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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain

## - Mr. David Markey

Traditionally August is a quiet month, so I headed back to Dublin for a couple of weeks of R&R, I certainly needed it after Gala Week. I would also like to welcome back those of you who have just returned to the Algarve.

The Junior Open took place on Tuesday 7th at Pinheiros, with Daniel Walters winning the trophy. I was delighted to see so many young PA members taking part; my grandson, Jordan, played with James Cotterill and Bradley Linley and they all had a great time. Peter Ashdown deserves our thanks for all the work he puts in to the junior golf at the club. Daniel Walters has come through the junior golf school and now regularly challenges in club competitions. No doubt, we will see some of these junior members competing and winning in club events over the coming years.

The previous Sunday our August stableford was won by David Dixon, and the August medal by Rob Menzies with an incredible 64 net, equalling the course record set by Peter Harrison.

We had an 18 hole Social Golf competition on Sunday 26th with 32 players in attendance. The social golf offers members the chance to meet new friends and high handicappers are most welcome. The social committee does an excellent job on behalf of the club and I want to thank them sincerely for all their hard work.

The Hillbillies V Sanddancers annual match was played on Saturday 1st September. It was (as usual) great fun, Mai and I played with the Ladies Captain, Therese, and Michael Van Doorn. It was like the World Cup, Ireland v Holland, however just like the World Cup, the Dutch came out on top winning 2-1. The overall competition was won once again by the Hillbillies 10- 6 and the Cup was presented to Martin Murrish by Club President Walter Dickson after lunch. George provided us with an excellent meal and music followed.

We also had the Cotswold Hills team visit Pinheiros Altos for the Annual Challenge Match. The event which is now in its seventh year was started by John and Val Bayston, when John was Captain of Cotswold Hills. Pinheiros Altos won the first three years and Cotswold Hills have won the last three. This year we had six men's teams and three ladies' teams, Ross and I took on their Captain, Martin Pettit, playing off 6 and their Professional, James Latham. We had a close match, with Ross winning the Pro match and me halving the match. Despite our gallant efforts however, the matches ended in a draw 3-3 and

Cotswold Hills retained the Silver Salver. It was a pleasure to play with Ross and James, Ross shot 2 under par, what a player! He has now beaten James in their last two matches. We are looking at travelling over next year to play them at their course in Cheltenham, and taking in a race or two. I will keep you posted on this once we agree dates, times and costs.



*The Cotswold Hills Captain Mr. Martin Pettit receives Trophy from David Markey*

We also have the MCC team coming over next month to play PA in a challenge match. As I will be back in the Emerald Isle on business, vice Captain Graeme Thomson will Captain our team along with Neil Bamber who is co-ordinating the visit once again.

September is a very busy month with the Matchplay starting on the 7th, this event always brings out the top PA golfers and promises to be a great weekend; good luck to everyone taking part. We also have the Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup on the 28th, if you have not already signed up for this event, the notice is on the board. I have not played in this event in the past ten years as Mai and I have attended the Ryder Cup. I look forward to captaining the European team against Melaura Parker and her US team.

Finally, a number of former Captains and members have approached me about running some fundraising event to help some of the people who have been affected by the recent fires in the Algarve. During Gala week, we raised €4,500 thanks to the generosity of Paul and Linda Dixon, who provided a week at their home in York to auction for the disaster fund. I will talk to Brian and our committee about looking at the feasibility of holding an event in October. I will give you an update in the next newsletter, until then, enjoy your golf.



*Graham, Sally, the Captain and Hynel*



*Susan Russell and friends*



*Ryan and Bernadette with the Captain*



*Bernadette and Philip Hardie*



*Keith, the Captain, Vernon, Labna and Iain*



*Ford and co.*



*Nick and Anne Tucker-Brown*



*Brian and Christophe present the Captain the Ernie Els wine*





*A perfect theme for Denise and Vernon*



*Best buggy award goes to Linda Bentley*



*The winners Joel Collins and Stephen Wright*

*Gordon and Anne Davidson*



*The Captain up and away with Rhys and Steve*

*Julia, Lynsey, Nathalie and Angelina*



*Is it Ross?*



*Katie Burman and Kay Ford*

# Director of Golf - Monthly Report

August has been the expected quiet month after the madness of July, but it was also a chance to reflect on the success of Gala Week and how we can continue to develop it into an ever bigger and better event.

The fancy dress this year was amazing with so much effort going into the buggy decoration and costume design. No doubt that Linda Bentley, for the best buggy, and Fiona Thomson for the terrific work on her groups costumes, fully deserved their gOlfSCARS.

We have included many more photographs of this years event with the emphasis more on the prize presentations, but it was very difficult to leave out one or two from the Shoot out!

August did see the men's course record held by Peter Harrison equalled by Rob Menzies. His 68 gross, 64 nett came in the August Medal. You had to feel sorry for Nils Leffler who finally turned potential into performance and shot a nett 65, which would have won just about every event... except of course this one! Nils did take 2nd place and had 3.5 shots cut from his handicap though!

The 17th Hillbillies V Sanddancers tournament rearranged from June will take place on 1st September. This starts a hectic month of golf, with the Stableford on the 2nd, the Match Play Championship on the 7th, 8th and 9th, the Medal on the 16th and to cap it all off the Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos on the 28th, 29th and 30th. The real thing from Medinah, Chicago should be a great spectacle and we will have the Clubhouse set up so that you can watch every match on television after you have played your round at Pinheiros Altos.

