

# Altos

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## news



PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS



# Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Markey

## Monkey off my back!!!

All the planning was surely worth it with the Wooden Spoon Trophy being won by our Lady Captain!

To put this win into perspective, as Captain I had lost the annual battle against QDL and the Ryder Cup for Europe at Pinheiros Altos and this was my last chance to redeem myself and fortunately we did it in some style! Mind you, the Lady Captain and Lady Vice Captain Therese and Rie destroyed Graeme Thomson and me by 3/2. While that hurt like hell, the sweet taste of team victory more than made up for it! It would be remiss of me not to thank George and Rui for an excellent meal. I for one am delighted that George's contract has been extended for at least another year.

Now back to reality. October was a busy month for the Club, the Autumn Medal Rosebowl took place on Sunday 6th with Paul Hanby taking yet another prize with a superb nett 66 which was four better than second place Neil Bamber who was one better than Stewart Harpers 71. The Ladies had their Annual Dinner and competition on Friday 5th which I am sure Therese will cover extensively in her article. The October Stableford was won by Sally Evans with a nett 68 and Sally now joins the other Monthly Stableford winners in the play- offs which take place next March, with the winner taking the prize of a weekend for two at the K Club which I am delighted to sponsor.



*Rosebowl winner Paul Hanby receives his Trophy from the Captain*

The Bi-Annual Challenge Match between PA and The MCC was organised by Neil Bamber and Graeme Thomson last month. This year the Club provided a trophy for the event which was won by a very strong PA team by 7½ to a ½. I would like to thank the members of PA who represented the Club in this Challenge Match.

On Sunday 4th November we play with QDL members at Pinheiros Altos in the first of two Social Events organised by the Vice-Captain, Graeme Thomson. The return Social Event will take place at ODL on February 17th 2013. There will be 36 reciprocal guests at each event and the PA event will be a shotgun start at 12 noon. Both these matches are being co-ordinated by our social committee under the guidance of Molly Wainwright. We hope both these matches will complement the Annual Ben Hogan Trophy which is played in May each year.

The Foursomes Championship takes place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of November. Last year, I played with John Linley and we were disqualified despite coming in with an 81!

This year I am taking no chances so am partnering with my wife Mai who seems to understand my game better! Please sign up for this event, it's one of the premier events in the Club and deserves as much support as possible.

Despite our best efforts it looks likely that we will finish third this year in the Interclub matches. I would like to thank Christian, our team captain and the rest of the Pinheiros Altos members who represented the Club in this years matches.

Last year the then Lady Captain, Shona Callaghan produced the first Pinheiros Altos Club Diary and Handbook. Shona raised nearly four thousand euro for worthwhile charities in the Algarve. Following the success of this first Club Diary, the Club will once again be publishing a diary which will be distributed with the Annual Subscription requests in mid November. Once again Shona took on the responsibility of selling advertising for the diary and raising more funds for the Ladies chosen charities.

Finally, here are some important dates for your diary. The 2013 AGM and Captain's drive in will be on Thursday, March 28th and another important date is Captain's Day, which next year will take place on Saturday 22nd of June 2013.

Happy Golfing



*Ken Irving, Joanna Young, Iain Callaghan and Philip Hardie*



*The defeated ladies stick together!*



*That wooden spoon again!*



*Pat Galloway, John Wainwright and Lisa Burns*



*Paul Cotterill and Peter Young*

*The trophy no Captain likes to win!*



*Mai Markey and Adrienne Bath*



*Malcolm Hollier and Fran Broadhurst*



*Ingrid Hollier and Helen Mills*



# Director of Golf - Monthly Report



## Changes to 4th hole Pines

The changes to the 4th hole on the Pines course will take place in two stages.

Firstly, the bunker to the left of the green will be taken away and then oleander bushes will be planted as shown in the diagram forming an amphitheatre around the green.

I think there will be far less birdies on this very beautiful short par five hole with much more risk to reap any reward!

## More holes in one!

In the October Newsletter I mentioned the holes-in-one of Knut Ellingsen and Paul Hanby both on the same day (Friday) of the Ryder Cup match and both at the same hole (5th Corks).

