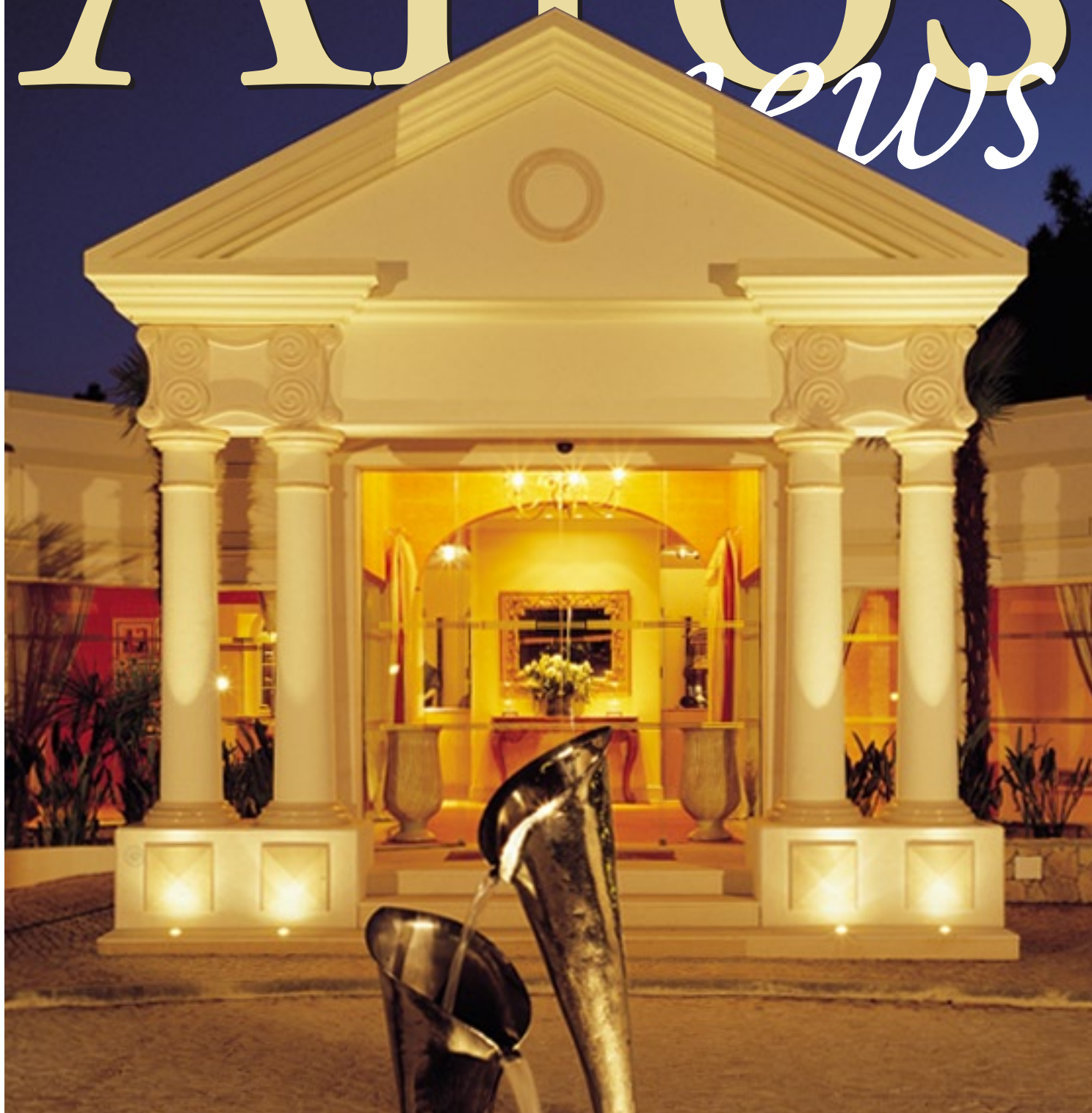


# Altos

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Markey

## January Blues!

It's hard to believe its only 2 hrs and 40mins from Ireland to Portugal, I mention this fact because January in Ireland comprised of snow, rain and more snow. So, I set sail for the Algarve and the Inaugural Algarvian Invitational, which Pinheiros was hosting from the 18th -20th. The event was organised by John Waters and Brian Evans and saw over 90 pros and amateurs participating.

