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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Knut Pedersen

June started out with my Captain's Day, and thank you again for such a great day and fun.

Congratulations also goes to Mai for her Captain's Day on the 8th of June. She had a great day too and a good turnout.

We hosted 'Portugal Day' on the 10th, which saw the Portuguese team play against the Rest of the World. The day began with a shotgun start and Portugal won the match. A great lunch and party followed, which increasingly featured the colours of red and green. After seeing the pictures, Portugal won the party also.

On Friday the 17th, we had a friendly match against Carvoeiro. After an early start we won the match 3:2. So, thank you goes to the players from PA that played and won the game. There will be a return match on Pinta in September, so let's go for another win over there.

Unfortunately, not enough people signed up for Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers this June and it was cancelled. This is normally a very popular game, and therefore it was a big surprise for us that we could not fill places. Perhaps it was due to the EU Referendum in the UK, as many went back over during that week. However, the game has been rescheduled for September, so please sign up when the list is posted again.

The rest of June has been quiet. The tourists are back and the temperatures are high. Just like a normal Algarve summer.

We are preparing for Gala Week, and hope to see as many as possible playing and joining in the event.

To the members that will not be in Algarve during the summer - have a great summer vacation. For the rest that will be here - see you all on the course.



Club Captain Knut Pedersen being Presented with a Viking Hat by Knut Ellingsen



Club Captains Mai Markey and Knut Pedersen



Captain's Day Prize Winners



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

June is normally a quiet month at the Golf Course, however June 2016 was probably one of the busiest we have had for a long time with many competitions. The course was also busy because 9 holes were shut for most of the month to carry out important maintenance work.

June's main event was of course the Captain's Day, which was a great success. I would like to congratulate our Club Captain Knut Pedersen for hosting such a fantastic day with the help of his family. We had a record 95 players and 124 attending

a fabulous gala dinner. The dinner had a special touch from our Captain, which our Chef Luis Batalha was exceptional in producing. The big winner of the day was Rie Cherubini with a fantastic score of 41 points. Congratulations to Rie!

During that same week, our Lady Captain, Mai Markey, also held her Lady Captain's Day, which was a great success. Well done to her for looking after the ladies section so well and congratulations to Leigh Anderson on her win.

By the time we got to Friday the 10th of June, which was 'Portugal Day', the membership was worn out by both Captains' Days. Winning 'Portugal Day' with a score of 11 ½ -7 ½ was like taking candy from a baby. A little bit like winning the Euro 2016 in football!

Congratulations to Robert who won both the Monthly Stableford as well as the Monthly Medal with scores of 35 points and 74 net. He also managed to maintain his handicap!

The busy month unfortunately affected the attendance of the Hillbillies V Sanddancers, and therefore the tournament has

been postponed until the 3rd of September, when we are hoping for a better turn out.

I am very sorry to see Tony Hickey leave the Greens Committee. His input and experience in the matter was always very useful, and I would like to thank him for his support over the last 2 ½ years.

Gala Week is coming up and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible taking part; whether it is every day or even one of the optional days!

I wish you all great golfing!



Portugal Day



Portugal Day



Portugal's Team Captain Christophe Receives the Trophy from Club Captain Knut Pedersen and the Rest of the World's Team Captain, John Linley.



Winner of the June Mens Roll Up, Stuart Anderson, Receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros.

Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Leigh Anderson 2nd Division Joanna Young	72 Nett 74 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)	1st Division Susan Russell 2nd Division Molly Wainwright	75 Nett 74 Nett
Sat 4th	Captain's Day	Overall Winner Rie Cherubini	41 Pts	Best Nett Men Robert Lester Best Nett Ladies Amanda Stretton Best Gross Men Tim Russell Best Gross Ladies Susan Russell	36 Pts 39 Pts (<i>bb6 12</i>) 25 Pts 25 Pts
Sat 4th	Lady Captain's Day	Overall Winner Leigh Anderson 1st Division Chie Crowdey 2nd Division Shirley Griffiths	38 Pts 36 Pts (<i>bb9 15</i>) 38 Pts (<i>bb9 17</i>)	1st Division Sue Georges 2nd Division Meg Black	36 Pts (<i>bb9 14</i>) 36 Pts (<i>bb9 20</i>)
Fri 10th	Portugal Day	Portugal	11 ½	Rest of the World	7 ½
Sun 12th	June Stableford	Robert Lester	35 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Angela Roberts	35 Pts
Sat 4th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Rosie Agnew 2nd Division Adrienne Buth Casa da Quinta Stableford voucher – Adrienne Buth	34 Pts 37 Pts	1st Division Leigh Anderson 2nd Division Mai Markey	33 Pts 34 Pts
Sun 19th	June Medal	Robert Lester	74 Nett	Neil Bamber	75 Nett
Wed 22nd	Ladies Day Yellow/Blue/Red Tees scoring 1, 2, 3	Paula Burke Barbara Fletcher Jan Kirk	80 Pts	Janine van de Ree Joanna Young Ilse Berg	73 Pts
Sat 25th	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers	Has been postponed to Saturday September 3rd			
Wed 29th	Ladies Day Non Qualifying Stableford with Silent Partner	Joanna Young Chie Crowdey	66 Pts	Sue Georges Stella Jeffrey	61 Pts

