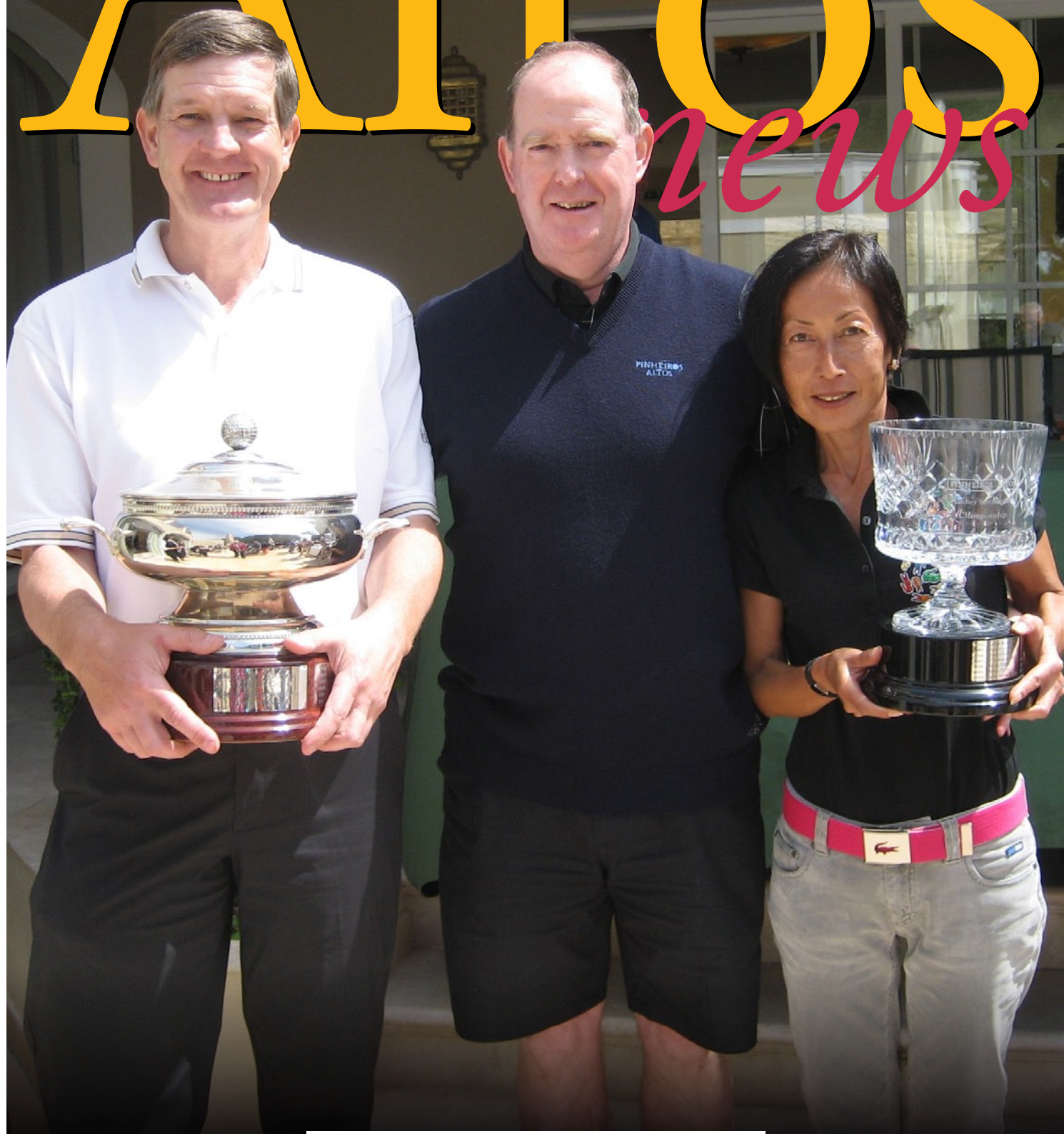


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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Fellow Members,

Hardly had we time to get our breath back from the hectic Easter schedule of competitions, when the following weekend presented the annual Strokeplay Championships. This is one of our Club's premier tournaments and was played from the relevant Medal tees over two consecutive days, using the entire 27 holes of Pinheiros Altos to determine our 2013 club champions. The competition was, as ever, well supported and provided some stiff opposition for our eventual winners. As pictured on the front cover of this month's newsletter, the victors were Rie Cherubini and Tim Russell. Congratulations to you both.

I believe this is possibly an appropriate moment to encourage all members who are interested in improving their game in preparation for next year's Strokeplay Championship, or indeed if only for their personal advancement, to remind you that Pinheiros Altos has one of the finest golf academies in the Algarve. Our three first class professional coaches, Ross, Kenny and Peter continue to provide outstanding tuition and support for all ages and standards... and are ready and willing to provide analysis and help you achieve your goals.