The weather was mixed to say the least, with five and a half hour rounds the average. Our three ball consisting of Vice Captain Graeme Thomson and past Captain John Linley took over six hours on day one. We played the final two holes in the dark, hence my 12 on the 8th of corks!! Happy to report the weather got worse but the golf improved - well mine did! Lets not mention Graeme's 114!! I certainly won't! I think I will leave that to the Director of Golf!

The experience of playing with the pros was fantastic; these guys were getting ready for the European Seniors Tour Qualifying School, so this event was a good warm up for the Vale da Pinta experience the following week. The conditions over the three days were very challenging, with heavy winds and rain; it reminded me why we love the Algarve!

Events like this are important to secure for Pinheiros going forward. We are fortunate to have our Director of Golf, Brian Evans, who is clearly held in high esteem by all the pros who attended.

It's worth mentioning the ground staff and the fantastic job they did over the weekend, most courses anywhere else would have been closed after day one!! The involvement of the 30 amateurs with the pros worked really well; it was great to get the opportunity to meet these guys and play with them.

The winner travelled from Canada and took first prize with an amazing three under par total. Nigel Sweet, the leading amateur

was only one behind with his two under par total but then off +3 handicap he didn't even play to his handicap!! Congrats to all involved in making this event so successful for both Pinheiros Altos and all the players who took part.

## Social golf has a big future!

Over 60 players took part last month in the social golf day organised by Vice- Captain Graeme Thomson and Quinta's Vice-Captain David Proctor. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter this event was supposed to take place last November, but the weather put a spanner in the works and so we re arranged the event for the 31st January in the belief that sun was guaranteed, and indeed, we were blessed with a perfect day! Social golf in both clubs has taken off in the last number of years with an average attendance in PA of over 40 players monthly. A shotgun start guaranteed a good atmosphere in the clubhouse and George and our new chef Nuno produced a superb meal including wine. It was hard to hear yourself as both sets of members happily debated their scores, and with 9 team prizes up for grabs, everyone had a great chance to win a prize. Top spot, with a nine under par total of 81pts, went to the team of Joe Nally, Aileen Hickey, Dirk Blaesing and Linda Bentley. I want to thank Molly and Therese and the Social Committee for organising the day and everyone who took part. Roll on the 17th February when we will be hosted by Quinta's Captain's Geoff Garbutt and Denise Grayson on the North Course at Quinta do Lago.

## Captain's charity day

The Pinheiros charity day is to be held this year on St Patricks Day, Sunday 17th March. The day will commence with a 18 hole shotgun start at 10am, it's a fun event with teams of 4. Dinner will be held in the clubhouse at 7pm. The sign-up sheet is downstairs, and the entrance fee of €30 includes golf, dinner and entertainment... along with some Baileys on ice!! Raffle tickets are available over the next month to buy in the Club, expect to be approached by Linda Bentley, Adrienne Buth or Gordon Todd.

We are also organising a silent auction - more information and a booklet will follow in the coming weeks. I want to thank the many members and local companies who have offered support by way of vouchers, items to raffle or auction prizes to date. I would appreciate your support for this event, it's for charity and all the money raised will go directly to the following charities ASCA (home for the elderly in Almancil) Riding for the disabled and the Salvation Army. If you are unable to attend due to other commitments and wish to contribute, please contact me directly at david@ ifpmedia.com

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks - in the meantime happy golfing.

## 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

January started with 160 players competing in our New Year's Day Scramble and a hole-in-one from Rie Cherubini.