Ladies Section - by Mai Markey

Summer has at last arrived and our Medal was played in glorious sunshine. Many congratulations to Leigh and Joanna for winning the Medal Glasses.

Cathy also brought along a leather bound book to register all Birdies on all Wednesday competitions. Thank you to Cathy for this fun idea.

At the Annual Ladies Dinner, Cathy will present the ladies with the most Birdies, in both the First Division and the Second Division, with a prize to celebrate their success.

This year, the Birdie competition will run from Wednesday the 1st of June until the 30th of September 2016. Thereafter it will run from the 1st of October until the 30th September each year.

Everyone had a wonderful time at Captain's Day on the 4th of June. Presentation of the prizes took place upstairs on the terrace, and were followed by a beautiful meal in our refurbished tent.

Rie was walking on air (or maybe it was the high heels), winning with 41 pts.

The following Wednesday, 50 Ladies played in Lady Captain's Day, competing for the Lady Captain's Bowl. After the golf, we all adjourned to Casa da Quinta for a relaxing lunch with music by Leandro. It was a fun day and congratulations to all of the winners, especially Leigh for winning the Lady Captain's Rose Bowl...(should I also congratulate Ross for his coaching?!)

Our monthly Ladies Stableford competition followed on the 15th, and the winners were Rosie and Adrienne. The Casa da Quinta voucher was won by Adrienne with the winning score of 37 points.

A very hot Monday followed for our friendly with Quinta da Ria. Thankfully, we started early and the final result was in our favour 3 ½ to Pinheiros, 1 ½ to Quinta da Ria. A fun day and a super buffet followed in the coolness of the dining room.

On the 22nd, we played a team event of yellow, blue and red tees. It was great fun with one, two and three to score...and the

winning team was Paula Burke, Barbara Fletcher and Jan Kirk. Well done ladies, as it was extremely windy on the Olives.

We finished the month with a non-qualifying Stableford with silent partner on the 29th (as it was Pines to Corks, an Eclectic could be played). Well done to the winning team of Joanna and Chie, and thank you to Adrienne for organising the game.

As we roll into July...here comes Gala Week. Always a fun time, so please put your name down for a great week at Pinheiros Altos.

Happy Summer x



Lady Captain Mai Markey presenting the voucher for Casa da Quinta to the June Winner Adrienne Buth



Lady Captain's Day



Lady Captain's Day Prize Winners

Report from the Greens Committee

In my last report I indicated that a substantial amount of work was being completed by way of scarifying and tining the fairways and tees, as well as dressing and feeding the greens.

Tony Hickey has reported on the issues that concern him and you will see the lakes appear to be developing correctly.

Tony has decided to leave the committee, and it may well be that apart from the Vice-Captain David Ford, a new team may be better placed for the future.

I have spent two years trying to develop new practices and preaching for greater investment in machinery and manpower, etc. Despite many promises and effort from local management, I cannot say I have made the differences I had hoped for. Someone else may prove more effective? The last six months have been particularly disappointing.

The course should look at its best for Gala Week, but this raises the suggestion that we can raise standards when greater efforts are made, despite a lack of modern equipment? I do not doubt we need more equipment and manpower.

The feeding and watering of the course is taking place but the timing of the work is generally dictated by commercial rather than course requirements.

The practise area that's half developed at the back of the tee on Olives 9 still remains unfinished, and we may miss the opportunity over the holiday period for the Pros to use this facility.