Ross, Kenny and Peter

Pinheiros is host this year to our local annual derby with Quinta do Lago, aka 'The Ben Hogan Trophy', which takes place on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May. The sign-up sheet is already up and we look forward to fielding as many players as we can over the two days. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the format. There are Better Ball ladies and gents matches at Quinta on the Friday, with a mixed pair Better Ball on the Saturday at Pinheiros Altos, followed by a BBQ and trophy presentation.

As mentioned at the AGM, my Captain's Day is Saturday 22nd June and the sign-up sheet for this will be posted in the clubhouse within the next week or two.

I look forward to meeting and participating with as many of you as possible in the coming months and would encourage you to take note of the forthcoming events as listed towards the end of this newsletter... and of course in the Members Handbook.



The Champions Tim and Rie with the Captain



Runner Up Melaura Parker



Runner Up John Waters



Best Nett Ladies Helen Mills



Best Nett Men Peter Young

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Congratulations to Tim Russell and Lady Captain Rie Cherubini on their respective victories in the Pinheiros Altos Mens and Ladies Strokeplay Championships.

Tim, who had been in Par breaking form going into the event took the title by 5 shots from runner up John Waters. Rie won her title by a single shot from fast finishing Melaura Parker.

Upcoming events include the Annual Ben Hogan Trophy match played between Pinheiros Altos and Quinta do Lago on the 10 and 11th May. Pinheiros Altos led by Captain Graeme Thomson, will be all out to recover the Trophy which was lost last year.

The 23rd to 26th May is the Mixed Pairs Match Play Championship which I would like to see well contended to produce worthy champions, although reigning Champions Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst will be very reluctant to part with the trophy which they won in fine style last year.

The two biggest events in the Pinheiros Altos calendar are fast approaching. Graeme Thomson's Captain's Day will be played on the 22nd June while the 18th Gala Week takes its usual slot at the end of July (21st - 27th).

Both events will be all singing and dancing affairs in terms of commitment from the organizers and we look forward to a great response from the membership.

Golf Course changes:-

3rd Corks: the reshaped bunkers to the right of the green are now in play.

3rd Olives: fifteen new pine trees have been planted to catch the errant shot to the green. I can assure you that as time goes by this hole will become more and more of a challenge.

9th Corks: repairs to the calcada paths behind this tee, the creation of a new trolley path to make easier access to the tees from the calcada path above and the levelling of the two lower mens tees are all works to be carried out this Summer.

Efforts are also afoot to make the road between the 3rd green Pines and the 4th Tee Pines more attractive. New fencing has been erected around the Maintenance building and Cupressocyparis Leylandi trees have been planted, which will eventually obscure the view of the fence and the maintenance buildings.

Plans are in place to renew the restroom for the golfers on this walk and paint both the canteen and maintenance buildings in white and dark green respectively. A garden and the planting of fruit trees is also planned to take your mind off your golf, just for a moment!



Jan Goodhill The London Marathon 28th April

In last month's Newsletter I mentioned that Jan Goodhill (villa 40 Pinheiros Altos) was preparing to compete in the London Marathon to raise money for her chosen charity "Children with Cancer".

Well, I can proudly announce that she finished successfully in 4hrs and 50 min and was ranked 181st in her age group, 55-59, (should I have mentioned that?)

Most important was that she raised a magnificent £5,600 for that very worthy cause!



Apologies to the four finalists in the Mens Fourball, as I missed their splendid photos out of last month's Newsletter... here they are in all their glory.

The final was a real matchplay spectacular with Peter Harrison's Par 4 at the 19th hole good enough for him and Robert Lester to see off Hamish Rumball and Nevin Prakash.

How could I have missed out these beauties!!





Captain's Day

22nd June

18 Hole Individual Stableford followed by the Captain's Dinner and Dance

For more information and to enter please contact the Golf Office or see the Special Captain's Day and Gala Week notice board positioned just outside the main reception.

Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tues 2nd	APPA Competition	Tim Russell	38 Pts	Christine Soden	35 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	Cancelled due to bad weather conditions			
Sat 6th Sun 7th	Strokeplay Championship	<i>Men</i> Tim Russell <i>Ladies</i> Rie Cherubini		<i>Men</i> John Waters <i>Ladies</i> Melaura Parker	
Wed 10th	Ladies Day Waltz	<i>Pines to Corks</i> Thérèse v Doorn Fiona Hanby Meg Black <i>Olives to Pines</i> Helen Mills Annette Newbald Adrienne Buth	68 Pts 72 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	<i>Pines to Cork</i> Nine Droogenbroeck Ineke Goossens Pat Murrish <i>Olives to Pines</i> Denise Reed Marian Jenkins Stella Jeffrey	63 Pts 72 Pts
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<i>1st Division</i> Denise Reed <i>2nd Division</i> Linda Dixon	34 Pts 34 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	<i>1st Division</i> Susan Russell <i>2nd Division</i> Adrienne Buth	33 Pts 34 Pts
Sun 21st	St George's Day Medal	Hamish Rumball	68 Nett	Peter Young	70 Nett
Wed 24th	Ladies Day	Four Ball Better Ball Matchplay			
Sun 28th	April Stableford	Meg Black	32 Pts	Per Kleppa	31 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)



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.

