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Introduction from the Captain

- Mr. David Markey

Dynamic duo win Matchplay event!

September was another busy month for the Club with the Matchplay competitions on the 6th 7th and 8th of September. The finals were a first for Pinheiros Altos, with John and Sam Waters contesting both the men's and women's finals.

Sam came up against an inform Susan Russell but managed to win the match by the narrowest of margins. It was a great match with both ladies playing superb golf and a great victory for Sam! The final of the men's competition saw John Waters taking on Chris Hales, despite a gallant effort from Chris, John beat him 3-2. John, who was narrowly beaten last year in the Strokeplay final got his just reward... and this is the first time in Pinheiros Altos history that a husband and wife have won both of these prestigious competitions in the same year.

Another interesting scenario was that both John and Sam had booked to go on a 5pm flight and could not afford for the matches to go to extra holes... but happily they managed to do the business! The rest of us who competed in the Matchplay entered into a stableford competition which was won by Tim Russell with a superb score of 41pts (69 gross).

The previous week Gordon Todd won the September Stableford with 38pts and now joins Diane Collins(April), Jeff Archer(May), Mike Hassid(June), Robert Lester(July), David Dixon(August) in the play off next March. The winner of the play off will win a trip for two to the K Club as my guests. The September medal was won by Tony Hickey with a fantastic 65 net, Tony is playing great golf at the moment and is now down to single figures.

The Social golf competition unfortunately was rained off after 3 holes on Sunday 23rd despite the gallant efforts of the committee. What was interesting however was that despite the fact that some of the social committee did not actually go out (because it was raining) they still managed to feature in the prizes. Nothing changes!

Ryder Cup

It's hard to top Gala Week but this years Ryder Cup competition in Pinheiros came close. Over 250 members and guests took part and it was very well organised by Christophe and Brian. The USA Captain, Melaura Parker and Vice Captains, Jim Cranwell and Chris Parker brought the event to a new level of professionalism by decking the US team out with additional caps (there was also some rumours about appearance money being paid). No wonder they managed to have a superb team and when I challenged

Melaura about this she said: "I selected Orlando Hill and Tim Russell because of the American connection", the fact that Orlando is in Florida and Tim has a house in Arizona is just too thin an excuse in my opinion!

On the other hand the European Captain came to the event with no Vice Captains, no caps and little chance of winning the event. After all, I have managed to lose a number of events on behalf of the Club since April. The US team won comfortably in the end, despite a great fight back on the Sunday with Europe taking the singles. I presented Melaura with the trophy who gracefully accepted it on behalf on her team. I stayed quiet and ate humble pie (certainly a first for me). George produced a fine lunch with an American twist of hot dogs and burgers alongside the traditional barbecue.

The weekend offers you the chance to meet new members and guests. We had a big screen and many of us stayed late into the night to support the European cause! (Director of Golf note: Christophe and the Captain stayed in the Clubhouse until the very incredible end and even locked the Clubhouse up when they left).

Finally, I would like to congratulate all who took part in the event and particularly Melaura and Chris Parker for all the decorations and little touches that made the event so special for the Club.

It would be remiss of me however not to mention that the official event in Medina was won by the Europeans , who pulled out all the stops on the final day to snatch the Ryder Cup from the Americans.

Breast Cancer Month

The month of September is synonymous with raising awareness of Breast Cancer. Our own Shirley Griffiths has been organising a Pink Day for the past eight years at PA. This year's event will raise over €2,000 for the Algarve Oncology Association. Shirley also organises a golf competition and this year 36 ladies played on the day.

As I write this column, I am conscious that the annual Wooden Spoon competition takes place on Friday October 12th. Now with my record, the law of average says the men will lose. With this in mind, I am taking a leaf out of Melaura Parkers book and taking the men's team to a secret location to get us ready for the challenge. Bring it on!!!!

Happy Golfing!



The Captains



Hole-in-oners Knut Ellingsen and Paul Hanby



The winning Captain



We can not believe his dress sense!