You wait for a bus (the last hole in one in competition was Daniel Waters (26th July 2011) and then they all come at once. Well, I played with Nick Baird on 27th October in the men's roll up and sure enough he popped his ball into the hole (again on the 5th Corks, boring!) Then, the very next day Denise Reed made her third hole in one at Pinheiros Altos and all on different holes. This time her feat was accomplished at the 2nd Pines with a 9 iron and she now holds the hole in one record at Pinheiros Altos.

Congratulations again to Knut, Paul, Nick and especially Denise.

## Director of Golf apology

I must apologise to the ladies for successfully missing out the photographs of their Ladies Invitation Day! Here they are in all their glory and congratulations to Adrienne Buth and Natalie Lisboa on their win.



## DRIVING RANGE

### Winter schedule

Open every day from 7h00 until 17h30  
Mondays closed from 12h00 until 16h00  
Thursdays closed from 13h00 until 14h30

*The above times may change due to maintenance*



These Ryder Cup cakes made a massive impression at the Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup in September.

They were made by Verinha Mágica.

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## NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

at  
PINHEIROS ALTOS

Bring in the New Year with us in Portugal

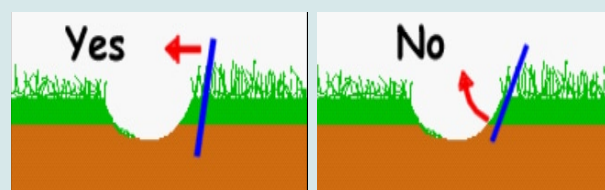
Dinner and Live music from MARIANI

**120 € per person**

## PLEASE repair pitchmarks on green!

A pitchmark only takes a few seconds to fix correctly, however, a pitchmark repaired incorrectly takes over 3 weeks to heal.

Correct repair will help protect the grass root system and benefit all members and visitors who play the course.



### Correct Method

- Discard the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball
- Insert the pitchmark reparer tool just outside the back of the pitchmark
- Lever the turf towards the centre of the pitchmark
- Repeat this motion from all sides of the pitchmark

### What NOT to do

- DO NOT replace the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball. It will die and delay the healing process
- DO NOT pry up the centre of the depression with the reparer tool as it exposes the soil and will delay the healing process
- DO NOT insert the pitchmark reparer and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose.

Remember please repair your pitchmark and one other!

# Competition Results for October

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Pink Day	<b>Corks to Olives</b> Janine van de Ree Adrienne Buth <b>Olives to Pines</b> Joanna Young Diana Collins	42 Pts ( <i>bbn</i> )  50 Pts	<b>Corks to Olives</b> Ilse Berg Ineke Goossens <b>Olives to Pines</b> Melaura Parker Anne Copestake	42 Pts  48 Pts
Nearest the Pin 2nd Corks - Adrienne Buth Nearest the Pin 2nd Pines - Shona Callaghan					
Fri 5th	Ladies Competition	<b>Pines to Corks</b> John Waters <b>Corks to Olives</b> Denise Reed	39 Pts  40 Pts	<b>Pines to Corks</b> Maried Kooijmans <b>Corks to Olives</b> Diana Collins	37 Pts  35 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> )
Sun 7th	Autumn Medal Roasebowl	Paul Hanby	66 Nett	Neil Bamber	70 Nett
Wed 10th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	Lisa Burns	33 Pts	Janice Paterson	31 Pts ( <i>bb3</i> )
Fri 12th	Wooden Spoon	Men	8 ½	Ladies	5 ½
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Stableford Fourball better ball stableford	Nancy Schofield Molly Wainwright	44 Pts	Melaura Parker Bernadette Hardie	41 Pts
Wed 24th	Ladies Day	Cancelled due to the bad weather			
Sun 28th	October Stableford	Sally Evans	38 Pts	Stella Jeffrey	35 Pts
Wed 31st	Ladies Day Texas Scramble	Edyta Procter Majida Lester Yvonne White Anne T Brown	66.1	Thérèse v Doorn Sabine Schlegel Jenny Harrison Meg Black	68.4

## Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn

October was a busy month with many special events.

