

# Altos

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Captain's Day is one of the club's main highlights in what is a very active annual calendar, and as the clue is in the title, it is of great importance to me personally.

I was therefore both delighted and indeed honoured at the membership participation. So many members and Past Captain's (both Ladies and Club) travelled especially to be there, and it was gratifying to receive an avalanche of supportive emails and texts from those who were unable to attend.

We are a multi-national club with over 500 members and we chose to reflect that with the national flags of those attending displayed at each table. Having said that... Pinheiros had of course been declared a Scottish Territory for the day and the 'Blue and White' was everywhere, with an occasional touch of Tartan! I have so many people to thank for their wonderful support in making the day such a success.

Our Lady Captain Rie Cherubini, for her beautiful floral display of blue and white agapanthus at reception, and for encouraging the ladies section to participate in the chosen colour theme. This proved highly successful and I appreciate that several local shopkeepers were also beneficiaries! Thank you ladies... The immediate Past Captain, David Markey, and his son Karl, the current Vice Captain, David Pirret, and Philip Hardie, all of whom assisted me greatly and contributed enormously to the activities of the day.

These larger events rely greatly on 'team work', and the Pinheiros family did us proud. Under the leadership of Brian, Christophe and Jorge, all departments of the club worked in unison to ensure the enjoyment for all and I'm extremely grateful to all staff.

To my family, Fiona for her needlework in hand finishing the Shoe-bags with the missing 'apostrophe' and to our children for their support from home.

And finally to the wider membership and Ladies section for their kind gifts, which will be cherished as mementos of my Captain's Day. While the preparations continued at pace in the clubhouse, it was also evidently hard work on the 'old' course. As the individual stableford points were proving elusive for all but one!!!

Congratulations to Majida Lester on winning the Captain's Prize with a fantastic 42 points, several points ahead of her nearest competitor.

Earlier in this week on Wednesday 19th our Lady Captain Rie Cherubini held her Captain's Day and I wish to congratulate her on what I know was a wonderful day enjoyed by all the attending ladies. The slightly chilly early morning start had certainly warmed up by lunchtime and I could tell things were going well as they 'happily' waved to me, glasses held aloft, when I left the 9th green of Corks.

The second running of 'Joe the Pro Famous Grouse Trophy' took place on Friday 31st May, and was won by Ron Goosens and Paul Jervis. Joe is now a spritely 81 years of age and still manages to play to his age! Some (or should that be most) of his playing partners here at PA will require to live very long lives to achieve the same! Joe's contribution to the game of golf, particularly in Asia, where he spent more than 30 years teaching and promoting the game in India and Hong Kong, is legendary. He is often to be found at the coffee shop patio enjoying a mid-morning coffee, or perhaps a late afternoon 'Grouse'. Please introduce yourselves and enjoy his repartee.

Gala Week is almost upon us and as mentioned in last month's newsletter the 'musical' warm up is on the evening of Saturday 20th, with a Sing-a-long to ABBA session. Please see the reception notice board and sign up.



*New member Declan Quilligan*



*Guess what nationality?*



*Rie presents the Captain with  
a memento of the occasion*



*Ann Davidson bags it!*



*Ladies best net – Pat Wright*



*Men's best net – Iain Cater*



*Nils and Janet Leffler*



*Sandra, Adrienne, Anne and Zoe*



*Rie and Cathy*



*Mai, Phillip and Teresa*



*Margo and Sabine*



*Ian and Christine*



*Mike and Sally*



*Christophe and Vania*



*Max, Katy and Brian*



*Vernon and Jan*



*Graeme and Fiona*

**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.

**Gala Week is coming up fast!**

Please enter at the golf office.

# Director of Golf - Monthly Report

What a month; Captain's Day, Lady Captain's Day, Hillbillies v Sanddancers, Presidents Day and the Seniors Championship, not to mention the Monthly Medal and Stableford competitions all flashed past. As you can see from the photos, a great time was had by all, although Pat and I did not enjoy our defeat by Christophe and Shona in the Hillbilly v Sanddancers!

