	Shirley Griffiths	32 Pts		
Sun 20th	May Stableford	Jeff Archer	38 Pts	Christian Holst	37 Pts
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Fun Competition	Pines to Corks: Ineke Goossens, Jeannette Sohler, Jan Dickson			68 Pts
		Corks to Olives: Win Walton, Josie Waddington, Adrienne Buth			67 Pts
Fri 25th - Sun 27th	Mixed Pairs Matchplay	Rie Cherubini Christian Holst		Martin Jessup Hilary Jessup	
Wed 30th	Ladies Day	Matchplay			

Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn

After many dry months May brought us some rain we really needed.

The 2nd May when we had our medal round, only the first division played 18 holes as the second division decided not to start in the rain. Nancy Schofield won the medal.

On the 9th we had a two ball better ball matchplay competition and on 16th a Qualifying stableford, where Sally Evans scored an eagle on the 4th of pines!!! She won the competition in the first division with 37 points. Shirley Griffiths won the second division, also with 37 points.

The Ben Hogan competition against Quinta the Lago was good fun and played in a very friendly atmosphere. Unfortunately we were not able to win the Trophy again. Everybody fought hard and it was a pity that we could not win more matches at home. Perhaps we'll have to embark on a special training camp next year to try to get the Trophy back!!

The 18th May was the date for the past Lady Captain's Day competition. It was special to play in this event as the Past Lady Captain, while also being the present one! Shirley Griffiths won the competition for the first time with 32 stableford points. Only two of the past lady captain's were not present, as Marian

Jenkins, who was unfortunately injured, attended only for the lunch.



The Ladies Past Captain's Tournament won by Shirley Griffiths.

We played the waltz 1-2-3 on the 23rd May. A fun team game where good scores were made.

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

Something a little different and a bit of fun and enjoyment, that's what we endeavour to provide through our monthly Social Golf Competitions and this month, it was certainly different!

For a start, our event coincided with the final of the Mixed Pairs Matchplay competition. With quite a number of the less optimistic competitors putting their names down for both events, the final draw couldn't be made until late Saturday afternoon... and that's before last minute changes on Sunday morning.

The format was a team competition, Yellow Ball, which in itself is enough to send pressure tremors through the psyche of the players responsible when it's their turn for the dreaded but double scoring yellow ball.

Never one to miss out on an opportunity, our Director of Golf, Brian imposed a high noon "shotgun" start (a first for Social Golf) to align with the start of the Mixed Pairs Final, ensuring a sizeable audience was present to acknowledge and applaud the winners and, of course, the worthy runners-up at

The new format for the Mixed Matchplay brought more entries and therefore it also became a fitness contest!

Most of the matches went to the last holes and some beyond. Peter Harrison and myself were knocked out in the first round by Adrienne Buth and Knut Pederson, who played very well together. On Sunday the final was played between Hilary and Martin Jessup and Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst, all good matchplay players. Rie and Christian won on the 17th. Well played and Congratulations to both the runners up and the Winners!!

The last and fifth Wednesday of the month was again a Matchplay Better Ball competition.

Next month is another busy month with lots of different competitions. The Lady Captain's Day is the 13th and I hope there will be many ladies able to play in it.

the presentation on the terrace, prior to supper. Incidentally the word **shotgun** is in inverted commas as it never actually went off, leaving some teams at a bit of a loss and deferring their start for 5 plus minutes or so!

Some 37 players, including the Captain, Lady Captain and the Vice Captain took part in the Yellow Ball competition, and we were pleased that the Mixed Pairs runners-up, Martin and Hilary Jessup, joined us for an excellent supper (well done Rui & team!) and prize-giving.

First prizes went to the team made up of Paula Burke, Thérèse van Doorn, Roy Baddeley and Albert Sohier, which scored a massive 154 points and the runners-up, with a very credible 144 points were Tony Hickey, Marion Hill, Jeannette Sohier and Brian Scott.

The next Social Golf, on Sunday 1st July will be a Two Ball Better Ball Competition with hidden partners and will be organised by Roy Baddeley and TBA!

Interclub by Christian Holst

We have played three matches since last time; Penina and Levante (Quinta da Ria) at home and Serra de Monchique (Silves) away.

Due to a rules decision still pending with the Committee, the result against Penina is still not ready as I am writing this, but otherwise we won at home against Levante (a bit less than I was hoping for) and lost more or less as expected away against Silves. On the morning of the last match against Levante, one of the team members had to pull out at short notice due to a back injury. Following a rather unsuccessful phone scramble early in the morning I would like to thank the Captain (who had come down to watch the match) to act as reserve on very short notice. He and his partner won their match! As far as I am concerned the lesson learnt is to have an "early bird" on standby for future matches.

We are currently still on top of our Division, but as before the number of matches played still vary considerably. Considering scoring averages both home and away, we need to catch up a bit against Levante and possibly one or two other teams, but I still believe we have a very good chance to be in the running this year.

Entry lists for the two remaining matches (both at home) before the summer break are now posted and as always, 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 to follow the league there is a quite informative website: www.interclubalgarve.com

PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

How many people have a pre-shot routine for their putting? I bet not many! A routine will help you feel confident and breed consistency into your putting.

Here is a simple routine:

- 1) Stand beside the ball and make 2 practise swings.
- 2) Now address the ball and look at the hole to gauge the distance. Once you have done this get your eyes focused on the ball and make the stroke. (be careful as the longer you take to make the stroke your feel for the distance will diminish)

Forthcoming Events June and July 2012

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
Sun 1st July	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 4th July	Ladies Day
Sat 7th July	Mens Roll Up
Wed 11th July	Ladies Day
Sat 14th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15th July	July Stableford
Wed 18th July	Ladies Day
Sat 21st July	Summer Medal
Sun 22nd July	Practise and Registration
Mon 23rd July	Four Ball Best Ball
Tue 24th July	Greensomes
Wed 25th July	Shoot Out 5 p.m.
Thu 26th July	American Foursomes
Fri 27th July	Scramble
Sat 28th July	Gala Dinner
Tues 31st July	Junior Open

GALA WEEK