



PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain

- Mr. David Markey

The Festive season.

2012 was a challenging year for the Club and I would like to think we met the challenge head on. As David Kelly in Strumpet City said: "The world is in a state of chassis!" However as predicted the world did not end in December, so role on 2013!

I love December because I love Christmas, who doesn't! I mean where else are you going to get the chance to put on a stone in weight and believe me I did!

However I am in training for my last hurrah as your Club Captain so no drinking for me for the months of January and February. Probably enough naval gazing!

The last social of the year was on Sunday 8th and a great day was had by all. The social committee does an excellent job, it offers all members the chance to play golf in a more relaxed atmosphere and meet new friends.

The November Stableford was won by Peter Harrison who joins an elite group for the race to win the weekend at the K Club in Ireland. The final of which will be played in March. Both the Christmas Turkey Flutter and the Boxing Day tournaments were very well attended, as Brian elaborates on in his Directors Report; and I would just like to congratulate all the winners and thank all those who took part. It is the best indication yet, that in spite of difficult financial times, the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club is still thriving.

Mai and I arrived back to the Algarve on the 26th and the family arrived soon after. It was the first time all the family celebrated

the New Year in the sunny Algarve. By all accounts it was a success... at least that's what they told me - no doubt the weather played a major role.

We headed as usual to the Club for the New Years Eve bash, which this year celebrated 50 years of James Bond. This gave the opportunity for many of the members to dress formal, drink Bollinger and sip Vodka Martinis, shaken but not stirred! We had a quiz, and a quiz master in vice-captain Graeme Thomson, who put us through 50 years of James Bond. I had intended wearing speedos but could not get a size big enough to cover my head! We also had some familiar faces in the crowd, Alan Bentley playing Roger Moore and Iain Callaghan as a rugged Sean Connery.

Seriously though, we had a fantastic night with over 70 attending. George produced a wonderful meal, we have a new chef in Nuno - and boy did he pull out all the stops. The music went on late as we danced the night away. The atmosphere was great and as the time approached midnight, I felt my captaincy moving in to its final stages.

I would like to thank Christophe, Brian and the staff at PA for once again coming up trumps, the Club looked great. If I may, I also want to thank my son Karl for providing all the Bond material on the night, it certainly created the right atmosphere - Ian Fleming would be proud!

These nights only work if the Club gets the support and with that in mind, I would to thank the members who were able to support the night.



Alan Bentley



Mai Markey and John Linley



Bernadette Hardie, Linda Bentley and Thérèse van Doorn



Marian Hill and Lisa Burns



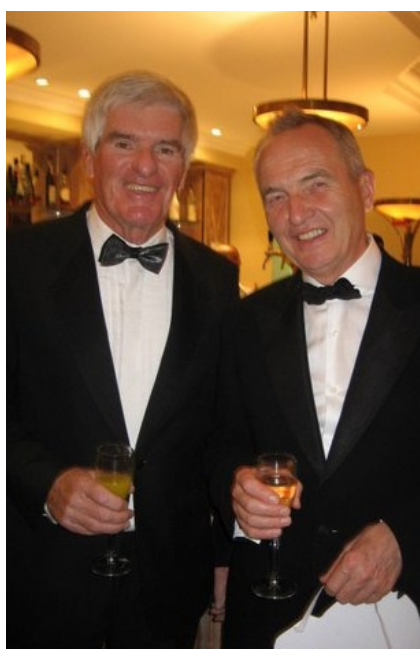
Vera Watkins and ken Irving



David, Rhys and Hywel Ford



Brian Evans and John Stone



Andy Watkins and Philip Hardie



The Bond girls



Thérèse van Doorn and Ingrid Hollier



John and Molly Wainwright



Brian and Sally Evans

The following day over 160 players turned out for our annual New Year's Day Scramble. As Brian pointed out during his speech, he was amazed to see so many of us in one piece after the previous night, mind you the reference to the Club Captain was a bit unfair! I would say a Bollinger too far!

Our team had the finest of ingredients to win the tournament, we had a 28 handicapper in my grandson, and three men and a little lady (or Mai) - no prizes for us but we had great fun. There were other packed teams too... but enough of the Thomson's, Hardies and Molly Wainwright! Many congratulations to lady vice-captain Rie Cherubini for her hole in one and many thanks to her husband Remo for buying a round of drinks for all present. With all 27 holes being used, meaning all teams effectively playing a different course, it truly was the taking part that counted and the great atmosphere at the prize presentation reflected the fun that everyone had.