Throughout the Christmas and New year programme we had been so lucky with the weather, but all that changed when the Seniors came to Pinheiros Altos for the Algarvian Invitational Tournament from 18th – 20th January. Wild and wet made the course really difficult and the three under par score from Keir Smith led the field of 90 players and he took the €4000 first prize.

The tournament was very well received and I must thank Pinheiros Altos member John Waters for his sponsorship and help in organising the event... and also Luis Filipe, Manager of the Dona Filipa Hotel, for his contribution to looking after the competitors.

For 2014 we have already finalised a two event programme starting with the San Lorenzo Invitational Tournament from the 12th – 14th January, followed by the second playing of the Algarvian Invitational at Pinheiros Altos from 17th – 19th January. More information of these events will follow.



*David Markey, Simon Brown, Keir Smith, Nigel Seet, Paul Wesselingh,  
Andrew Murray*



# Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 28th March 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

## Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM and President of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club, Mr. Walter Dickson.
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. David Markey.
3. Mr. David Markey summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. Graeme Thomson.
4. The Captain's acceptance speech.

5. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.

6. The Chairman closes the meeting.

Questions for the Director of Golf at the A.G.M. should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Thursday 21st March 2013.

Only questions made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered by the Director of Golf at the A.G.M.

Mr. Roy Baddeley and Mr. Iain Callaghan will stand for re-election as the members golf Committee representatives. If any principal member would like to stand for election to the golf Committee they should notify the Golf Office in writing on or before Thursday 21st March 2013.

It is my pleasure to present a photo gallery of the present and incoming Captains.



*David Markey  
Club Captain*



*Graeme Thomson  
Incoming Club Captain*



*David Pirret  
Incoming Club Vice Captain*



*Thérèse van Doorn  
Lady Captain*



*Rie Cherubini  
Incoming Lady Captain*



*Adrienne Buth  
Incoming Lady Vice Captain*

Molly Wainwright lost her dog Milly while walking her on the beach near Vale do Lobo. She posted notices everywhere but all seemed lost. Then as if by a miracle Milly was found and to celebrate the occasion Cathy Harper cleverly wrote the following poem.



### Ode to Milly by Cathy (Betjeman) Harper

There was a young dog called Milly  
Who really was rather silly  
She shot off at a zoom  
Got lost in the gloom  
And found herself rather chilly

Poor Molly was frantic  
For she feared that the antic  
Put Milly in danger unseen  
But the doggy was found  
Just running around  
Where the fish and the prawns had been

She went to the vet  
She was terrible wet  
And smelly and fishy and foul  
But the dog showed no shame  
It was only a game  
And nothing at all to regret

Poor Freddie was weary  
But Molly is cheery  
For the doggy is now safely at home  
The lesson she'll teach  
Is stay close on the beach  
And then she can no longer roam.

## Competition Results for January

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 6th	Winter Medal	Eva Lamaison	68 Nett	Chris Hales	72 Nett
Wed 9th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Rie Cherubini	75 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Anne Copestake	80 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Ilse Berg	78 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Pat Murrish	79 Nett
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Waltz	<b>Corks and Olives</b> Helen Mills, Jenny Harrison and Dee Hirst			66 Pts
		<b>Olives and Pines</b> Rie Cherubini, Lubna Cater and Stella Jeffrey			64 Pts
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Nine van Droogenbroeck	32 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Helen Mills	27 Pt
		<b>2nd Division</b> Adrienne Buth	28 Pts (bb9)	<b>2nd Division</b> Pat Murrish	28 Pts (bb6)
Wed 30th	Ladies Day Matchplay	Team Lady Captain vs Team Vice Lady Captain			DRAW

## Ladies Section

### by Thérèse van Doorn

And suddenly it is 2013, and with the New Years Scramble, it is as always a fantastic way to start your golf in the New Year.

