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Altos News



PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Knut Pedersen

The summer and its heat are back.

Sadly, we lost Hamish Rumball on Friday the 13th of May. He had a good game of golf, and passed away on the 18th hole. His family and Pinheiros Altos arranged a memorial service on the 9th of Corks the following Friday. Over 100 friends and members attended to wish him a last farewell. Hamish rest in peace, you will be missed.

The Ben Hogan took place on the 13th and 14th of May. We had the first match at Quinta South. The final day was played at PA. After a close game we won the Ben Hogan back for the clubhouse with 19 – 18. A close game, but a win is still a win. Thanks to all players for a great result.



Quinta do Lago Club Captains Brian Yearlly and Marianne Jespersen Presenting the Ben Hogan Trophy to the Pinheiros Altos Club Captains Knut Pedersen and Mai Markey



Club Captain Knut Pedersen

The Ben Hogan Trophy Nearest the Pin Winners

Pinheiros Altos Mixed Matchplay was held on the weekend starting the 19th of May. Thursday was a qualifier, during which two teams had to be eliminated. On Friday, the Match-

play started with 16 teams, and in the end the winners on Sunday were Sally Evans and Graham Lee. Congratulations on a great victory.



Club Captain Knut Pedersen and Lady Vice Captain Zoë Pirret Presenting the Mixed Matchplay Trophy to the Winners Sally Evans and Graham Lee



Mixed Matchplay Runners Up Anne and Nick Tucker Brown



Individual Stableford Winner Melody Cotterill



Individual Stableford Runner Up Paul Cotterill



Individual Stableford 3rd Place Chie Crowdey

May also offered the chance to attend the Ladies Invitational Day, and the monthly Social Golf on the 28th of May. The Social Golf was great fun with a scramble, and dinner after. For me a scramble is a good format for the Social Golf, just plain fun and a good time on the course.

My Captain's Day was on the 4th of June. A day I was looking forward to. There were 95 players and 124 guests for dinner. Perfect golf weather, with a little breeze that made the conditions challenging. I had the joy of going around and checking that everyone was ok for food and drinks. I was so lucky to have David Ford as the sponsor of the Buggy-Bar, and Rui and his staff set up a tent on 5th of Corks with steak sandwiches and beer. All-in-all we had a great day on the golf course. I have to congratulate Rie Cherubini as the Captain's Prize winner. Also congratulations to the rest of the winners.

In the evening we started with Champagne on the terrace of the Members Bar upstairs. A great place for events like this, we will have to use this more. The prizes were presented, and Knut Ellingsen presented me with a Viking helmet to show that I am a true Viking. Thanks to Knut for the honor.

The dinner was great, and some people said that it was the best ever served in the club. Stuart Knox and his son played all night long. They filled the dance floor and my legs were hurting the next day. I would like to thank the following people for

making Captain's Day one to remember. Christophe, Cristina and Rosa, for the help in planning and running the show, David Ford for the Buggy-Bar and a great speech, Rui and his staff for serving us a great meal and service, the staff in the office and on the course for all the assistance, and finally Stuart Knox for the entertainment, hopefully not the last time in the clubhouse. Thanks to all the people that attended and made the day a memory I will have for the rest of my life.

I was asked for the recipe for the starter, so here it is:

Knut's Salmon Starter

500g bone-free salmon loin, thinly sliced

Grated zest of one lime

Juice of two limes

The same amount of neutral olive oil as lime juice

Slightly less good soy sauce

One large tablespoon of honey

Grade two « thumb size » fresh ginger

One bunch (handful) of coriander, finely chopped

Spread over and let marinade for about 45 minutes to one hour before serving

So, thank you all for a great month, and see you all on the course.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The Ben Hogan Trophy is back in Pinheiros Altos. It was played at Quinta do Lago and Pinheiros Altos...and it was won by Pinheiros Altos by 19 – 18. Very tight margin but enough to regain the trophy! Congratulations to the Pinheiros Altos team!