If this proves to be my last report, I am sorry that the much promised report from our agronomist is still not available, but I believe he will say we need more organic dressing for

the greens and more tining and hollow tining if we are to improve the course to its potential.

Tees should be hand-cut and dressed frequently, and greens and fairways should be treated to avoid disease and weed grasses.

I hope that David will add his report on the development of bunkers and of course, as VC, any other issues he wishes to raise.

PA has a truly loyal membership, long may it remain so!

Stewart Harper Chairman

Dear All,

Following my short report last month, which had little new news to report, my report this month has, at last, some content.

I met with Carlos and Margarida from the University and Ana from PA.

We had a short meeting with Christophe and Stewart before going out to look at the fairways and the lakes.

It was difficult to arrive at any meaningful conclusion about the fairways because of the work being done, and Carlos said it might be better to do a further inspection in a few weeks.

I talked about the lakes with Margarida and Ana, and while it was agreed that most looked fine, a management programme could be introduced. Some of the issues and suggestions were to prevent the growth of algae and stop it clogging up the lakes at the 4th to the 6th of Pines.

Other suggestions included cutting the rushes that are on the left side of the 5th fairway of Pines and in front of that

green. On the Olives, checking the spread of growth and containing it where the lake meets the 3rd and 4th fairways.

More analysis was needed on the quality of the water being used to irrigate the Olives.

It was good to see that Ana was happy to take on board these suggestions from Margarida. It may be that they may work together more often.

The course in general has been poor, and with all the work being done now, it is understandably not in a great shape.

On a brighter note, for those who play golf with me, they will not have to listen to me prattling on about rushes and rough and placing, as I have decided to step down from the Greens Committee.

I wish Stewart and David continued good fortune in the job.

Tony

Interclub - by David Pirret

We have now played all of our home matches and three away matches; winning five and drawing one of the nine matches, amassing a total of 57 points.

We now start playing the away matches, where points are more difficult to earn.

The top three teams in the division will be promoted to Division One next year, so we are well positioned to move up.

As of today the three leading teams are PA, Serra de Monchique and Boavista (on 43 and 49 points respectively after eight matches).

I would like to thank the 22 players we have fielded to date and if any members with a valid EGA handicap would like to be considered to play, please put names on the sign-up sheet. A mix of handicaps is needed so please sign up.

Members can follow progress on the Interclub website at <http://www.interclubalgarve.com>

Golf Academy News

The refurbishment to the Golf Academy building has almost finished and we plan for a soft opening towards the end of July.

We are planning to run our teaching operation a little differently and would like to hear from our membership regarding any ideas or changes you may like to see or make before we plan for winter 2016/2017.

Please drop an e-mail to kennyfgolf@hotmail.com or rosssutherland@sapo.pt and let us know what you think.

We look forward to hearing your views to help us provide a better all-round experience for our members.

Best wishes, Kenny and Ross

Forthcoming Events July and August

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
Tues 2nd August	Junior Open
Wed 3rd August	Ladies Day
Sat 6th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th August	August Medal
Wed 10th August	Ladies Day
Sat 13th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th August	August Stableford
Wed 17th August	Ladies Day
Sat 20th August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 24th August	Ladies Day
Sat 27th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th August	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 31st August	Ladies Day

Members Gala Week & Sunshine Classic Challenge

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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 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th & Friday 29th July 2016

Entry Fee Includes

B.B.Q & Shoot-Out on 27th July 2016, Brunch on 28th July 2016
Gala Dinner on 30th July 2016 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 25 th July 2016	- Greensome at Pinheiros Altos	AM___	PM___
Tuesday 26 th July 2016	- 4 Ball Better at San Lorenzo	AM___	PM___
Wednesday 27 th July 2016	- Walt Disney Parade Fancy Dress Shoot Out at 4pm		
Friday 29 th July 2016	- 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 24th, Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th July 2016

Entry Fee Includes

Gala Dinner on 30th July 2016 and fantastic daily and overall prizes.

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

Sunday 24th July 2016 - Flag competition (medal format) (arrange own 4 ball)

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Tuesday 26th July 2016- Individual Stableford at San Lorenzo AM___ PM___

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Thursday 28th July 2016 - 5 Ball Scramble 1pm shot gun start (blind draw)

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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.**