Vice Captain Graeme Thomson and Social committee member Molly Wainwright have been busy arranging two joint Social Golf Events between PA and QdL. The one at PA will take place on the 4th November and the QdL event will be on the 17th February 2013. There will be 36 visiting members for each event and I will keep you posted with more details in next month's newsletter and on the notice boards.

We have now placed a back copy of all the PA Newsletters since April 2011 in the Members lounge for your perusal. Enjoy!



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.

## Interclub by Christian Holst

September arrived and we played our first match after the summer break against Palmares at home. With a 3 ½ vs 1 ½ win we are now 2nd in our division with 3 away matches left later in the month.

Whilst Serra de Monchique are favourites we still have an outside chance to win the division provided we have some good results away (and bonus points to be won).

Sheets are on the board for all remaining matches, or contact me directly if you are available. As a lot of regulars are here in September we should be able to field our strongest team!

Again, thanks to all of you as well as the Golf and Restaurant staff for your support.

# Competition Results for August

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Zoe Pirret	72 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans	74 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Molly Wainwright	67 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Linda Dixon	71 Nett
Sun 5th	August Stableford	David Dixon	37 Pts	John Scouler	36 Pts
Sun 8th	Ladies Day Stableford at San Lorenzo	Janine van Ree	37 Pts	Eva Lamaison	34 Pts
Wed 15th	Ladies Day August Stableford	Linda Dixon	38 Pts ( <i>bb3</i> )	Shirley Griffiths	38 Pts
Sun 19th	August Medal	Rob Menzies	64 Nett	Nils Leffler	65 Nett
Wed 22nd	Ladies Day Twoball better ball from back tees	Thérèse v Doorn Vera Watkins	41 Pts	Janine van de Ree Yvonne White	39 Pts
Wed 29th	Ladies Day Waltz 1-2-3 Stableford	<b>Course: Pines to Corks</b>			
		Janine van de Ree, Barbara Fletcher Pat Murrish			71 Pts
		<b>Course: Olives to Pines</b>			
		Thérèse van Doorn, Mai Markey, Sarah Hoeck, Jeannette Sohler			71 Pts

## Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn

August was a quiet month. Lots of members went home after a hectic and warm July, or had family and friends over to entertain. Golf was not high on the priority list.

However on the 1st August there were 15 members to play the monthly medal; Zoe Pirret won the first division with a nett 72. In the second division Molly Wainwright had a fantastic winning score of nett 67 and she will now enter the first division.

On the 8th August we had an away day to play San Lorenzo. We all enjoyed the beautiful course and Janine van de Ree won with 37 stableford points.

A week later we had the normal qualifying stableford at PA with a good win for Linda Dixon with 38 points. She won from Shirley Griffiths with a better back 3. Well done Ladies.

To make golf a little bit different, on the 22nd August we had a better ball stableford competition played from the ladies back tees. A good experiment and some ladies back tees are much better placed than the medal ones. (no trees in front...) another positive point is that we got more strokes!

The last Wednesday of the month was a waltz 1-2-3 scores to count.

September will be a month with a lot more activities, starting with the delayed Sanddancers against the Hillbillies, followed by the Matchplay Championship and the Ladies Invitation Day on the 19th, we need more names on the list please!!

And last but not least the Ryder Cup, which is truly an event to look forward too.



## Social Golf by Jeannette Sohier

On a very beautiful afternoon (not too hot!) 32 people enjoyed a good Texas Scramble at PA.

Amongst them, the Captain and Lady Captain and a new 16 year old junior member who brought down the average age enormously!! And she played nice golf as well; Welcome and well done Sarah!

Results:-	<i>Pines to Corks</i>	<i>Corks to Olives</i>
1st Place	Kelvin White 65.7 Pts Linda Bentley Rick Medlock Adrienne Buth	Alan Bentley 65.7 Pts Stella Jeffrey Yvonne White Michiel van Doorn
2nd Place	Dirk Blaesing 69 Pts Wendy Collins Wallace Forde Bernadette Hardie	Sarah Hoeck 66.3 Pts Nigel Collins Thérèse van Doorn Andy Watkins

Some people certainly kept the prizes in the family and we all enjoyed the supper afterwards, and look forward to the next social event on the 23rd September.

## PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

### Drive legs on downswing

#### How to transfer weight and build power like a baseball home run hitter

To hit with power you need to transfer your weight from your right side to your left side on the down-swing. This is what teachers are talking about when they say, "Fire the right side". To do it, get your right elbow, hip and knee in line as you approach impact, and complete the weight transfer through the strike.

#### How do you know if you've fired your right side at impact?

Your right heel is off the ground, your right knee is angled forward, pointing in front of the ball and your right elbow has moved in front of your right hip. From this position, you can take advantage of the tremendous power you have stored in your legs and hips.

## Forthcoming Events September and October 2012

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
Wed 3rd Oct	Ladies Day
Fri 5th Oct	Ladies competition and Ladies Annual Dinner
Sat 6th Oct	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th Oct	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Wed 10th Oct	Ladies Day
Fri 12th Oct	Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies
Sat 13th Oct	Mens Roll Up
Wed 17th Oct	Ladies Day
Sat 20th Oct	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st Oct	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 24th Oct	Ladies Day
Sat 27th Oct	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th Oct	October Stableford
Wed 31st Oct	Ladies Day