The 9th January, was the medal where Rie Cherubini made a reasonable score to win in the first division (75 nett) and Ilse Berg was the winner, to her own surprise, in the 2nd division with 78 nett. The conditions were heavy and everybody felt exhausted after such hard work.

Thinking the waltz would be a relaxed competition on the 16th, again it was very hard to score and the best score was the team with Helen Mills, Jenny Harrison and Dee Hirst with 66 points.

On the 21st we had our last Ladies friendly game away against the ladies of Carvoeiro.

We lost with 3 and 2, but it was a very nice day and it was a pleasure to play against such a nice group of Ladies, and on a Pinta Course that was in a very good condition.

The 23rd January was the stableford competition, where Nine van Droogenbroeck won the first division with 32 points, and Adrienne Buth the second division on 28 points with the better back nine. Again it was so difficult to bring in a good score, with no roll on the ball, so every player went up with her handicap!!

The last Wednesday (30th) was the matchplay between the team of the Lady Captain and the team of the Vice Lady Captain. It was a very close game and the last teams had to bring in the final outcome. They had to play on till the last hole and the last putt... and the final overall result was a DRAW. So everybody was happy and enjoyed their match in beautiful weather conditions.

## Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

Sunday, January 13th 2013 saw our first Social Golf of this New Year - thank goodness the weather was kind!

It was so good to have 43 competitors including new members and members who had not before joined in Social Golf. We hope they enjoyed the experience and will continue to join us.

The misfortune of Yvonne White's illness proved to be good fortune for Kathy Grimm who played with both the men from the original fourball and won a prize with each of them. Well done Kathy!

Despite the course playing long the scores were as good as ever:-

	<i><b>Corks/Olives</b></i>		<i><b>Olives/Pines</b></i>	
1st Place	John Bayston Kathy Grimm	43 Pts	Per Anton Kleppa Adrinne Buth	37 Pts
2nd Place	Iain Callaghan Diana Collins	42 Pts (bb9)	John Wainwright Fiona Thomson	35 Pts (bb9)
3rd Place	Rainer Grimm Kathy Grimm	42 Pts	Dee Hirst Andy Watkins	35 Pts

Jorge, with his new chef, provided an excellent supper.

We play our first Social Golf with members from Quinta do Lago on 31st January. Let's hope this is the first of many such occasions.

# Interclub by Christian Holst

Happy New Year everyone!

The AGM of the Algarve Interclub League was held on 15th January.

The most significant change to the league this year is a revised points system. As from 2013 each team will be awarded 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw with an additional bonus point for an away win. In the case of a tie, number of away points will decide. In my view, this is a good change and should make our performance easier and more exciting to follow.

Incidentally, had this system been followed last year we would still have finished third but with the top three teams in our division all within 1 point of each other.

The other change is that Salgados has withdrawn from the league due to their difficulties in putting a team together, and Laranjal was accepted as a new member.

Our division is therefore confirmed to comprise of the following:- Carvoeiro, Tavira (Benamor), Palmares, Vilamoura, Morgado, Quinta do Vale, Vale do Lobo, Laranjal and ourselves.

Date	Club	Venue	1st Tee Time
Mon 11th March	Carvoeiro	Home	8:42
Tue 19th March	Quinta do Vale	Away	9:00
Tue 26th March	Tavira (Benamor)	Home	8:42
Thu 4th April	Morgado	Home	8:42
Mon 15th April	Morgado	Away	8:28
Thu 25th April	Laranjal	Home	8:42
Thu 2nd May	Vilamoura	Home	8:42
Thu 16th May	Palmares	Away	8:26
Tue 21st May	Quinta do Vale	Home	8:42
Thu 20th June	Palmares	Home	8:42
Thu 27th June	Vale do Lobo	Away	
Wed 3rd July	Vilamoura (Pinhal)	Away	8:50
Tue 3rd Sep.	Tavira (Benamor)	Away	
Mon 16th Sep.	Carvoeiro (Pinta)	Away	9:00
Thu 26th Sep.	Vale do Lobo	Home	8.42
Sat 12th Oct.	Laranjal	Away	

The fixture list is almost ready (only one team left to agree with) and should be posted on the board shortly.