Finally, please put a date in your diary; it's St Patrick's Day, Sunday 17th March. We are having the Captains Charity Day commencing with a shotgun start at 10 am and dinner, music and dancing that evening. The sign up sheet is downstairs opposite the locker rooms. I realise there is a lot of pressure on everyone these days to survive, however I hope you will consider supporting this event on Paddies day. I have a few surprises up my sleeve and believe me it will be a night to remember!!! For those of you who may not be in the Algarve at that time, you can support the night by buying raffle tickets or we will have an auction on the night. The auction items will be available in a booklet format if you wish to make a silent bid for any of the items. A full list will be in the February newsletter and the booklets will be available from Cristina next month. The charities chosen by the Ladies captain, Therese van Doorn and supported by me are Riding for the Disabled and ACCA.

So my final job is to wish you and your families a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing many of you at the various Club events over my remaining three months as your Club Captain.



Club Captain David Markey and Orlando Hill

The Captain's St. Patrick's Charity Day Sunday 17th March Shotgun start at 10.00 a.m.

Teams of 4
(best two scores to count on each hole)

Prize presentation, Charity dinner
and Auction 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

Entrance fee including dinner 30 Euros

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

December 2012 was the most perfect example of why the Algarve will always be a popular destination in a European winter.

Day after day of beautiful Algarvian weather made our Christmas programme the most popular ever, with 48 players in the Turkey Flutter on the 23rd, 68 entries for the Boxing Day American Foursomes and finally a mammoth 160 New Years Day revellers in the Annual Scramble.

Lennie McGeogh took the bird with a superb 37pts in the Turkey Flutter and was the first of 22 prize winners. Robert and Majida Lester won the American Foursomes on Boxing Day with 40pts, which was 3pts better than second place father and son combo of Hugh and Iain Campbell.



Hugh and Iain Campbell



Lady Captain Thérèse van Doorn with Christmas Turkey Flutter Winner Lennie McGeogh



John and Sylvia Mullins



Robert and Majida Lester

Sally and I were at the Pinheiros Altos party to bring in the New Year with the James Bond theme, Bollinger champagne and a superb meal prepared by new Head Chef Nuno - and served by Jorge and his staff. Add into the mix 70 hedonistic party animals... and we had the perfect recipe for an absolutely fantastic evening.

I must endorse the Captains thanks to his son Karl, who provided a fantastic Bond backdrop for the evening and also to Mariani the music Maestro who provided great entertainment throughout the New Year's celebrations.

The New Years Day Scramble at Pinheiros Altos has always been popular and this years event was no exception with 160 players all turning up in time for the 11am shotgun start, which never ceases to amaze me! I had seen many, including the Club Captain, who were GUR the night before and a racing certainty

to miss the bomb and yet all, including the man himself (to be sure!), bright as a button... at least at check-in!

With all those players on time, a beautiful day, no one taking more than 4hrs and 20min to play 18 holes, Jorge, Nuno and the staff providing great snacks and service, Rie Cherubini holing in one (at the island green with a 7 iron), husband Remo buying all the drinks, him winning a prize and Rie, Ken and Edyta Proctor and the new grandparents Martin and Hilary Jessup taking the first of many fabulous prizes... how could the day go any smoother?!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the members of Pinheiros Altos and their families from all the Staff!

Nuno Chef for Pinheiros!

New chef, 33 years old Nuno Pires is certainly making a big impression with his cooking.

The busy Christmas period was a stern test for the new gourmet chef but he passed the test with flying colours, culminating in a superb New Year's Eve presentation which was universally applauded.

Jorge, Nuno and the Clubhouse staff really deserve the support of the membership and I have no doubt that 2013 will see you all providing just that.



Jorge and Chef Nuno

Eclectic Competition

The December Medal of 2012 saw the completion of the Eclectic tournament which again was sponsored by Chris Hales and his Florida Golf. The tremendous prizes were presented at the New Years Day prize giving and the mens Gross Prize was won by Peter Harrison with 60 and the Ladies Gross Prize with a 69 by

Sally Evans. In the Nett categories Peter Young took the Mens prize with a 56 while Adianne Buth won the Ladies prize with a 57.

I was pleased to announce at the prize presentation that Chris had agreed on behalf of Florida Golf to sponsor the event again for 2013. Please play those monthly medal competitions, which all count for these fabulous prizes.



