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*The Ben Hogan Trophy –  
Pinheiros Altos V Quinta do Lago*

PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS



# Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Dear Members,

The past month has been a competitive one, both at home and abroad; with the K Club in Ireland once again the venue for the Seve Trophy, the trophy presented to the club by Philip Hardie in memory of Severiano Ballesteros.

The competition hosted by David Markey is now in its second year and 19 members made the journey to participate in the tournament. You'll appreciate that with the Irish hospitality and weather, this two-day endurance test is not for the faint hearted. And so it was that Alan Bentley held his nerve (with only a one shot lead) going into the second day and managed to pip Iain Cater to the prize.

The scores themselves are not important, suffice to say that 99 balls were lost over two rounds and the Captain's Charity is 200 euros to the good!



*K Club Winner Winner Alan Bentley with the Captain  
and Philip Hardie who sponsor the Trophy*

The focus then turned to the annual Ben Hogan match with Quinta do Lago. A positive Friday morning start by our Ladies (who achieved a 5.5/5.5 draw playing away from home) was unfortunately not matched by our men's afternoon performance, and we finished the day at Quinta 9/13 down.

There was talk of the 'Battle at Brookline', but we were more in need of the 'Miracle at Medinah'. That said... our mixed couples put up a sterling defense over their home course, and while it did result in a very exciting finish, requiring the last two results, we lost the match 20/22. It was a thoroughly enjoyable two days in the company of our neighbours, and thinking positively... the competition is the real winner. (Note: to Vice Captain David Pirret, PA still have a 5/4 lead overall, so no pressure for 2014!!!)

There's something about arriving to the club on a Thursday to participate in a four-day tournament. It gives you that 'professional' buzz, and excitement! For the Pinheiros Altos Mixed Match-Play Championship Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th May, Fiona and I were ready and raring to go! Unfortunately our excitement didn't last, as we lost in the first round!

Sixteen pairs took part, 12 of which were married couples...

There were several close contests and a number of which that needed the extra holes to resolve. The final saw last year's runners-up, Martin and Hilary Jessup, unfortunately achieve the same result as they succumbed to some excellent golf from Peter Harrison and Therese van Doorn. Congratulations and well done to all participants.

Captain's Day (Saturday 22nd June) is fast approaching and Brian and Christophe have prepared an interesting twist on the choice of course to be played. We will revert to the 'OLD COURSE' and use the Par 3 2nd on Corks as an extra hole for some additional fun! Details and a full explanation will be provided on the day.

Gala Week is also on the horizon, and as previously advised the Club's theme this year is 'Musicals'. So in order to get everyone into the right frame of mind, we're organising a 'Sing-along' to ABBA's Mamma Mia the movie, on the evening of Saturday 20th July.

Please see the notice board for details.

## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

I start by admitting that I am playing rubbish golf and made a miserable defence of my title at the K Club. However, it was a great trip and I must thank David and Mai Markey for their fantastic hospitality and organisation. Congrats to Alan Bentley and I hope he makes a better job defending his title next year than I did!



*Mixed Matchplay Winners Thérèse van Doorn and Peter Harrison*

On the face of it, refereeing the Mixed Matchplay final would not be top of my list for how to spend a Sunday morning but I actually enjoyed it; honestly!

It was a closely fought match with Peter Harrison's tremendous golf being the deciding factor in the end but I would like to congratulate all the finalists, Thérèse, Hilary and Martin on a cracking game.

Now for a few reminders of those important Summer events in the order they are taking place:

Hillbillies V Sanddancers 15th June.

This year Christophe Captains the Hillbilly Bandits wearing Oporto blue while I will Captain the Sanddancing Devils wearing Benfica red! We want as many entries as possible to make this, the 19th playing for Martin Murrish's Trophy the continued success it deserves to be.



*Mixed Matchplay Runners Up Hilary and Martin Jessup*

Its great to see so many already entered for Captain's Day and we have decided to play the event over the "Old Course" so the 1st Corks will revert to being the 6th hole and the 2nd Corks will be a charity hole played only as a means to raise money and get from the 6th green (1st Corks) to the 7th Tee (7th Corks) which will once again be the 7th hole of the original course. The Par will still be 72 with the 6th (1st Olives) now a Par 4 instead of a Par 5 and the 7th (7th Corks) now a Par 5 instead of a long Par 4.

Players will be handicapped from the Corks and Olives combination and the stroke index from the old original 18 holes will apply. Hope you have followed all of this!

**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.**





# 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.

We are already receiving entries for the Gala Week and we look forward to a large entry with our all singing and dancing Musicals Theme!