Please put your contact details down on the list on the notice board if you are generally keen to play; or e-mail/ text to me on: christian@holst.oslo.no / 914 174 904. Procedures for selecting teams etc. will otherwise follow the same procedures as earlier years.

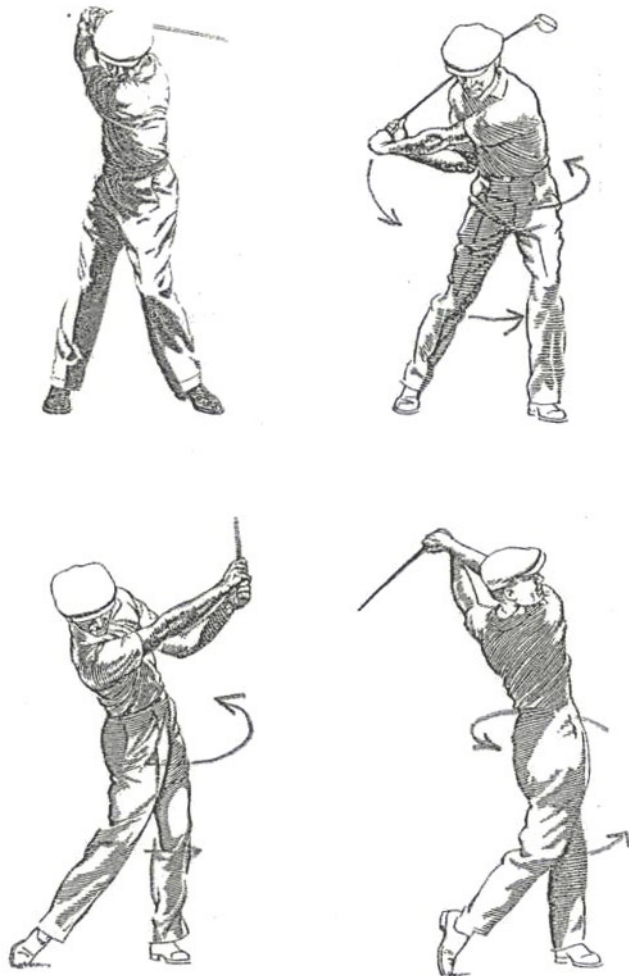
The first match is already due on 11th March against Carvoeiro at home and there is quite a busy schedule after that until the summer.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible contributing to a strong 2013 performance!

## Pro Tip Peter Ashdown

The moment of truth in any golf swing is when the back swing changes to the downswing.

The better the player the more this transition is initiated from the hips and the legs and creates a pulling action of the hands and arms, generating tremendous club head speed as the hands release through the ball into a balanced finished.



## Forthcoming Events February - March 2013

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
Sat 2nd Mar	Mens Roll Up
Sun 3rd Mar	St. David's Medal
Wed 6th Mar	Ladies Day
Thurs 7th Mar	Mens Pairs Matchplay
Fri 8th Mar	Mens Pairs Matchplay
Sat 9th Mar	Mens Pairs Matchplay
Sun 10th Mar	Mens Pairs Matchplay
Wed 13th Mar	Ladies Day
Sat 16th Mar	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th Mar	The Captain's St. Patrick's Charity Day
Wed 20th Mar	Ladies Day – Madrinha Trophy
Sat 23rd Mar	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th Mar	18 Holes Social Golf
Mon 25th Mar	Ladies AGM & Drive In
Wed 27th Mar	Ladies Day
Thurs 28th Mar	Golf AGM & Captain Drive In
Sat 30th Mar	Spring Medal, Past Captains Day and Stableford Winners
Sun 31st Mar	Easter Scramble