We had a very popular Mixed Pairs Matchplay with 19 teams taking part. Most matches were very tight and went up to the 18th hole, and for some even further. Graham Lee and Sally Evans won the Russell Salver, having played more holes than everyone else. They beat Nick and Anne Tucker Brown in the final. Congratulations to both of them!

The May Medal was won by Zoë Pirret, while the May Stableford was won by Susan Russell.

Paul Hanby was the first winner of the reinstated Mens Roll Up Stableford, which will be played on the first Saturday of every month from now on. The winner will receive a voucher of €100 at Casa dos Pinheiros. No player can win the voucher twice in the same year.



*Mens Roll Up May Winner
Paul Hanby Receives his
Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros*

Please remember that we still have our Club Roll Up on Tuesday lunchtime and it is a good way for new members to meet fellow members of the club.

Do not forget to sign up for the Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers Challenge to be played on the 25th of June 2016 - it always offers a very friendly atmosphere.

There will be a lot of maintenance works over the next few weeks mainly on fairways but also on greens and tees to make sure we have the course in perfect condition for Gala Week. This event is coming up at the end of July and members can sign up for it at the Golf Office.

I would like to remind members that it is their responsibility to insure their guests are introduced at reception and sign the guest book, therefore please help us enforce this rule.

Any member wanting to rent an electric trolley should book it when booking the starting time to avoid disappointment, as we only have a limited number of electric rental trollies. Also if you own a private buggy make sure you read the notice below my report.

I look forward to seeing many of you around during the month of June and also joining us for the members' Gala Week at the end of July.

NOTICE

Please be advised that as of the 1st of June 2016, Portugal has introduced a penalty points system that includes heavy monetary fines.

This means that after you accumulate 12 points you will lose your driving licence for two years and after that period will need to take your driving test again.

Please be aware that golf buggies with no license plate cannot circulate on public roads. As you know, the roads in Quinta do Lago are considered public roads. The police authorities, who control and monitor traffic, can stop and check drivers deemed not in compliance with the road traffic act when driving on public roads. They can then issue a fine with penalty points.

Golf buggies must be licensed and have a registration number plate. They must also have lights, indicators, seat belts, mirrors and insurance if used on a public road.

Golf buggies can only be driven by a person with a licensed driver's insurance.

Any golf buggy driven on public roads, without complying with Portuguese traffic requirements, i.e. without a license plate, for example, can be confiscated, and its driver fined, prosecuted and awarded penalty points.

NOTICE

On request of the Portuguese Golf Federation and based on a new sportive rule, all members are required to produce a copy of an identification card (passport or driving license or residential card) to the Golf Office.

This should be handed to the Golf Office before the 31st of July in order to keep your licence active.

Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 1st	May Medal	Zoë Pirret	68 Nett	Steven Crowdey	74 Nett
Wed 4th	Ladies Day	Cancelled due to the bad weather			
Fri 6th	Past Lady Captain’s Day	Shirley Griffiths	36 Pts	Helen Mills	35 Pts
Wed 11th	Ladies Day	Cancelled due to the bad weather			
Fri 13th Sat 14th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Pinheiros Altos	19	Quinta do Lago	18
Sun 15th	May Stableford	Susan Russell	39 Pts	Sue Georges	38 Pts
Wed 18th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Sally Evans	38 Pts	1st Division Janice Paterson	35 Pts
		2nd Division Pat Murrish	35 Pts	2nd Division Wendy Evans	34 Pts
Casa da Quinta Stableford voucher – Sally Evans					
Thur 19th - Sun 22nd	Mixed Pairs Matchplay	Sally Evans Graham Lee		Ann Tucker Brown Nick Tucker Brown	
Wed 25th	Ladies Invitation Day	Marian Hill Elaine Downes	41 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Zoë Pirret Marja Chapman	41 Pts

Ladies Section - by Mai Markey

May was a busy month at Pinheiros Altos and an interesting one weather wise!