Kathy and Rainer Grimm



The USA Captain with her Vice Captains



David Pirret and Eva Lamaison

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Liz and Roger Kitson and Roger Lawson



Dee and Keith Hirst



Joop Carp, Clementine Tammes and John McCarthy



Susan and Tim Russell

APPA arranged their 3rd Annual Social Event which this year took place on the 6th September at The Don Camillo Restaurant. Almost 70 members and guests enjoyed an Exhibition of Tango and a tremendous meal. Many thanks must go to APPA President Roger Kitson who organised the event.

On the day of the Matchplay finals I was ready to watch when I discovered that I was supposed to fly to the UK in 1 ½ hours and not the following morning. Mad dash to the airport and it was only when I finally arrived that I was able to discover that John

and Sam Waters had both managed to win their respective finals to achieve a unique first at Pinheiros Altos. Congratulations to Sam and John.

Earlier this year Becky Grote, daughter of Pinheiros Altos member Terry Grote held her wedding at Pinheiros Altos. They were delighted with their choice of venue and the photographs show a possible replacement for the golf buggies! Congratulations to the happy couple.



Sunday 30th September was a great day for European Golf but it wasn't all plain sailing! The Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup was won by the U.S.A. led by determined team Captain Melaura Parker (who may have made the difference had she Captained the real US team!). Meanwhile, Pinheiros Altos Captain Dave Markey had to suffer the ignominy of yet another defeat in his year as Captain! Although he did have the pleasure of a singles victory over the US Team Vice Captain Jim Cranwell (Jim is probably the only member of Pinheiros Altos who has a worse reputation as a losing Captain than David!). Still, everyone had a great time in the Pinheiros Altos event and we raised €500 for the Lady Captain's Charity. Many thanks to everyone who took part and for their contribution whether as a winner or loser!



The Captain with the Matchplay winners

On the Friday of the Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos we had two holes in one at the 5th Corks! Knut Ellingson playing with Margo Fletcher and in the process of beating Barbara Fletcher and myself by 6 and 4, hit a 7 iron into the hole. Then, while everyone in the Clubhouse was celebrating Knut's achievement Paul Hanby came in having hit a 5 iron into the hole... at the same hole! However, he did not avoid buying the traditional round of drinks - but the pain was delayed until the next day when everyone celebrated his hole in one!



Runner Up Chris Hales with the Captain



Runner Up Susan Russell with the Captain



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.

Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2nd	September Stableford	Gordon Todd	38 Pts	Rod Brown	36 Pts
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Medal	1st Division Sally Evans	77 Nett	1st Division Denise Reed	79 Nett
		2nd Division Eva Lamaison	76 Nett	2nd Division Adrienne Buth	77 Nett
Fri 7th Sat 8th Sun 9th	Matchplay Championship	Men John Waters Ladies Sumbaline Waters		Men Chris Hales Ladies Susan Russell	
Wed 12th	Ladies Day Four Ball Better Ball Stableford ¾ Handicap	Denise Reed Adrienne Buth	41 Pts	Sally Evans Stella Jeffrey	30 Pts
Sun 16th	September Medal	Tony Hickey	65 Nett	Brian Gallen	70 Nett
Wed 19th	Ladies Invitation Day Four Ball Better Ball Stableford	Adrienne Buth Natalie Lisboa	44 Pts	Josie Waddington Judith Winder	42 Pts (bbn)
		Nearest the pin members – Sally Evans Nearest the Pin guests – Cilla Lambert			
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Stableford	1st Division Zoe Pirret	38 Pts	1st Division Sally Evans	33 Pts
		2nd Division Joanna Young	33 Pts	2nd Division Kathy Grimm	32 Pts (bbn)
Fri 28th Sat 29th Sun 30th	Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup	USA	47 ½	Europe	39 ½

Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn

The month started with a medal competition won by Sally Evans in the first division and Eva Lamaison in the second division.

The weekend was busy with the Matchplay Championship although not that many ladies entered and therefore a qualifying round was not necessary. The final was played between Sam Waters and Susan Russell and won by Sam by 2 and 1. Well done Susan and congratulations Sam!!

The family Waters has had a tremendous Summer with both John and Sam winning their respective Matchplay

Championships and son Daniel winning the Pinheiros Altos Junior Championship.