Captain's Day was a splendid occasion, although some might say the Scottish connection was overdone! 90 players and 115 dinner guests was a tremendous turn out and one that reflects the popularity of Graeme and Fiona. The attention to detail was superb and it was a tremendous winning score with Majida Lester taking the Captain's Prize with 42pts and a seven point winning margin!

Lady Captain's Day was a noisy affair, which I suppose is only to be expected when you have forty ladies in the same space! There was two exceptional scores of 39pts by Florence and Shirley, but with no disrespect to Shirley, it was great for the 6 handicap Florence to take the prize on the back nine count back. Shirley has plenty more 39pts to come, even off her new handicap!

The Hillbillies v Sanddancers was tied at 8 ½ each. Christophe not only beat me in our match, but he then refused to have a chip off between the Captains to decide the outcome of the match, instead used the old "whoever won it last year retains the trophy" routine. Off course, being a much younger man than me and therefore having a better memory, he knew his Hillbilly team had taken the trophy the previous year!



*Martin Murrish, creator of the tournament, presents the trophy to Christophe (he is not happy enough is he?)*



*The least said, the better*



*Dee, Alan and Linda*



*Phillip and Bernadette*



*Janine and Cornelius*



*Valerie and Graham*



*Stewart and Cathy*



*Viktoria and Sergey with Josie*

The Presidents Day, Seniors Championship and June stableford have been played as three tournaments in one for several years. This format has boosted the number of competitors, but often the winner of one would win the other two since most of our members are now seniors and therefore eligible for all the prizes! So this year we decided to grade the tournaments with the Presidents Day prizes being more valuable than the Seniors Championship and the Seniors more than the Stableford competition. So, while one player could take both trophies, any player could only win one prize.

## Apologies!

I had my report all done and it just needed a few words about Presidents Day and the Seniors Championship which took place as a joint event on Sunday 30th June, but then I did not foresee a disaster of de ja vous proportions!

To explain I have to take you back to the Prize presentation for the 2011 Pinheiros Altos Foursomes Championship where I presented the Trophy to Neil Bamber and Peter Harrison for

their best gross score, only to be saved by Susan Russell who reminded me that the Trophy should have gone to Stewart and Cathy Harper who had actually won the tournament with the best nett score! Very embarrassing and one would expect one to learn from such a huge mistake.

Fast forward to the 30th June and the prize presentation for the Presidents Day and Seniors Championship. The day had gone so well! There had been a large entry of 58 players and Steve Quail had won his first competition at Pinheiros Altos taking the Presidents Prize with 36pts, the only player to match par on the day. Neil Bamber was presented with the Seniors Trophy for his gross 25 Stableford points, speeches were made photographs taken and everyone was leaving, including me, on my way home to write my report. As I was leaving Stuart Harper just happened to mention that Neil must have had a better back nine than him because he had also scored 25 gross stableford points! I tried to hide the panic as I could not remember checking Stuarts card for his Gross points; I tried to reassure myself by thinking that Neil probably still won by having a better back nine and off I

ran to check the cards. You know how you are watching a film and you are expecting something bad to happen and you hide behind the sofa? In this case that feeling was justified as when the card was checked, Stewart had a better back nine and I had therefore managed to complete an unbelievably embarrassing

double! Not only had I presented the Trophy to the wrong winner for the second time but, to add salt to the wound, the players involved had been exactly the same on each occasion! I must thank both gentlemen for accepting my profuse apologies for my incompetence.



*President's Prize Best Net Ladies – Diana Collins*



*President's Prize Best Net Men – Christian Holst*



*President's Prize Winner – Stephen Quail*



*Senior's Champion "eventually" – Stewart Harper!*





**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**

Event sponsors & Partners:






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.  
Please note that the entry for Pinheiros Altos Members is 80 Euros (including buggy).

## Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Susan Russell	76 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Nina van Droogenbroeck	81 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Lisa Burns	71 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Ineke Goosens	74 Nett
Wed 12th	Ladies Day NQ Stableford	<b>Pines to Corks</b> Meloura Parker	36 Pts	<b>Pines to Corks</b> Margo Fletcher	34 Pts
		<b>Olives to Pines</b> Rie Cherubine	32 Pts	<b>Olives to Pines</b> Paula Burke	31 Pts
Sat 15th	Hillbillies vs Sandancers	Hillbillies retain the trophy	8 ½	Sandancers	8 ½
Wed 19th	Ladies Captain's Day	<b>Overall Winner</b> Florence Mourgue d'Algue	39 Pts		
		<b>1st Division</b> Mai Markey	32 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Therese Van Doorn	31 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Shirley Griffiths	39 Pts	<b>2nd Division</b> Judy Hanson	38 Pts

## Competition Results cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 19th	Captain's Day	<b>Overall Winner</b> Majida Lester	42 Pts ( <i>Gross</i> )		
		<b>Best Nett Men</b> Iain Cater	35 Pts	<b>2nd Nett Men</b> Gordon Todd	35 Pts
		<b>Best Nett Ladies</b> Pat Wright	35 Pts	<b>2nd Nett Ladies</b> Ann Davidson	31 Pts
Sun 23rd	June Medal	Chris Hales	72 Nett	Declan Quilligan	74 Nett
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Waltz	<b>Olives to Pines</b> Zoe Pirrett	82 Pts		
		Ilse Berg Diana Collins Shirley Lamb			
		<b>Pines to Corks</b> Leigh Anderson	72 Pts		
		Barbara Fletcher Bernadette Hardie Dee Hirst			
Sun 30th	President's Prize	<b>Overall Winner</b> Steven Quail	36 Pts ( <i>Gross</i> )		
		<b>Best Nett Men</b> Cristian Holst	35 Pts	<b>2nd Nett Men</b> Orlando Hill	34 Pts
		<b>Best Nett Ladies</b> Diana Collins	35 Pts	<b>2nd Nett Ladies</b> Sally Evans	34 Pts
Sun 30th	Seniors Championship	<b>Overall Winner</b> Stuart Harper	25 Pts ( <i>Gross</i> )		
		<b>Best Nett</b> Shirley Griffiths	35 Pts	<b>2nd Nett</b> Pat Murrish	33 Pts
Sun 30th	June Stableford	Graham Lee	33 Pts ( <i>Nett</i> )	Fiona Thomson	33 Pts ( <i>Nett</i> )

## Ladies Section by Rie Cherubini

The Ladies Section's activities in June started on Monday, the 3rd, with an away match at Carvoeiro on Pinta course. It was a beautiful day with blue sky and a pleasant breeze. The result was even more pleasant; a 4-1 win!

The medal competition took place on the 5th with 17 players. 28 ladies signed up for the non-qualifying stableford competition on the 12th. 21 of them played on Pines to Corks with another opportunity to improve their eclectic scores and the others on Olives to Pines.

The Lady Captain's Day took place on the 19th. It was a very windy and cold morning but 40 ladies enjoyed playing on the "Old Course" with the original stroke index and handicaps. A total of 44 ladies had the three course lunch afterwards at the

clubhouse. The service was quick and the food great thanks to Jorge and his team. The prize winners can be seen on the competition results below, but we had some extra prizes. The first division's nearest to the pin in two on No.7 of Olives was won by the Lady Captain's Bowl winner, Florence Mourgue d'Algue, and the second division's nearest to the pin on No.2 of Pines, by Lisa Burns. Another nearest to the pin regardless of divisions on our signature hole No.8 of Olives was given to Joanna Young, and the luckiest 19th prize (the 19th of June and the bang-on middle of 40 players) went to Majida Lester, who took this luck to the following Saturday to win the Captain's Day!

The Captain, Graeme Thomson, and the Past Captain, David Markey, kindly accepted to be the official starters, and the

Vice Captain, David Pirret, to be the official service manager at the halfway point. Graeme, not only being the starter, also contributed the "Goodie Bags". The contribution from the past, present and future captains is an honour for me and very much appreciated. I also received warm messages from many members to support my "big" day. The words "Thank you" really aren't enough to express my appreciation but "THANK YOU!"