The Algarvian Invitational

On the 18th – 20th January Pinheiros Altos hosts the inaugural Algarvian Invitational Championship open to amateurs of 40 years of age and over and professionals of 48 years of age and over. We already have a full field of 96 players and it should be a perfect warm up event for many of the players who will compete for their cards in the European Seniors Tour Qualifying School played at Vale da Pinta later in the month.

I am really happy with the shaping of the 4 new pot bunkers to the right of the fairway on 4th Pines and although the area will be out of play for a couple of months the final result will, I am sure, be worth waiting for... unless of course you are in them!

The greens are really fast at the moment, which is just how we like them isn't it?!



Competition Results for December

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2nd	St Andrews Stableford	Rie Cherubini	39 Pts	Tony Hickey	37 Pts (<i>bb7</i>)
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Susan Russell	73 Nett		
		2nd Division Adrienne Buth	76 Nett		
Wed 12th	Ladies Day Christmas Texas Scramble	Rie Cherubini Diana Collins Kathy Grimm Daphne Higginson	68.5	Helen Mills Ineke Goossens Shona Callaghan	70.9
Wainwright Trophy Winner - Janet Leffler					
Sun 16th	December Medal	John Barker	70 Nett	Edward Kent	71 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Denise Reed	34 Pts		
		2nd Division Kathy Grimm	35 Pts	2nd Division Jenny Harrison	34 Pts
Sun 23rd	Christmas Turkey Flutter	Lenny McGeoch	38 Pts	Gordon Todd	36 Pts
Wed 26th	Boxing Day American Foursomes	Robert Lester Majida Lester	40 Pts	Hugh Campbell Iain Campbell	37 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)

New Year's Day Scramble Results

1st Place	Ken Procter, Edyta Procter, Martin Jessup, Hilary Jessup and Rie Cherubini	- 11.5
2nd Place	Graeme Thomson, Fiona Thomson, Philip Hardie, Bernadette Hardie and Molly Wainwright	- 10
Best Pro Team	Kirsty Fisher, Rebecca Hudson, Colin Fisher, Ross Grant and Ian Lightbody	- 10
3rd Place	Willie Paterson, Janice Paterson, Kelvin White, Yvonne White and Remo Cherubini	- 8
4th Place	Kay Ford, Steve Dartnell, Christine Soden, Debbie Madgett and Rhys Ford	- 8
5th Place	Iain Callaghan, Shona Callaghan, Lisa Burns, Ken Irving and Pat Murrish	- 7.5

Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn

December was a short month for the ladies section. Because of Christmas day on the 25th we used only three Wednesdays.

The 5th of December was a medal competition where only 10 players had the courage to put their name down!

Rie Cherubini had a hole in one on the 2nd of Corks!! Congratulations Rie well done!!

The winner in the first division was Susan Russell with 73 nett and in the 2nd division Adrienne Buth with 76 nett.

Because the 5th of December is in Holland the day of Sinterklaas, Ineke Goossens brought us special Sinterklaas cookies and Adrienne explained the tradition of this event in Holland.

Rie was treating us to the drinks and so an ordinary medal round became a very special one!

On the 12th of December we had our Christmas Party with the ladies playing a "Special Christmas Scramble" The rules were a little complicated but it was fun, and playing from different tee positions was a good experience. Instead of prizes everybody brought a gift, so nobody left without a prize.

While we all enjoyed ourselves the Final of the Wainwright Trophy was played between Margo Fletcher and Janet Leffler. It was a very close match where Janet was finally able to win on the



19th Hole. Well done both of you and congratulations to Janet!! The official prize giving will be at the Ladies AGM on the 25th of March.

There were cakes and mince pies and Janet and Rie celebrated there win and hole in one (from the week before) by giving us all champagne. And there were Christmas songs to bring us in the mood for Christmas.

The 19th was a stableford competition. Denise Reed won the 1st division with 34 points and the second division was won by Kathy Grimm with 35 points followed by Jenny Harrison with 34 points.

The year has gone really quickly, only three months and then my year is already over. I like to thank everybody for their support and wish you all a very happy and healthy golfing Year.



Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

The weather was dry, the sun was shining and at last, we were able to complete the first Social Golf event since September without it being cancelled or abandoned due to heavy rain.