On the 12th September we played a Fourball Better Ball Stableford which Denise Reed and Adrienne Buth won with 41 points.

On the 18th was the Invitation Day where 44 players (22 members and 22 guests) played a four ball better ball stableford and stayed and enjoyed a nice lunch afterwards.

The day raised 700 Euros for charity and I would like to thank Shona for her great efforts in organising a big part of the event and Pinheiros Altos for making this amount possible by giving courtesy of the course to all the guests. The winners were Adrienne Buth and Natalie Lisboa with 44 points.

The last Wednesday of September was a Qualifying stableford where the winner in the 1st division was Zoe Pirret with 38 points, and in the second division Joanna Young with 33 pts.

Through the last days of September we all enjoyed playing in the Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup. It is always a great event

in Pinheiros Altos and this year was no exception, with the Americans winning with their real American Captain Melaura Parker! Then to watch the real thing on TV from Medinah with the Europeans snatching a superb victory just made Sunday the most perfect day!

Next month will be busy; beginning with the Pink Day organised by Shirley Griffiths, the Ladies Dinner with the prize giving of the Eclectic Competition, the start of the Wainwright Trophy (new format) and the Wooden Spoon.

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

With the onset of Autumn and the advent of the tenth series of weekend compulsory TV viewing, Strictly Come Dancing, our September competition was appropriately intended to be a Waltz!

Some 42 players duly signed in and the first two flights on each course had teed-off when the elements conspired against us requiring the competition to be cancelled due to heavy rain, thunder and lightning with no immediate sign of let-up. Fortunately, back at the clubhouse, Jorge had anticipated this downturn in events and had already started preparing lunch in lieu of supper.

After an enjoyable lunch we held a prize draw as the fairest way of allocating the 24 prizes and by sheer coincidence but amidst cries of "fix! fix!" from some of the rabble-rousers, all four of the Social Committee members in attendance were amongst the lucky winners in the prize draw!

The October Social Golf will be held on 21st - it will be a Greensome competition, organised by Molly Wainwright and Jeannette Sohler. The November event will take place just a fortnight later on the 4th November. This will be the first of a twice-a-year Social Golf competition integrating members of Quinta do Lago and Pinheiros Altos - the reciprocal event will be held at Quinta on 17th February 2013. The sign-up sheet for both the October and November events will go on the notice board simultaneously and members should be aware that the event including Quinta members will be restricted to 36 players from each club accepted on a "first come" basis - no playing guests but guests will be welcome for supper.

Interclub by Christian Holst

We have finished all our matches for this year with three away matches since our home match against Palmares on the 3rd September. Despite good wins against both Salgados and Vila Sol away we lost 1-4 against Penina. The team has put in a great performance in all the matches but it is never easy to win matches against competitors off 25 paring more than half of the holes.....(Right Stuart and Knut?)

We are currently number 2 in our division after Serra da Monchique but with Vilamoura only 9 points behind with two home matches I expect them to overtake us and possibly also SdM. There is a chance that Levante can overtake us as well. In any event, I expect the first 4 teams to finish within 10 points of each other which shows a very close race.

This years finals day is on the 3rd December at Gramacho where all teams in both divisions participate with a 6 member team.

Having finished my first season as captain I would like to express warm thanks to everyone who participated. We have used 31 different players this year indicating strong support for our interclub team where several other clubs struggle to field teams.

PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

Line up the Palms

How to make sure your hands work together during the swing

Proper positioning of the hands is more important than most club golfers realize; in fact, it's even more important than they will make themselves accept. Make sure your hands are unified on the grip, with your palms more or less facing each other and your right palm facing roughly in the same directions as the clubface.



Forthcoming Events October and November 2012

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
Sat 3rd Nov	Mens Roll Up
Sun 4th Nov	8 Hole Social Golf
Wed 7th Nov	Ladies Day
Sat 10th Nov	Foursomes Championship
Sun 11th Nov	Foursomes Championship
Wed 14th Nov	Ladies Day
Sat 17th Nov	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th Nov	November Stableford
Wed 21st Nov	Ladies Day
Sat 24th Nov	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th Nov	November Medal
Wed 28th Nov	Ladies Day