## Charity Golf Tournament in benefit of; Special Needs Children Swimming Team - Louletano Sports Club

This event is a perfect opportunity to support a really worthwhile cause while having a great day out at the beautiful San Lorenzo Golf Course. **NB** Please note that the entry for Pinheiros Altos Members is 80 Euros (including buggy).

Now that the grass is finally growing on the driving range we have introduced our new Callaway range balls and now nobody has any excuse for not practising and improving!



*No excuse!*

The temporary green is being prepared on the 7th hole Olives ready to be used when the present green is reconstructed further back and closer to the water on the right later this year.



**Charity Golf Tournament**  
In benefit of:  
**Special Needs Children Swimming Team**  
- Louletano Sports Club -

**18 August 2013**  
**Programme:**  
Shotgun at 14:00 hrs | Prize giving ceremony | Finger buffet  
Price per golfer:  
**100 € (including buggy)**  
**For reservations: 289 359 910 | [crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com](mailto:crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com)**

Event sponsors & Partners:






# Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Hilary Jessup <b>2nd Division</b> Wendy Menzies	67 Nett  70 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Zoe Pirret <b>2nd Division</b> Shirley Griffiths	74 Nett  75 Nett
Sun 5th	May Medal	David Dixon	72 Nett	Rod Brown	73 Nett ( <i>bb9</i> )
Wed 8th	Ladies Day	Four Ball Better Ball Matchplay			
Fri 10th Sat 11th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Quinta Da Logo	22 ½	Piheiros Altos	10 ½
Wed 15th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Helen Mills <b>2nd Division</b> Josie Waddington	37 Pts  37 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Paula Burke <b>2nd Division</b> Meg Black	34 Pts  32 Pts
Fri 17th	Past Lady Captain's Day	Helen Mills	39 Pts	Shona Callaghan	32 Pts
Sun 19th	May Stableford	Sylvia Mullins	38 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> )	Jenny Harrison	38 Pts
Wed 22nd	Ladies Day Stableford with Hidden Partners	Helen Mills Shirley Griffiths	71 Pts	Janine van de Ree Janet Leffler	59 Pts
Thur 23rd - Sun 26th	Mixed Pairs Matchplay	Peter Harrison Thérèse v Doorn		Martin Jessup Hilary Jessup	
Wed 29th	Ladies Day Stableford with Average Points	<b>Group A</b> Florence D'Algue Adrienne Buth Stella Jeffrey <b>Group B</b> Thérèse v Doorn Margo Fletcher Kathy Grimm	34.7    27.3	<b>Group A</b> Cathy Harper Zoe Pirret Josie Waddington <b>Group B</b> Sally Evans Joanna Young Susie Hobday	32    27

## Ladies Section by Rie Cherubini

Before anything I would like to write the following names: Therese van Doorn, Susan Hughes, Marian Jenkins, Janine van de Ree, Barbara Fletcher, Anne Copestake, Molly Wainwright, Shirley Griffiths, Jeannette Sohler, Margo Fletcher, Denise Reed, Hilary Jessup, Helen Mills and Shona Callaghan. They are the Past Ladies Captains.

May started with the Medal competition on the 1st and Hilary Jessup shot gross 82 nett 67. All her hard work after her foot injury was shown proudly on her scorecard.

On Monday, the 6th, we had the home match against the ladies from Levante who defeated us on their home soil a week earlier. My trusty team won with a glorious 5-0!

When we play Four Ball Better Ball Matchplay on Wednesdays, we mix the two divisions and play from red tees. For a change, on the 8th, the matchplay was played within each division and from blue tees for those from the 1st division. Because the shot difference was smaller we saw very close, good matches in both divisions and I am quite sure that it was a grand experience



for those who usually received shots but had to give them on this occasion.

On the 15th, 26 ladies played the Qualifying Stableford where Helen Mills from the 1st division and Josie Waddington from the 2nd division recorded good rounds of 37 points.

We had two more Wednesdays in May and I ran out of ideas of what to do... Non Qualifying Stableford when you have no idea! On the 22nd 12 ladies with hidden partners. A whopping 33 ladies signed up for the 29th with an opportunity to play for their Eclectic cards and the first tee time was at 7:54am. The result was calculated by averaging the points of the 3 players.

Friday, the 17th was a very special day for me, the Past Lady Captains' Day. It was a freezing windy morning and 8 of them still teed off with smile! A couple of heavy showers came down during their round and I was wondering whether they would come back with the same smiles they set off with. But come back with smiles they did, after completing the 18-hole stableford

competition. Helen Mills, who won a couple days earlier with 37 points, won with fantastic 39 points and proved the Irish golfers are water-proof!

A couple more Past Lady Captains joined for lunch and I had the privilege to spend time with 10 Past Lady Captains. When I joined the Ladies Committee as vice captain last year, I felt their warm support for, and attachment to, the Ladies Section. However, only after having started the job as a captain, have I begin to fully realise and appreciate how much these ladies have done for the Section... and how valuable the foundations they have laid are for all of us and for today's Ladies Section.

