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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Markey

February was another busy month in Pinheiros Altos. I arrived back just in time to see the Lady Captain and Lady Vice-Captain Challenge match finish in a draw.

The February medal was won by Hamish Rumball and the February stableford by Tony Hickey. The Ladies Foursomes Championship was won by Josie Waddington and Pat Murrish, whilst the Valentine's Day competition was won by Paul and Linda Dixon.



Special prize to Christophe and Auntie Olga.



Winners of St. Valentines Day Paul and Linda Dixon with the Lady Captain.



Prize winners John Stone and Margo Fletcher.



Best gross Peter and Jenny Harrison

The social this month was held in Quinta do Lago, and was the return match organised by the respective clubs' Vice-Captains, Graeme Thomson and David Proctor. The matches were co-ordinated by Molly Wainwright from our social committee; hopefully this will be the start of a regular spring and autumn reciprocal social between our two neighbouring Clubs. Our thanks must go to Mark Foot and Brian Evans for their support in hosting both matches.

Charity Exhibition Match

The 26th of February saw the Santos brothers arrive in Pinheiros for a charity challenge match with Gordon Brand and Brian Evans. The day was organised by Brian and the staff to raise much

needed funds for a local cancer victim, Paulo Herequechand, and what made the day even more special was the involvement of the PA staff and members.

Ricardo and Hugo Santos both played in the Portuguese World Cup team in 2011 and Ricardo is in the top 10 on the European tour as I write. The event started with a beat the pro par 3 competition on the practise ground, with many of us trying having a go. The match commenced at 12.30 and I had the honour of refereeing it.

Gordon and Brian went 1up on the 1st of pines; however Ricardo levelled the match on the 7th pines. The back 9 was very exciting with Ricardo eagle-ing the par 5 - 7th of corks with a drive and a 3 iron, before making the green in two again on the tough 8th of corks. This as we all know is a monster hole, and Brian egged on Ricardo to take out the 3 wood and have a go, he did and made birdie, narrowly missing another eagle. The match ended 2-1 to the young Portuguese stars but Gordon and Brian stayed in the match right up to the 17th and did not let the club down! The day ended with Ricardo Santos posing for some pictures with staff and members alike.

The cheque of €3.5k was presented to staff member Brice and Ricardo and Hugo, who are close friends of Paulo Herequechand. Many thanks must go to all the staff in PA for their help in organising the day.

Captains charity day 17th March

If you have not already signed up for this event, the sheet is in the foyer of the clubhouse.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Any doubts regarding Ricardo Santos' stature as a world class player were categorically dispelled with seven shots on the 7th and 8th Corks.

We had arranged the Challenge Golf Match (Ricardo and brother Hugo against Ryder Cupper Gordon Brand and me) to raise money for Paulo Herequechand to receive the most modern treatment and have a better chance to win against his

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

Tickets are still on sale and a silent auction brochure is available in the clubhouse for anyone interested in making a bid. We hope to raise close on 10k for three worthy charities: Riding for the disabled, ASCA (old people's home) and The Salvation Army. I am indebted to the many members in Pinheiros who have donated items to auction and am equally delighted with the response from members who have already made silent auction bids. If you are interested in making a bid for any of the items please email me on david@ifpmedia.com.

Finally, a date for your diary, the AGM and Captain's Drive-In takes place on Thursday 28th of March.

cancer. The match attracted a crowd of supportive members and visitors and after a pre-match par 3 challenge we started the match from the 1st Pines. After 15 holes we were all square confirming the saying, "if you can't play find a good partner"! Gordon had played excellent golf to keep the brothers at bay and we now stood on the 7th Corks, wind left to right and against, with the match all square, three to play and a shock result on the cards!

Ricardo hit a bullet-like drive and a three iron to 10 feet and holed the putt for an eagle three!!! (Well, maybe not a surprise result!)

Amazing? Yes indeed, but he then followed it up with a drive and howitzer of a three wood to 15 feet on the 8th Corks (from the back tee) and he only missed the eagle by a whisker!!!

I don't think anyone who witnessed these two holes is not absolutely convinced that his present top 10 European Tour order of merit ranking, far from being a peak, is just the start of someone very special on his way to stardom!

