

# Altos *news*

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

*This month we celebrate the 100 edition of the Pinheiros Altos Newsletter. We owe great thanks to former Club Captain Mr. Bill Copestake for introducing the concept which resulted in the 1st edition being issued in May 2004. The aim then, as now, is to inform the membership of all the comings and goings within the club and I hope you continue to enjoy your newsletter.*

## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Markey

The month of July is synonymous with Gala Week and this year's theme was Hollywood. The weather was unusual, with a nice breeze making the golf very pleasurable.

The shotgun start created a fun atmosphere in the clubhouse, with many of us taking the opportunity to socialise each day. This year I teamed up with my son Karl; while our golf left a lot to be desired, we enjoyed it none the less. What makes the week so special is you get the chance to meet new members and make new friends. It was great to see so many young people participate in the golf this year; they are the future of the club! While Monday and Tuesday were challenging, Wednesday was the day most of us looked forward too. Out in force were Pirates of the Caribbean, Alice in Wonderland and the Mad-hatter, we also had James Bond, Tom Cruise, Marilyn Monroe, The Incredible Hulk and the King and I. The Emerald City came to Pinheiros with both the Markeys and the Hardies being the Wizard of Oz. Mind you I think I was a much sexier Dorothy!!

The staff at PA certainly embraced the theme led by Jack Sparrow and Will Turner aka Brian and Christophe. The buggies this year were fantastic with the Thomsons, Bentleys and Reeds winning prizes for their creativity. The Shootout was won by Paul Cotterill and Philip Goodman, who beat John Linley and Sally Evans in a putt-off after both finished with a six on the 9th of Olives. Afterwards we all headed off to the clubhouse for the barbecue and it was great to see so many of us staying in costume. The food and music were fantastic and the clubhouse was absolutely rocking. I swear I saw Christophe walking the plank, but I could not be certain! It felt a little weird dancing in red slippers wearing my Dorothy dress, but after looking round the dance floor I need not have worried, as half of the cast of Hollywood were in dresses! Caesar was also dancing with his army of followers as was the dreaded Blackbeard and Barbossa (or Andy and Alan to their friends). The master stroke by Brian, changing the Thursday competition to 1.30pm, helped everyone

cope with their hangovers. Despite the late night, the scores were good with many teams in contention on Friday.

The red carpet and the host of stars in reception created a great buzz on Oscar night. The Paparazzi were out in force as the stars sipped Champagne and waited to be photographed with PA celebrities Meryl Streep, Al Pacino, Kate Winslet, Graeme Thomson and Vernon Reed. Next up was the prize giving, winners and losers waited for Brian to announce who won the gOLFSCARS! I want to congratulate Joel and Richard on retaining the trophy and wish Joel the best of luck with his golfing career. On presenting the prizes, it was encouraging to see how much young talent we have at Pinheiros. In the years ahead many of these young men will represent the club at different levels. The prize winners for the Shootout and the best costume and buggy was also acknowledged on the night.

After all the gOLFSCARS were awarded, we had dinner and then music. George, Rui and Nuno deserve our thanks and appreciation for a superb meal both on Wednesday and Saturday.

I want to thank Paul and Linda Dixon for their generous prize which helped to raise the grand total of €4000 through the week for the Fire Appeal. It was surreal playing the course on Tuesday whilst helicopters fought to save the surrounding houses and properties. The flames gave us some perspective of the devastation that fire brings.

Finally, Gala Week just doesn't happen... it takes weeks of planning and organisation.

On your behalf I would like to thank Brian, Christophe and all the staff for making the week so special for everyone. On a personal note, I would like to thank my family for their on-going support during my Captaincy.



Bentley, the high class private



Hywel Ford and Charlie Ballard



Graham, Eva and Valerie



Cesar, Marilyn, Dorothy and pirate



Bollywood



David and Mai Markey



Bollywood parade

Cristina, Monica and Ana





Bollywood group



Linda Bentley and Richard Aspin



Paul & Linda Dixon



Kay Ford, Christine Soden, Iyn Cannuall,  
Margo Fletcher and Paul Whiteley



Marky Family



Richard Aspin, Philip Hardie and Gwene Thomason



The Family Cesar !



Shout Out Winners Paul & James Cotterill, Philip Goodman with Brian  
Evans Runner up Sally Evans and John Linley







Jim Cranwell



Mai Markey, Bernadette Hardie and Fiona Thom-



Tweedle Dum & tweedle Dee with white rabbit and cheshire cat



Sally Evans



Virgilio, José, Afseu and Roger



Susan Russell



Who will be take after

# Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Gala Week is over for another year and having read the Captains Intro it leaves little for me to add, except to say that we must thank everyone who took part in the tournament, as without them it would never happen. I'd also like to thank everyone for their superb generosity in giving to our chosen charity. We have tried to include as many photographs of the event as possible in the Newsletter, but all competitors have a dvd which they can collect from the golf office and we will be including even more photographs in the September edition of the newsletter.

I must thank Rebecca and Karl Markey who had so much input into the event and my golf staff for their tremendous work throughout the week, especially Christophe, Cristina and Rosa. The event includes so much detail and without their help any success would be impossible.

I thought the greens were a little slow this year and it was difficult to make the transition from old to new, which I think is why the scoring in general was slightly higher than in recent Gala Weeks.

Also, the bunker on the 8th Corks was not quite ready so was marked as Ground Under Repair, making the hole almost too easy!