We started the 3rd October with the Pink day which was a Fourball Better ball Stableford competition sponsored by Shirley Griffiths.

Shirley has organised this event for eight years and gives lots of time and energy to sell the raffle tickets, arranging sponsors, and in the end she raised 2560 Euros which was presented at the

prize giving to Mrs Maria de Lurdes Pereira for the Associação Oncológica do Algarve. Mrs Pereira update us about the ongoing projects of the association. It was a great day, with 36 ladies playing in this event and our Captain David Markey was present to start the ladies and supply us with a bacon sandwiches during the round!

Winners on Corks and Olives were Janine van de Ree and Adrienne Buth with 42 points and a bbn, followed by Ilse Berg



and Ineke Goossens who were second. The winners on Olives and Pines were Joanna Young and Diana Collins with a superb result of 50 points, with Melaura Parker and Anne Copestake coming second with a fantastic score of 48 points. Handicaps had to be reduced after such good scores!!



*Pink Day donation*



*Views of Pink Day*

A few days later we had the Ladies dinner where the prize winners of the Eclectic Competition were announced. In the morning was a Stableford competition and in the evening there were 32 beautifully dressed ladies in the clubhouse to enjoy their evening. Again there were raffles for charity and luckily we had found sponsors to give some extremely nice vouchers, so we were able to raise 650 Euros. Very generous ladies!!!

Jorge and his staff prepared a very pleasant meal and everybody was curious to hear who had won the Eclectic Event.

In the first division it was Melaura Parker with a gross 66 with Nancy Schofield two shots behind with a gross 68 for runner-up spot. In the second division it was Barbara Fletcher with a gross 79 and Jenny Harrison with a gross 80 who took 1st and 2nd spots respectively. Very good scores and congratulations to all. Rie Cherubini and Zoe Pirret were responsible for running the Eclectic Event this year and I would like to say a big thank you to them and also to Cristina who put all the scores into the computer. No small task!

## Eclectic Prizes:

### 1st Division Gross

1st Place	Melaura Parker	66
2nd Place	Nancy Schofield	68
3rd Place	Susan Russell	69 (bb9)

### 1st Division Nett

1st Place	Zoe Pirret	57
2nd Place	Hilary Jessup	58
3rd Place	Rie Cherubini	59 (bb6)

Best Gross Pines	Sally Evans	33
Best Gross Corks	Denise Reed	37 (bb6)

### 2nd Division Gross

1st Place	Barbara Fletcher	79
2nd Place	Jenny Harrison	80
3rd Place	Shirley Griffiths	81 (bb9)

### 2nd Division Nett

1st Place	Linda Dixon	53
2nd Place	Stella Jeffrey	55
3rd Place	Adrienne Buth	56 (bb9)

Best Gross Pines	Lisa Burns	37
Best Gross Corks	Joanna Young	43



*1st Division winner Melaura Parker*

The following Wednesday we started the new format for The Wainwright Trophy with a Qualifying Stableford. The best 8 were going on to the matchplay competition running over the following three weeks.

It was very disappointing that only 11 ladies put their names down for the event, so we have to reconsider again how this event will be run next year to attract more players. In the Stableford the winner was Lisa Burns with 33 pts and the Wainwright Qualifying round was won by Rie Cherubini with 35 pts.

Then we held the 15th Wooden Spoon event, which back in the inaugural 1998 competition, I had the "honour" of receiving out of the hands of Martin Murrish!! This time I had hoped, with the strong couples that Rie and I had formed, that a win was on the cards, but as in 1998 it was not meant to be! Suddenly the men are playing the best golf of their lives because they absolutely do not want to lose to the ladies... so there I am, receiving the Wooden Spoon AGAIN!

The result was 8 ½ - 5 ½, but it was a great day in a wonderful atmosphere and with a good buffet and drinks afterwards to reduce the pain for the ladies. Next year we try again!

On the 15th we had our return match against the ladies of Salgados at Pinheiros Altos which we won 5/0, what a result Ladies!!

Wednesday 17th was a Four Ball Better Ball Stableford which was won by Nancy Schofield and Molly Wainwright with 44 points. The quarter finals of the Wainwright Trophy were also played.

Although we need the rain desperately it was very frustrating to cancel the Medal competition and the semi finals of the Wainwright Trophy on the 24th October.



*Barbara looks surprised at her 2nd Division win!*

Another Ladies friendly match was played on the 29th in Benamor. While we lost there 3/2 we had a nice day and we hope to get our revenge when they come over to Pinheiros Altos next month!

The last Wednesday of the month (31st) was Halloween, Jenny's Birthday, the semi final of the Wainwright Trophy and a Texas Scramble. The Ladies looked good playing in orange and black, and afterwards in Halloween costumes. With the tables specially decorated for the event we enjoyed very potent orange punch to drink and Jenny's birthday cake to eat (baked by Jenny with the help of Peter!!) and a good time was had by all.



*Birthday girl Jenny with the Witches coven!*

The winners of the Texas scramble were the team with Edyta Procter, Majida Lester, Yvonne White and Anne Tucker Brown scoring 66.1 nett. The Finalists of the Wainwright Trophy are Margo Fletcher and Janet Leffler.



## Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

After all the lovely sunshine we had another wet day for our Greensomes competition on 21st October. Everyone managed to play 9 holes so the scores were very close going to the better last 3, 2 or even 1 hole(s) for the decider.

Jorge and his team provided a good supper – kindly serving us one hour ahead of schedule. As always there was much fun and laughter.

In 1st Place on Olives/Pines were Diana Collins and Kelvin White beating Sylvia Mullins and Peter Young with the same score of 20points on the last 2 holes.

On Pines/Corks we had the some situation with 18 points each for Annette Hanley and Barry O'Brien and Daphne Higginson and Paul Hanby. Annette and Paul had the better score on the last 3 holes.

We are hoping for a fine dry day on November 4th when we welcome Quinta do Lago to join our competition- There will be a return event in February at Quinta do Lago and hopefully more such events in the future.

## Interclub by Christian Holst

Final results are now almost clear for both divisions. We finished 3rd in our division behind Vilamoura and Serra da Monchique, less than 10 points behind which is very close.

The two Final matches will be played between Vilamoura and Alto later in the month.

Finals day where all Clubs participate with a 6 member team will take place on the 4th December at Gramacho (Pinta course). Let me know if you are interested, all things equal I will pick the players with most matches/ most points scored this season.

Based on the results in both divisions we now also know who our opponents will be next year and it looks like we will be in a good group comprising Vilamoura, Palmares, Morgado, Carvoeira, Tavira, Quinta do Vale, Vale do Lobo and ourselves.

As I said last month, thanks again to all 31 of you who participated this year and I look forward to your continued support.

## Forthcoming Events November and December 2012

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
Sat 1st Dec	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2nd Dec	St Andrews Stableford
Wed 5th Dec	Ladies Day
Sat 8th Dec	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9th Dec	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 12th Dec	Ladies Day
Sat 15th Dec	Mens Roll Up
Sun 16th Dec	December Medal
Wed 19th Dec	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd Dec	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd Dec	Christmas Turkey Flutter
Wed 26th Dec	Boxing Day
Sat 29th Dec	Mens Roll Up

## PRO TIP – Brian Evans

Everything neutral creates power

Here are four photographs of Moritz Lampert, the grandson of Pinheiros Altos member Horst Bernhard. Moritz is the German amateur Champion and is at present going through the qualifying school to gain full playing rights for the European Tour. It is not difficult to see from these photographs why the golfing world is so excited about this 20 year old.



*Address – very neutral and ready to perform*



*Top of backswing – great resistance in the right side while the shoulders turn, coiling the core into a powerful position. Notice how relaxed the arms look, ready to lag in the downswing.*



*Just after impact and again great resistance this time from the left side and the steady head as the arms swing through the ball.*



*Great rotation into a complete finish producing perfect balance.*