The day raised €3500 and Hugo, Ricardo and our very own Brice accepted the donation on behalf of Paulo.

I would just like to thank everyone who contributed to making the day a success, especially Victor Pinto from Titleist, David Markey, Captain of Pinheiros Altos and of course Ricardo, Hugo and Gordon, who is still recovering from carrying me around!



March is a very busy month with St. Patrick's Day, The AGM and Captain's Drive-In, the Spring Medal and the Easter Scramble all taking place. You can now sign up on the Special Easter board outside the main Golf Reception.

Sunday 17th March – St Patrick's Day has already seventy entries. The event is the Captain's Charity Day appropriate for our Irish Captain, Mr. David Markey, and will mark his last hoorah before he hands over to incoming Captain, Graeme Thomson, at the AGM on March 28th.

The event will be a pairs betterball event but all members will mark an individual stableford in an attempt to win the last two places to compete for the Captain's K Club weekend.

The St. Patrick's Day charities will be ASCA old peoples home, the Salvation Army and Riding for the disabled. The sale of raffle tickets, fantastic blind auction packages and some special additional auction items will raise much needed funds for all these worthy causes.



There is still time to enter and be a part of what I am sure will be a great event.

The AGM will take place on Thursday 28th March at 10.00 a.m. in the Clubhouse, followed by the Captain's Drive-In, when Graeme Thomson puts his golfing reputation on the line. Knowing Graeme as I do, the choice of where his drive might finish from the 1st tee Pines might include a few flags on the North Course in Quinta do Lago!

After his Drive-In, the New Captain invites the members to compete in a special Cross Country Challenge, which will be set up on the Olives Course and will be followed by lunch in the Clubhouse.

The Spring Medal takes place on Saturday 30th March and this year incorporates several events; The Captain's very generous K Club prize will be fought over by the Stableford winners of the last twelve months, including Diana Collins (April Stableford), Jeff Archer (May Stableford), Mike Hassid (June Stableford),

Robert Lester (July Stableford), David Dixon (August Stableford), Gordon Todd (September Stableford), Sally Evans (October Stableford), P J O'Regan (November Stableford), Rie Cherubini (December Stableford), Tony Hickey (February Stableford) and there will be two qualifiers from the St. Patrick's Day Charity event.

Whoever of these qualifiers has the best score in the Spring Medal wins the K Club Prize.

Also incorporated into the Spring Medal is the Past Captains Challenge who will be competing for the privilege of being Past Captains Champion 2013

Easter Sunday sees the Annual Easter Scramble tournament followed by lunch and a prize giving that includes the presentation to the years medal and stableford winners, most improved player award, K-Club Prize, Past Captains Prize and of course the many Easter Scramble Prizes. A day not to be missed!

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.

Competition Results for February

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 3rd	February Medal	Hamish Rumball	74 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)	Gordon Todd	74 Nett
Wed 6th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Rie Cherubini	76 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)	1st Division Mai Markey	76 Nett
		2nd Division Shirley Griffiths	79 Nett	2nd Division Pat Murrish	83 Nett
Sun 10th	St Valentine's Day Scramble	Paul Dixon Linda Dixon	60 Nett	Christine Soden Christopher Hartley	62 Nett
Wed 13th	Ladies Foursome Championship	Josie Waddington Pat Murrish	36 Pts	Judy Hanson Yvonne White	30 Pts
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Hilary Jessup	34 Pts	1st Division Janice Paterson	30 Pts
		2nd Division Linda Bentley	33 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	2nd Division Shona Callaghan	33 Pts
Sun 24th	February Stableford	Tony Hickey	36 Pts	Hamish Rumball	34 Pts
Wed 27th	Ladies Day	Matchplay 4 ball better ball			

Ladies Section by Thérèse van Doorn



February for the ladies section started with the medal competition, where 15 ladies played in good conditions, but it still seems difficult to produce good scores.

Rie Cherubini won in the first division, beating Mai Markey with a better back nine. The winner of the second division was Shirley Griffiths.



On the 13th we played the yearly Ladies Foursomes Championship, introduced by Shirley Griffiths in her year (2005) as Lady Captain. Therefore, it was very unfortunate that she had to withdraw at the last minute due to a bout of flu and was not able to present the Trophy she donated. Win Walton was so kind to step in to make up the numbers. As we had 30 players, Joel Collins was asked to play as a marker, so he had the

unique and quite different experience to play from the ladies tees. Thanks Joel for your offer and company!