Pinheiros Altos is again supporting the ON COURSE FOUNDATION by staging an AM/AM competition on the 6th November 2012. Vale da Pinta (Friday 9th November) and Boavista (Saturday 10th November) are also staging similar events and we would like to see as many Pinheiros Altos members as possible donating and participating in these worthwhile competitions.

For more information please check the Pinheiros Altos notice board or ask at the Golf Reception or Golf Office.

August will be relatively quiet on the golf course while the madness of the Summer holidays hits the Algarve, but September sees the delayed Hillbillies and Sanddancers, the Matchplay Championship and the Ryder Cup; so take a break and prepare yourself to come back in September with all guns blazing!

The sign up sheets are already on the board for all the above events, so I hope you can participate.

## Junior Open

Congratulations to Daniel Waters on winning the Pinheiros Altos Junior Open with a gross score of 80. This came after he and his partner David Wood took the gross team prize in the Pinheiros Altos Gala Week. It is not difficult to see why he has been so successful when you look at the accompanying photograph of his golf swing. Well done Daniel!



*Daniel Waters winning the Pinheiros Altos Junior Open*



# Competition Results for July

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 4th	Ladies Day	<b>1st Division</b> Hilary Jessup	74 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Ann Copestake	75 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Adrienne Buth	76 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Shirley Griffiths	77 Nett
Wed 11th	Ladies Day	4 Ball Better Ball Matchplay			
Sun 15th	July Stableford	Robert Lester	40 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> )	Sally Evans	40 Nett
Wed 18th	Ladies Day Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Melaura Parker	36 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> )	<b>1st Division</b> Christine Soden	36 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Barbara Fletcher	34 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> )	<b>2nd Division</b> Jenny Harrison	34 Pts
Wed 20th	Summer Medal	P J O'Regan	70 Nett	Tim Russell	71 Nett
Tues 31st	Junior Open	Daniel Waters	80 Gross		

## Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn

The heat of the summer was there with the fires all over Portugal and really close by.

I missed it all being in Holland playing my yearly golf trophy (for the 23rd time!!) with my golf girlfriends.

The month started with the usual medal round won in the 1st division by Hilary Jessup with the score of 74 nett and in the 2nd division by Adrienne Buth with the nett score of 76. Congratulations to them!

The ladies of Clube de Levante (Qta de Ria) visited us on the 9th of July for the return match. We had our revenge and won the match by 4 to 1.

On the 11th of July we played a 4 ball better ball matchplay; afterwards Adrienne Buth translated a passage from the Portuguese Golf Federation magazine that highlighted the

differences between matchplay and strokeplay. A copy is still hanging in the ladies locker room and is very interesting to read.

The 18th of July was the Qualifying Stableford, all played on Pines and Corks so that everybody could play another eclectic card if they wished.

The winner in the 1st division was Melaura Parker scoring 36 pts with a b.b.n. on Christine Soden.

Barbara Fletcher won the 2nd Division contest, scoring 34 pts with a b.b.n. on Jenny Harrison. Well done!

And then there was GALAWEEK...

## APPA AUTUMN SOCIAL EVENT

The 2012 APPA Autumn Social Event will take place at Don Camillo's Restaurant, Rua Cristovao Norte, Almancil, 8135-117; tel. 289 39 77 84 (on the left on the 'middle' road from Pinheiros Altos to Almancil). The evening will cost €45.00 per person, including wine.

There will be a reception at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner, music and tango dancers.

Places at the Event will be reserved for Pinheiros Altos owners, members of Pinheiros Altos Golf Club, and their guests, in the order in which payment is received by Cristina Fernandes at the Pinheiros Altos Golf Office.

Payments can be made in cash or by cheque denominated in Euros. They can also be made by direct transfer to APPA's bank account, in which case please contact Cristina for details (tel. 289 35 99 53 – email: cfernandes@pinheirosaltos.pt).

## PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

### Long Putting

Make a free, rhythmical stroke to develop a feel for distance

As you get farther from the hole, distance becomes more important than direction. Consequently, mechanics take a back seat to feel. Longer putts require a free range of motion on both the backswing and follow-through. As a result, your hands can be a little more flexible to impart a liberal amount of swing to your stroke. But that hand action isn't intentional or excessive. I simply let my wrists hinge naturally on the backswing.



## Forthcoming Events August and September 2012

Wed 1st Aug	Ladies Day
Thu 2nd Aug	9 Holes Social Golf
Sat 4th Aug	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th Aug	August Stableford
Wed 8th Aug	Ladies Day
Sat 11th Aug	Mens Roll Up
Wed 15th Aug	Ladies Day
Sat 18th Aug	Mens Roll Up
Sun 19th Aug	August Medal
Wed 22nd Aug	Ladies Day
Sat 25th Aug	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26th Aug	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 29th Aug	Ladies Day
Sat 1st Sept	Mens Roll up
Sun 2nd Sept	September Stableford
Wed 5th Sept	Ladies Day
Fri 7th Sept	Matchplay Championship
Sat 8th Sept	Matchplay Championship
Sun 9th Sept	Matchplay Championship
Wed 12th Sept	Ladies Day
Sat 15th Sept	Mens Roll Up
Sun 16th Sept	September Medal
Wed 19th Sept	Ladies Invitation Day
Sat 22nd Sept	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd Sept	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 26th Sept	Ladies Day
Fri 28th Sept	Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup
Sat 29th Sept	Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup
Sun 30th Sept	Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup