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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Stewart Harper

Two months gone and ten to go! Like previous Captains, I find the start of the year quite a challenge with plenty of golf and activities on all fronts. Indeed, it looks as if there will be little time to relax before August after Gala Week.

I am presently trying to ensure Captains Day is not only a golfing challenge, but that the dinner and entertainment are also memorable. I believe the catering is going well and Rui is working hard to keep members happy; well done to him.

I have been able to book popular entertainer Leandro, who has been pulling in the crowds to Julia's Restaurant on a Sunday. I have high expectations for the night and the meal is going to be special (fingers crossed).

All members of the committee are working hard to improve the member's enjoyment of the club and facilities. The House Committee is particularly conscientious, albeit working in difficult circumstances. Our new Vice-Captain, Knut Pederson is enthusiastic on all fronts and will be good for the club.

PA is going to be the Algarve's centre during the Seniors of Portugal and I took part in the inaugural competition. There were over 70 players, with a majority from the Lisbon area. I played with three exceptional golfers who hope that many seniors will join and take part in the competitions planned for

both the Algarve and throughout the rest of Portugal. They will be exceptional value! Christophe will supply information to those interested.

I felt very much the foreigner at PA that day, as I think there were only six non-Portuguese competitors!

The PA clock has arrived and I hope everyone likes it. There will be a photo opportunity!

Lastly, I must thank those members who Cathy and I played in the Mixed Four Ball Championship. All of whom made us work so hard and played in the best of spirits. Cathy sank several crucial putts, not least the up and down from the front bunker of 9 of Corks, to beat Nancy and Phil by one up! Indeed all matches were incredibly close and we think we were very fortunate.

We are also very fortunate in having a very loyal membership and this is without doubt the club of the Algarve. All the visitors I meet say how lucky we are to play in such a wonderful setting and on such a great course. As always, it can still be better and that is the aim of the committee.

Lastly, all being well, we will be enjoying outside dining on Captains Day but this is not guaranteed of course!



Christophe and Mixed Pairs Matchplay winners Stewart and Cathy Harper.



Mixed Pairs Matchplay winners with runners-up Helen Mills and Keith Fletcher.



Pinheiros Altos Club Captain Stewart Harper presenting the Ben Hogan Trophy to Quinta do Lago Club Captain Terry Williams.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

May started with our usual trip to the K-Club and as normal, we got rained off. However we all had a great time thanks to our host and President, David Markey. The immediate Past Captain David Pirret won the Seve Trophy and scored most of his points in the heavy rain. Well done David!

May is also the month of the Ben Hogan Trophy, which was played on both days at Quinta do Lago this year. It was won by the home club Quinta Do Lago by 24 – 15.

We had a very popular Mixed Pairs Matchplay, with 20 teams taking part in the event. Most matches were very tight and went up to the 18th hole, while some went even further to the 21st hole. Our Club Captain and Lady were victorious and won the

Russell Salver by beating Keith Fletcher and Helen Mills in the final. Congratulations to Stewart and Cathy! The day continued with a lunch, which was well attended and offered a great atmosphere during the afternoon.

The May Medal was won by Barbara Kyne, while the May Stableford was won by Jenny Harrison. After the two month trial period of giving prizes to both men and ladies had not been very well received by the overall membership, the Golf Committee decided that it would revert back to the normal 1st, 2nd and 3rd irrespective of gender from June 2015. I guess the men will have to try harder! Maybe not so many “gimmies” during their fun games might ensure they actually putt out on every hole, which seems to be one of the problems!



Portuguese Senior Association South Region President António Rebelo presenting the tournament winner Vítor Madureiro with his prize.



Best Gross winner Amandio Pacheco with Carlos Rocha and António Rebelo.

Some of you may have noticed that we finally have a Pinheiros Altos Clock, courtesy of Blevins Franks and our Club Captain Stewart Harper. The clock is visible from both the driving range and the first tee on Pines. There'll be no more excuses for turning up late on the tee! Thank you to our Club Captain and Blevins Franks for their contributions.

I look forward to seeing many of you sign-up for Captain's Day on the 13th of June, as well as on the 27th of June, for the Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers challenge.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the month of June.

Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 3rd	May Medal	Best Lady – Barbara Kyne – 68 Nett Best Man – Philip Schofield – 71 Nett			
Wed 6th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Helen Mills	72 Nett	1st Division Barbara Kyne	73 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)
		2nd Division Molly Wainwright	77 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)	2nd Division Pat Murrish	77 Nett
Fri 8th – Sat 9th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Quinta do Lago	24	Pinheiros Altos	15
Wed 13th	Ladies Day Non Qualifying Stableford	Molly Wainwright	39 Pts	Linda Bentley	37 Pts
Fri 15th	Past Ladies Captains Day	Thérèse v Doorn	37 Pts	Shirley Griffiths	35 Pts
Sun 17th	May Stableford	Best Lady – Jenny Harrison - 36 Pts Best Man – Stuart Anderson - 32 Pts			
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Melaura Parker	37 Pts	1st Division Helen Mills	33 Pts
		2nd Division Linda Bentley	34 Pts	2nd Division Pat Murrish	33 Pts
Thur 21st – Sun 24th	Mixed Pairs Matchplay	Stewart Harper Cathy Harper		Keith Fletcher Helen Mills	
Wed 27th	Ladies Invitation Day	Diana Collins Gaby Roethig	45 Pts	Shirley Griffiths Jean Hughes	44 Pts

Ladies Section - by Cathy Harper

The last month has flown by and has been very busy. Our Medal and Stableford winners were as follows. The division one winner of the Medal was Helen Mills with a nett 72. Second division was won by Molly Wainwright with a nett 77. Melaura Parker won the first division Stableford with 37 points and Linda Bentley won division two with 34 points, well done girls.

On May the 15th, 11 Past Lady Captains played in the annual Past Captains Day. Jeannette Sohler had hoped to join us but she had had an eye operation in February and was advised not to fly. Therese Van Doorn was the worthy winner and after the competition, everyone enjoyed lunch and a few celebratory drinks.



Past Lady Captains Day winner Thérèse van Doorn receiving the trophy from the Lady Captain Cathy Harper.



Past Lady Captains Day runner-up Shirley Griffiths and Cathy Harper.



Past Lady Captains

On May the 27th we held our Invitation Day. We welcomed 54 players and ladies from many clubs in the Algarve, including Lady Captains from Carveiro, Quinta do Lago and Vila Sol. Everyone enjoyed the day, and the winners were Diana Collins from Pinheiros and Gaby Roethig from Vila Sol. 800 euros

was raised for charity and this will be put to good use at the children's homes in Alvor and Olhão, where the money is badly needed. Thanks to everyone who played and supported this day. Also a big thank you to our Past Captain Adrienne Buth for organising the day so successfully.



Lady Captain Cathy Harper and Immediate Past Lady Captain Adrienne Buth presenting the Ladies Invitation Day winners Diana Collins and Gaby Roethig with their prizes.



Cathy Harper and Adrienne Buth presenting the prizes to the Ladies Invitation Day runners-up Shirley Griffiths and Jean Hughes.



Ladies Invitation Day



Pinheiros Altos Ladies team in their new fuchsia colours.

Stewart and I took part in the Mixed Matchplay knockout. He has commented on this in his report but we were delighted to win in our year as Captains. Thank you to all of our opponents for excellent games played in good spirit and Christophe for organising the competition.

Our Ladies Friendly Matches are not going as well as we would like. We have enjoyed games this month against Laranjal and Carvoeiro, but unfortunately we lost both matches. We hope for better results in June; at least we are trying and enjoying meeting ladies from other clubs.





Report from the Greens Committee

Carlos Guerreiro, the Agronomist from the University of Faro, carried out an inspection of the course on the 20th of May. He prepared a report, which has been submitted to the Club Director Christophe. His main comments can be summarised as follows:-

1. The mixture of Kikuyu grass and Bermuda makes for some uneven surfaces on the fairways. This is more prevalent on Olives.
2. The poor growth on Olives 3/4 fairways may be due to either poor fertility, water from the lake, some poor levels of top soil and irrigation problems.
3. The greens are good despite some Poa grasses, with surfaces neither too firm or soft, and good work has been done here.
4. The tees are in much better condition than last year.
5. Bore testing should be carried out on Olives. Verti draining and hollow tining should be carried out as soon as practicable to improve fertility on all fairways.

This is a helpful report and action is under way! Bore holes are to be done on Olives and we hope to discover what the

causes of poor growth are. Not just on fairways 3/4 but also on 2 of Olives. Tining of the fairways will take place over a three week period from the week after Captains Day.

The course has been fertilized and micro tining and rolling of the greens has started.

Recent visits by both societies and the Seniors of Portugal have been complimentary about the course, its presentation and lay out.

We are still in a “work-in-progress” position and there is much to be done to keep the Kikuyu grass under control and to improve the fairways to a healthy sward of grass. Some bunkers still remain a problem whilst sand replacement is taking place.

We hope to report next month on the results of the bore hole testing.

Placing has been lifted, which on balance, we believe is justified. Bad lies will always happen but that is “golf”.

Enjoy your golf and the good weather.

Stewart Harper (Captain), Gordon Todd, Tony Hickey.

Interclub by Christian Holst

We had a slightly disappointing draw against Quinta do Vale on the 14th of May and lost (not unexpectedly) 1-4 away against Alto on the 28th of May. Our last two matches before the summer are against Alto; at home on the 4th of June and away at Boavista the following week.

It is still very open in our division and hard to judge although so far, Vila Sol and Alto seem to be the teams to beat this year. Our scoring average is pretty good but as usual we need some good away results to have a chance.

Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

Numbers dictated playing in three man teams, rather than four, so the scoring was not so easy. However, some team's scores were exceptional - did I hear bandits mentioned?!

It was good to have Nils helping for the first time – he worked very hard. We had 30 competitors and 32 for the usual rowdy supper, which was excellent.

	<i>Olives/Pines</i>		<i>Corks/Olives</i>	
1st Place	John Wainwright	78 Pts	Alan Bentley	84 Pts
	Joanna Young		Sue Georges	
	Iain Callaghan		Knut Pedersen	
2nd Place	Nils Leffler	74 Pts	Molly Wainwright	71 Pts
	Stephen Nobbs		Graham Roberts	
	Linda Bentley		Angela Roberts	

Our next competition is on the 12th of July – American Foursomes to be organised by Paula Burke-Hickey and Dirk Blaesing. Catering arrangements mean the list has to close on Wednesday the 8th of July at 12 noon.

If you would like to play but are not arriving until after the 8th, please telephone/email any committee member or the office, and you will be included.

PRO TIP - Ross Sutherland

Start Downswing with Left Knee – How to Deliver the Club Properly from Inside the Target Line

If you're having trouble keeping your swing consistent when a match is on the line, key on your left knee to start your downswing.

When you practice, remember to support your backswing with your right leg, then move your left knee and thigh first laterally, then rotationally, to your left.

This allows your arms to drop the club inside the target line on the downswing for long and consistent shots.

Forthcoming Events June – July 2015

Tues 2nd June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 3rd June	Ladies Day
Sat 6th June	Mens Roll-Up
Sun 7th June	June Medal
Tues 9th June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 10th June	Ladies Day
Sat 13th June	Captains Day (No Roll-Up)
Tues 16th June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 17th June	Ladies Day
Sat 20th June	Mens Roll-Up
Sun 21st June	June Stableford
Tues 23rd June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 24th June	Ladies Day
Sat 27th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers (No Roll-Up)
Tues 30th June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 1st July	Ladies Day
Sat 4th July	Mens Roll-Up
Sun 5th July	July Stableford
Tues 7th July	Club Roll-Up
Wed 8th July	Ladies Day
Sat 11th July	Mens Roll-Up
Sun 12th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 14th July	Club Roll-Up
Wed 15th July	Ladies Day
Sat 18th July	Mens Roll-Up
Tues 21st July	Club Roll-Up
Wed 22nd July	Ladies Day
Sat 25th July	Summer Medal (No Roll-Up)
Sun 26th July	Gala Week
Mon 27th July	Gala Week
Tues 28th July	Gala Week
Wed 29th July	Gala Week
Thurs 30th July	Gala Week
Fri 31st July	Gala Week
Sat 1st August	Gala Week

Members Gala Week & Sunshine Classic Challenge

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ENTRY FORM

Player no. 1 - Name: _____ Player no. 2 - Name: _____
 Phone no. _____ Phone no. _____
 E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____
 H'cp _____ (certificate required upon registration) H'cp _____ (certificate required upon registration)

ENTRY FEE Sunshine Classic Pairs event

Member 120 Euros each / Guest 250 Euros each
Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Friday 31st July 2015

Entry Fee includes

B.B.Q & Shoot-Out on 29th July 2015, Brunch on 30th July 2015
Gala Dinner on 1st August 2015 and fantastic daily and overall prizes.

Players of the Pairs event may enter any of the optional events during Gala week at no extra cost

Monday 27 th July 2015	- Greensome at Pinheiros Altos	AM___	PM___
Tuesday 28 th July 2015	- 4 ball Better at San Lorenzo	AM___	PM___
Wednesday 27 th July 2015	- Myths & Legends Fancy dress shoot out		4pm
Friday 31 st July 2015	- 2 ball Scramble at Pinheiros Altos	AM___	PM___

ENTRY FEE Members Gala Week Optional events ONLY

Member 80 Euros each / Guest 200 Euros each
Sunday 26th, Tuesday 28th & Thursday 30th July 2015

Entry Fee includes

Gala Dinner on 1st August 2015 and fantastic daily and overall prizes.

Player Name: _____
 Phone no. _____
 E-mail: _____
 H'cp _____ (certificate required upon registration)

Sunday 26th July 2015 - Flag competition (medal format) (arrange own 4 ball)

Tuesday 28th July 2015- Individual Stableford at San Lorenzo AM___ PM___

Thursday 30th July 2015 - 5 Ball Scramble 1pm shot gun start (blind draw)

Payment by cheque in Euros to JJW Portugal SA or by cash at the Golf Club Office

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED

*For each tournament round there will be morning and afternoon starts. Please tick your preference. Enter early to avoid disappointment, first come first serve.

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