On the last weekend Therese won the Mixed Pairs Matchplay Championship with Peter Harrison, defeating Hilary with her husband Martin in the final. May was a month for the Past Lady Captains!!

My report starts and ends with the Past Ladies Captains. I can't wait to join them!



*Ladies Past Captain's Day*

## Charity Report by Treasurer Yvonne White

Members will recall that throughout the Spring, culminating on St. Patrick's Day, we had a massive charity drive which resulted in our raising the magnificent sum of €15.000 for local charities. We are pleased to report that we have now agreed with ASCA for the purchase of various items of equipment for the old people's home in Almancil to the value of €5.000 and have given cheques for €5.000 each to Riding for the Disabled and the Salvation Army. In each case, the representatives of the recipient charities were quite overwhelmed with the generosity of PA members and many tears were shed.

The choice of equipment for ASCA was made by last year's Lady Captain Therese van Doorn, the current Lady Captain Rie Cherubini and me, following a visit to the centre where we met both staff and residents. We were very impressed with the facilities and standard of care available for residents and day visitors to the centre and know that our contribution will greatly benefit all concerned.

The cheque for Riding for the Disabled was presented to the organiser, Rosemary Owens, at their recent Gymkhana. Lady Vice-Captain Adrienne Buth and I made the presentation and took the opportunity to meet the riders and their mounts and congratulate them on their achievement. The immense pleasure and pride that the severely mentally and physically disabled youngsters derive from their riding lessons was obvious for all to see, as was the devotion of the many volunteers that are needed to assist on a regular basis. Our donation will mean a great deal to the riders, their families and their helpers.

The Lady Section was pleased to welcome Luis Viriato of the Salvation Army to the Club where he met with some of the ladies responsible for running the raffle which greatly contributed to the charity fund. Before receiving the cheque, he told us something of the very worthy work that the Salvation Army do and really impressed us with the level of poverty that many local people are

currently experiencing. It was after talking with him that we decided that on each Wednesday throughout June, we will be collecting basic foodstuff and other essentials which will then be delivered, via the Salvation Army, to local needy families. We are sure that, once again, we can rely upon the generosity of PA members.

A big "Thank you" to all for bringing so many smiles to so many people.



*The Ladies section present cheques to their chosen charities:-  
The Salvation Army and Riding for the Disabled*

## Interclub by Christian Holst

Only two matches played in May against Vilamoura at home on the 2nd May and away against Palmares on the 16th May.

We won 3-2 against Vilamoura but lost 4-1 against Palmares. So far therefore we have an unblemished record at home, but we have lost our only away match.

We have a busy schedule over the next few weeks 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. Sheets should be up in due course and a few of you have already indicated your availability.

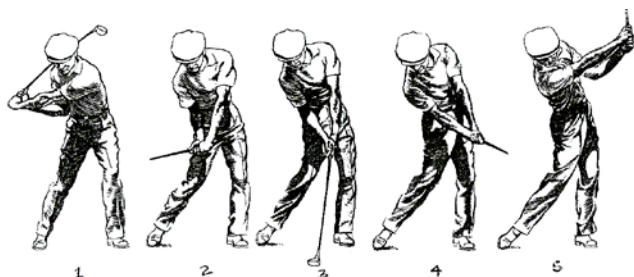
Looking at the league standings it is too early to name any particular favourite, there are in my view 4 or 5 contenders of which we are one.

## Pro Tip - Brian Evans

### THE HITTING AREA

Hips lead the way, arms pull down and wrists release into, and through, the ball.

Notice the way the back of the left wrist points to the front in picture 1 and has rotated through the ball to face the back in picture 5. In picture 3 the hips, legs, arms and hands have met the ball together for the perfect strike.



## Forthcoming Events June - July 2013

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
Wed 3rd July	Ladies Day
Sat 6th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th Jul	July Stableford
Wed 10th July	Ladies Day
Sat 13th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 17th July	Ladies Day
Sat 20th July	Summer Medal (No Roll Up)

<b>Sun 21st July</b>	<b>Practise and Registration</b>
<b>Mon 22nd July</b>	<b>Four Ball Best Ball</b>
<b>Tue 23rd July</b>	<b>Greensomes</b>
<b>Wed 24th July</b>	<b>Shoot Out 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thu 25th July</b>	<b>American Foursomes</b>
<b>Fri 26th July</b>	<b>Scramble</b>
<b>Sat 27th July</b>	<b>Gala Dinner</b>

**GALA WEEK**

Tues 30th July	Junior Open
Wed 31st July	Ladies Day