Summer arrived in time for the May bank holiday weekend. The medal was played in glorious sunshine on the Sunday. Congratulations to Lady Vice Zoë Pirret on winning the medal.

I'm afraid the rain came on the Wednesday for the Ladies Section Medal Day and we cancelled the game. It was a bad decision as the sun came out mid-morning. (I've learned my lesson ladies, so be prepared!)

With our Past Lady Captain's Day on the 6th, the weather app did not look good (I've never checked it so many times, but I wasn't going to cancel it!) After their coffees they all headed

for their game. They all managed to play 18 even though the heaven's opened! On the turn not one complaint (I think the bubbles and pastel da nata helped)! Many congratulations to our winner on the day, Shirley Griffiths, with 36 pts, followed by Helen Mills with 35pts.

It was an appropriate day to wish bon voyage to Therese van Doorn. I presented her with a handbag made of cork to thank her for all her work in founding the Ladies Section, and for serving two terms as Lady Captain.

We all wish them both health and happiness in the future and we will welcome them back, for their holidays in September, with open arms.



Past Lady Captain's Lunch



Director of Golf Christophe Rindlisbacher and Lady Captain Mai Markey Presenting the Past Lady Captain's Trophy to the Winner Shirley Griffiths



Past Lady Captain's Runner Up Helen Mills



Lady Captain Presents Thérèse van Doorn with a Gift

Our Ladies Charity Walk on the 10th of May was held in a mix of Irish weather and Portuguese sun. It made for challenging conditions but everyone finished the walk – well done all – and most importantly we raised an incredible €6,200 for the Salvation Army and The Lions Club, Loule. Thank you one and all for making the walk such a great success.

Thunder and lightning closed the course on the 11th, and some of us had a coffee whilst the heavens opened (the lucky ones had stayed in bed!)

Thankfully the sun returned for the Ben Hogan against Quinta. This year we hosted the barbeque on the Saturday and the final result, 19 PA vs 18 Q, made for very happy PA members.

The club's May Stableford was held on the 15th - well done to Susan Russell who won with 39 pts.

A wonderful day on the 18th brought out 23 players for the Ladies Stableford. Many congratulations to Sally Evans winning the Casa da Quinta voucher for May and Pat Murrish winning the second division.



Lady Captain Mai Markey Presenting the Voucher for Casa da Quinta to the May Winner Sally Evans





Also, congratulations to the winning combination of Sally Evans and Graham Lee for winning the Mixed Pairs Matchplay.

Cathy and Zoe worked exceptionally hard organising a fabulous Invitational Day on the 25th. All our guests enjoyed the day and

the winning team with 41 pts were Marian Hill and her guest Elaine Downes, who won on a BB9 of 20 pts.

Summer has arrived so enjoy, we are all very privileged to be playing golf in such a beautiful place.



Ladies Invitational Day



*Lady Captain and Ladies
Invitational Day Winners Marian
Hill and Elaine Downes*



*Ladies Invitational Day Runners Up
Zoë Pirret and Marja Chapman*

PRO TIP - Kenny Fairbairn

Putting

It is an interesting subject and many factors influence it.

Putter face alignment, path of putter, launch angle speed, impact location, hook or cut spin...the list goes on.

Bear a few statistics in mind. In 2014 a study found that face angle was 92% responsible for the balls initial direction with 8% due to the putter path. PGA Tour players only convert on average 56% of their 8 feet putts dropping to less than 10% from outside 25 feet.

Told you "putting was tough".



Before you head off buying new putters, spend a bit of time down on the putting green, checking your putter face alignment. It could prove to be a good starting point.

Failing that, call Doctor Ken or Doctor Ross, maybe we can help!

Report from the Greens Committee

There is little to report this month but members will see that there has been a high level of activity on the course. A programme of scarifying and tining the fairways is under way. Nine holes are being closed in rotation and organic dressing has been applied to some greens, if not all. This is good news!

My disappointment is that our agronomist has not yet commented on the 12 month plan, which he was to consider and to advise us on timings, chemical applications and other matters relating to equipment, etc. I am confident we will be able to report his views next month.