It is always proved that this format is a difficult one. The winners were Josie Waddington and Pat Murrish with 36 points, six points ahead of second place, pair Judy Hanson and Yvonne White, who took second prize from Janice Paterson and Vera Watkins with a better back nine score.

It was a lovely day played in good atmosphere followed by drinks and snacks.

On the 20th we had the stableford competition, with Hilary Jessup winning the first Division and Linda Bentley the second Division.

On the 26th February, we all had the opportunity to watch the Match of Ricardo and Hugo Santos, versus Gordon Brand and Brian Evans, to raise money for charity. It was a joy to see how good and beautiful all played (and sometimes missed!) especially to see them on your own course and compare their game with your own. What a difference!!!!



On the 28th we played a fourball better ball matchplay, which is always a good format with low and high handicap combinations.

It is almost the end of my Captain's year, how quick has it gone....

I am going on holiday and will be back for the Madrinha on the 20th March. In the meantime Rie Cherubini is kindly taking over, practicing for her time as Lady Captain which will be coming very soon!

Interclub

by Christian Holst

There is not much new to report since the February Newsletter.

I have already received indications of availability from a good number of you, but I still encourage as many as possible either to enter on the respective entrance sheets as they are posted or contact me directly. An updated match schedule is on the board in the Club House.

Our first match is due on 11th March against Carvoeiro at home and we have two more matches this month; against Quinta do Vale away on 19th March and against Tavira at home on the 26th March.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible when the season starts properly.

Social Golf by Molly Wainwright



We have had two very enjoyable joint competitions with Quinta do Lago. The first at Pinheiros Altos was well documented by our Captain David Markey in his last report.

The second competition at Quinta do Lago on the 17th February was played over the North Course. We didn't manage wall to wall sunshine but at least the rain held off until we had finished playing.

Another shotgun start ensured we were all in the clubhouse at much the same time to enjoy champagne courtesy of Geoff Garbutt the Quinta Captain. He holed-in-one on the 8th. His 7th hole-in-one and he tells me he had an equally expensive one at the same hole quite recently and used a 7 iron each time – he'll have to change his clubs!!

We had an excellent supper in Quinta's new clubhouse with noise levels as high as ever as we discussed our exploits of the day. We played a very similar format to the competition at Pinheiros Altos, the difference being only one to count on par 5's, but three on par 3's and two on par 4's. Our team still found this difficult, but the winners, Marianne Wiren and Adrienne Buth – from Pinheiros Altos with Sean Cleary and Anthony Brown from Quinta clearly didn't – scoring 87 points. Well done.



Our thanks to Geoff Garbutt and Denise Grayson, the Quinta Captains and all their teams for such an enjoyable day.

The dates are not yet finalised for the next reciprocal Social Events but hopefully we will play at Pinheiros in November, with the return at Quinta in February 2014.

The next Social golf is on 24th March and will be an American Foursomes with Iain Callaghan and Roy Baddeley organising.



GALA WEEK
Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th July
The theme for this year's Gala Week is now **MUSICALS**
Please enter through the Golf Office as soon as possible.

Pro Tip - Brian Evans

Two photographs of near perfection in the golf swing.



Ricardo Santos at impact; weight into the left side; hips rotated and right side released; hips, legs, arms and hands meeting the ball together at impact. The result of this synergy is a complete balanced follow through.

What every amateur can do to improve is to allow the body to “make way” for the arms and hands to deliver the golf club to, and through the ball, into a balanced finish.



Forthcoming Events March - April 2013

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
Tues 2nd Apr	APPA Competition
Wed 3rd Apr	Ladies Day
Sat 6th Apr	Strokeplay Championship (No Roll Up)
Sun 7th Apr	Strokeplay Championship
Wed 10th Apr	Ladies Day
Sat 13th Apr	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th Apr	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 17th Apr	Ladies Day
Sat 20th Apr	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st Apr	St. Georges Medal
Wed 24th Apr	Ladies day
Sat 27th Apr	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th Apr	April Stableford