After all those individual competitions, 22 of us enjoyed much needed relaxing team competition "Waltz" on the 26th.

It was also the last day of collections for the Salvation Army and my car boot was filled with goodies. Throughout June we received lots of food, cleaning/hygiene items and baby necessities. When they are picked up by the Salvation Army, I must not forget to take photos to show you how overwhelmed I (and my cellar!) have been by the positive and generous reaction from many members to this appeal. On behalf of those who will receive your donations, I would like to thank you all from bottom of my heart. We are going to collect clothes and bed linens in October... shall I hire a lorry?!



*Linda Bentley*



*Judy Hanson*



*Ladies Captain's Winner - Florence Mourgue d'Algue*



*These boots are made for walking!*



*Shirley Griffiths*

## Salvation Army Donations



*The biggest single donation received so far this year! A Big thank-you!*

## 19 June Lady Captain's Day Results

### Overall winner

Florence Mourgue d'Algue 39 (bb9)

### 1st div.

1. Mai Markey 32
2. Therese van Doorn 31
3. Zoe Pirret 31
4. Margo Fletcher 30

### 2nd div.

1. Shirley Griffiths 39
2. Judy Hanson 38
3. Fiona Thomson 34
4. Linda Bentley 34

## The Happy Couple



*Paula and Tony look resplendent as they tie the knot  
Best wishes for every happiness from all at PA*

## LADIES INVITATION DAY

Wednesday, the 4th September, 2013

**Format:** 4 Ball Better Ball Stableford

**Cost:** €45 per player (includes lunch, prize and €15 donation for the Lady Captain's charity fund)

**Entry deadline:** Friday, the 30th August

## Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

There was no Social Golf during June. The next Social Golf event will be held on the 14th July.

## Interclub by Christian Holst

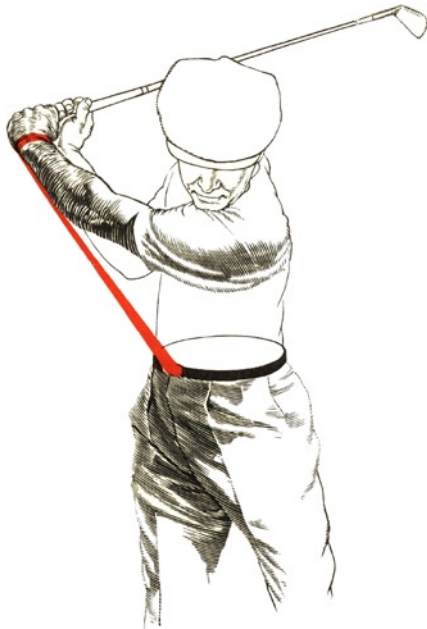
Since last time we have played away against Morgado (loss 4-1) and Vale do Lobo (loss 4-1) and home against Palmares (Win 4-1). To date we have played 6 out of 8 home matches, which have all been won, and 3 out of 8 away matches, which have all been lost.

Our position in the league is still good, being one of 3-4 contenders, but we need to pick up 2-3 away wins to have a chance to win our division – tough but definitely not impossible!

We will be playing against Vilamoura away on the 3rd July, after which there are no further matches until September when we have a match every week until mid-October.

I wish you all a good Summer and thanks for the support for the team so far. This season we have already used almost 30 different players for the 9 matches played, which is very good compared to most other clubs!

## Pro Tip - Brian Evans



The change of direction from the top of the back swing into the down swing is initiated from the hips which pulls the arms and starts the tremendous build up of power into the ball.

## Forthcoming Events Julu - August 2013

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
Sat 3rd Aug	Men's Roll Up
Sun 4th Aug	August Stableford
Wed 7th Aug	Ladies Medal
Sat 10th Aug	Men's Roll Up
Wed 14th Aug	Ladies Day
Sat 17th Aug	Men's Roll Up
Sun 18th Aug	August Medal
Wed 21st Aug	Ladies Day
Sat 24th Aug	Men's Roll Up
Sun 25th Aug	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 28th Aug	Ladies Day
Sat 31st Aug	Men's Roll Up