I am also sure we will see an improvement in the course prior to Gala Week but we need to maintain a better standard throughout the year if we are to attract more members and satisfy our members.

The writer is away for nearly all of the next two weeks and previous experience has not been good but my committee will be on "alert".

Their comments on fairways and bunkers, etc, will follow.

ASH chairman.

Report On Bunkers

It is clear that the key word where bunkers are concerned is consistency.

At the moment, some of our bunkers have too much sand and some have too little.

We are in the process of producing a plan for each nine hole loop, detailing and numbering every bunker. Upon completion, it will be easier to identify those bunkers that need more/less sand and then allocate action accordingly.

David Ford

Report On Lakes And Fairways

The fairways: lots of work going on with scarifying, etc, to try to get them right for Gala Week. They will be a little rough for a while.

Lakes are still on the waiting list as I have had no contact with the agronomist.

Sisenando has cut some of the rushes on 5 of pines, which is welcome.

I might have a look at the lakes myself and make some suggestions to Christophe; it may be a way to go until I can meet with Carlos.

No news on the new machinery-leasing plan.

Tony



Social Golf

by Iain Callaghan

A Texas Scramble: that was the format for the competition held on Sunday 29th May. It's an excellent format for Social Golf because it is very much a team event, which gives everyone, high and low handicaps alike, an opportunity to contribute to the team score at almost every hole.

After the weekend's rain, 11 teams, with maximum combined handicap spreads of 2.5 shots, set off under clear skies to do their utmost - the winners on both courses doing exactly that!

Corks/Olives

1st David Markey
65.3 Peter Mills
Nett Marian Hill
Angela Roberts

2nd Ron Goossens
66.5 Steven Crowdey
Nett Fiona Thomson
Linda Bentley

3rd Nils Leffler
67.1 Ken Irving
Nett Zoë Pirret
Bente Meldgaard

Olives/Pines

1st David Pirret
63.7 Ian Hepworth
Nett Helen Mills
Meg Black

2nd Orlando Hill
66.0 Remo Cherubini
Nett Adrienne Buth
Janet Leffler

3rd Iain Callaghan
69.1 Alberto Nicoletti
Nett Joanna Young
Melody Cotterill

After the competition, the 44 players were joined by several guests, making 52 in total. We sat down for an enjoyable supper followed by the prize giving...which was accompanied by the customary applause, heckling (usual culprits) and boisterous banter!

The next date for Social Golf is Sunday the 10th of July - a Nine/Nine competition organised by Zoë Pirret and Sue Georges, so watch out for the sign-up sheet and get your names down early.

Forthcoming Events

June and July

Wed 1st June	Ladies Day
Sat 4th June	Captain's Day (No Roll Up)
Tues 7th June	Club Roll Up
Wed 8th June	Lady Captain's Day
Fri 10th June	Portugal Day (Portugal V Rest of the World)
Sat 11th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 12th June	June Stableford
Tues 14th June	Club Roll up
Wed 15th June	Ladies Day
Sat 18th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 19th June	June Medal
Tues 21st June	Club Roll Up
Wed 22nd June	Ladies Day
Sat 25th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers (No Roll Up)
Tues 28th June	Club Roll Up
Wed 29th June	Ladies Day
Sat 2nd July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 3rd July	July Stableford
Tues 5th July	Club Roll Up
Wed 6th July	Ladies Day
Sat 9th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 10th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 12th July	Club Roll Up
Wed 13th July	Ladies Day
Sat 16th July	Mens Roll Up
Tues 19th July	Club Roll Up
Wed 20th July	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd July	Summer Medal (No Roll Up)
Sun 24th July	Members Gala Week
Mon 25th July	Members Gala Week
Tues 26th July	Members Gala Week
Wed 27th July	Members Gala Week
Thurs 28th July	Members Gala Week
Fri 29th July	Members Gala Week
Sat 30th July	Members Gala Week