Ladies Section by Rie Cherubini

This is my very first report after taking over the captaincy from Therese.

In Japan, we must have a special kind of soil as we say; "The rain at the start of the new stage in your life gives you a solid foundation." Unfortunately here in the Algarve, the rain on the 3rd of April gave me nothing but a shaky start to my captaincy! Due to the heavy rain early in the morning, 6 players (mainly from the 1st division...oops!) withdrew and I had to make a decision not to play for a qualifying medal. This decision invited 3 more withdrawals. 12 of us (10 from the 2nd division) went out hoping not to get wet before the halfway and played 18 holes without a single drop of rain. Hated the job!

On the 10th, 26 players enjoyed the "Waltz" despite a little drizzle in the morning. Many of us came in with a smile and lots of mosquito bites!

The 17th was the first Wednesday I didn't have to worry about the weather and 22 ladies played a qualifying stableford.

24 ladies played the four ball better ball matchplay on the last Wednesday.

The annual Ladies Eclectic Competition has started right after the AGM and as of today we have nearly 40 entrants who will challenge themselves until the beginning of October. In this year the committee changed the rules so that more ladies could participate and start easily. It isn't too late to start if any of you are interested.

I am writing this after playing the Ladies Friendly Match at Quinta da Ria, watching my husband cooking dinner (he has been well trained, I hope...). It was a very windy, freezing day, but all 10 of us appreciated the lush green fairways... and are now hoping not to hit the ball as hard on our putting green. Unfortunately we lost with 1 win, 2 halves and 2 losses, however, considering that 4 out of 5 of our lower handicappers had no shots and that all 5 matches went to the very last hole in an away match, I can't be more proud of my ladies.

I look very much forward to work with Captain Graeme and the committee members and to serve all the ladies to enjoy the game of golf in a friendly, yet competitive atmosphere. Please cross your fingers for me so that I don't have to worry about the weather nor the holes on the roads!

Social Golf by Thérèse van Doorn

Sunday 14th April we played the yellow ball competition.

Not a very popular format but we made it a little bit less horrible, with the rule that you could replace your yellow ball without penalties.

There were just the right numbers that we could make six teams of four.

The winners on Olives to Pines were Anne Copestake, Stella Jeffrey, John Mullins and Andy Watkins with 132 points.

The winners on Corks to Olives were Adrienne Buth, Annette Newbald, Roger Kitson and Michiel van Doorn with 137 points.

Jorge and his staff served us a very nice chicken curry, which was served with wine donated by Ineke Goossens, on the occasion of her birthday. We all enjoyed a very pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Next social golf will be the 26th May, the same day as there is the final of the Mixed Pairs Match Play Championship, so we all can congratulate and celebrate with the winners of that event.

Interclub by Christian Holst

We have only played one match since my last report, against Laranjal at home on the 25th April which we won 4-1. By the time you read this we will have played Vilamoura, also at home on the 2nd May, typically one of the strongest teams in the League.

Our first away match is on the 16th May against Palmares, one of the better courses in the Algarve and typically one of the most enjoyable matches during the season. That will then be it for May but there is a busy schedule in June with away matches against Morgado on the 10th and Vale do Lobo on the 27th as well as one home match against Palmares on the 20th. The last match before the summer break is away against Vilamoura on the 3rd July.

In summary, no lost points yet but as I said last time, the real test will be how we perform in the away matches.

Pro Tip - Brian Evans

Strong Grip to Draw

A simple adjustment produces more power

Most women tend to slice the ball, and if this is the case, they must not be frightened of adopting a powerful grip.

The left hand particularly should be placed well on top of the shaft, with as many as three knuckles showing and the thumb well to the right side of the grip.

The shaft should be held firmly in both the palm and fingers, and there should be a feeling that the club is nestling deep in the hand so the fingers can really hold on to it.



Forthcoming Events May - June 2013

Wed 1st May	Ladies Day
Sat 4th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th May	May Medal
Wed 8th May	Ladies Day
Fri 10th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL
Sat 11th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL
Wed 15th May	Ladies Day
Fri 17th May	Past Lady Captain's Day
Sat 18th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 19th May	May Stableford
Wed 22nd May	Ladies Day
Thurs 23rd May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Fri 24th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sat 25th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sun 26th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sun 26th May	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 29th May	Ladies Day
Sat 1st June	Mens Roll Up
Wed 5th June	Ladies Day
Sat 8th June	Mens Roll Up
Wed 12th June	Ladies Day
Sat 15th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers
Wed 19th June	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd June	Captain's Day
Sun 23rd June	June Medal
Wed 26th June	Ladies Day
Sat 29th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 30th June	Seniors Championship, President's Putter and June Stableford