The challenging competition was four clubs plus a putter, in teams of three or four, with the two better stableford scores to count. There's a lesson to learn from the results as in many cases better scores were achieved with five clubs than by lugging a full set of 14 clubs round the course!

After a really enjoyable and extremely well-presented supper of Christmas fare of roast turkey with all the trimmings, the prizes were presented to the following worthy winning teams:- In first place on Pines/Corks with 77 points, Kelvin White, Roy Baddeley and Daphne Higginson; followed in second place by Graeme Thomson, Michael May, Marianne Wirren and Adrienne Buth. On Corks/Olives, the winning team

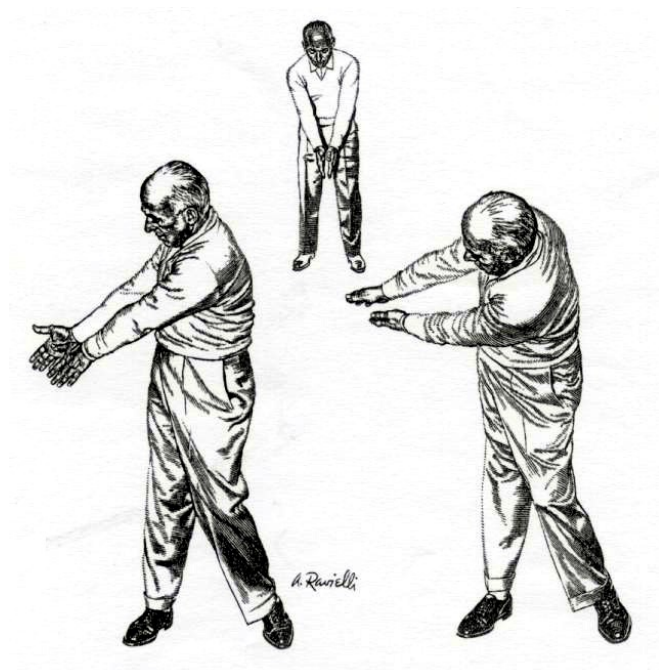
comprised of Alan Bentley, Wendy Collins, Stella Jeffrey and Iain Callaghan scoring 75 points, narrowly ahead of Andy Watkins, Nigel Collins, Linda Bentley and Janet Leffler on 74 points. My thanks to Adrienne Buth and Andy Watkins for acting as floaters and putting out on every hole.

There will be two Social Golf events in January - the first, a two ball better ball competition will take place on Sunday 13th, organised by Molly and Dirk. The second, to be held on the last day of the month, Thursday 31st will be the replacement date of the Team Competition including members of Quinta do Lago - 1x to count on par threes, 2x to count on par fours and 3x to count on par fives. It will be a shotgun start at 12 noon, restricted to 36 competitors from each club accepted on a "first come" basis - no playing guests, but guests will be welcome for supper.

Pro Tip Ross Sutherland

Shoulder Tilt

Keep the left side low at the top of the backswing for accuracy



On full shots, my shoulder turn can be too level at the top of my backswing; a blocked shot to the right often results. You can really see this when I'm hitting my driver. Completing my backswing with the proper shoulder tilt – my left shoulder lower than my right – helps me swing the club down on plane and square the clubface at impact.

Important date for you Diary

Pinheiros Altos Clube de Golfe Annual General Meeting Thursday 28th March in the Clubhouse followed by the Captains Drive-In, 9 hole Cross Country Scramble and lunch at the invitation of the Club Captain Mr. Graeme Thomson.

Forthcoming Events January - February 2013

Tues 1st Jan	New Years Scramble
Sat 5th Jan	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th Jan	Winter Medal
Wed 9th Jan	Ladies Day
Sat 12th Jan	Mens Roll Up
Sun 13th Jan	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 16th Jan	Ladies Day
Sat 19th Jan	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th Jan	January Stableford
Wed 23rd Jan	Ladies Day
Sat 26th Jan	Mens Roll Up
Wed 30th Jan	Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain
Thurs 31st Jan	Social Golf
Sat 2nd Feb	Mens Roll Up
Sun 3rd Feb	February Medal
Wed 6th Feb	Ladies Day
Sat 9th Feb	Mens Roll Up
Sun 10th Feb	Valentines Day Scramble
Wed 13th Feb	Ladies Foursomes Championship
Sat 16th Feb	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th Feb	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 20th Feb	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd Feb	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th Feb	February Stableford
Wed 27th Feb	Ladies Day