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Altos *news*

PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Knut Pedersen

Dear all members,

First of all, I am happy to say that the new buggies have arrived. 50 new green buggies make a great asset to the club.

The “summer” is back, sunshine and good temperature makes the Algarve climate what we all love.

Maybe it's only me, but we have never had so many members of the Cloggies attending the Wednesdays this winter. We are growing in numbers and we need more starting times.

The club are getting more new members, and they would like to join a group. The Cloggies are still accepting new members. I think it's important that new members have a chance to get into the groups and play. They have to get into the social arena. Therefore I would like to send a message to all the other groups, help out, and get the new members into the social life. We have to remember, we all started from scratch when we joined the club.

We had a great social day over at Quinta do Lago on the 5th of February. We played the South Course with mixed teams. Thanks to social committee and the members that played, it was a friendly match, with good food and great friendship.

February is also the month when the St. Valentines visits the shops and the Golf Course. Our Valentine's Day was played on the 10th and 11th. We had a good first round that was played to the full, but a cancelation for the day 2 after 9 holes because of heavy rain, so only the first day was counting. The winners were Dan Henderson and Adrienne Buth with 49 points. Congratulations.

The month of March has a lot of games, but I would like to point out the new game of the year, Ladies against the Cloggies. As you all understand this will be a difficult match to take on. As the captain of the Cloggies I would like to have a little help from all other men that would like to play for us. It is to be played on the 22nd of March, so if you are free, come and help us. I have won the wooden spoon this year, so I do not need another trophy!!!

I will agree that I have taken on a big task. This will be a yearly event. The Lady Captains are going to change, but I have a feeling I will be stuck with the “Cloggie”. So feel free to help us!!!

I am now getting into my last month of Captaincy, it have been a journey I will remember for life. So therefore lets have fun and try to play some good golf, and have fun and a lot of laughs as well...



Club Captains Mai Markey and Knut Pedersen with St Valentine's Day Winners Dan Henderson and Adrienne Buth



St Valentine's Day Best Gross Prize Knut Ellingsen



St Valentine's Day Best Pro Team David Walker and Denise Reed



St Valentine's Day Runners up Nils and Janet Leffler



St Valentine's Day 3rd Place Graeme and Fiona Thomson



St Valentine's Day 4th Place Nigel and Diana Collins



St Valentine's Day Nearest the Pin winners 1st Day Christine Soden and David Walker



St Valentine's Day Nearest the Pin winners 2nd Day Sally Evans and David Walker



St Valentine's Day Celebrations at Pinheiros Altos



St Valentine's Day Celebrations at Casa da Quinta

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

St Valentine was the main event during February 2017 and we introduce a new format which was 2 days at Pinheiros Altos in an eclectic format which allow players to improve their score on the second day. Unfortunately the weather over that week-end was very poor and we had to cancel the second round which defeated completely the new format. However everybody seemed to enjoy a great dinner on the Saturday and we will try this format again next year hoping that we can play both days. The winners of the St Valentine trophy were Dan Henderson & Adrienne Buth who had the best score of 49 points on the first day.

Congratulations to Graham Lee & Steven Crowdey who won the February Medal and the St David's Day Stableford respectively in February. Well done guys! Steven Crowdey has seen his handicap reducing like melting snow in the sun.....

We have finally received a new fleet of buggies for Pinheiros Altos and we now have 50 new buggies in operation.

On 20th February Marco Santos who has been the assistant green-keeper at San Lorenzo and also the son of San Lorenzo green-keeper has now started a new venture at Pinheiros Altos as assistant green-keeper to Seginando and his main goal will be to apply the STRI report and plan of action set in October last year. We wish him great success and look forward to see him help the team to improve the presentation of the golf course. We have already started with a lot of Pine tree cleaning to allow more sun in more delicate areas.

The next 3 months are looking very busy on the golf course and I would recommend members to play as much as possible in 4 balls as the pace of the golf course will be slower over the next few month.

Coming up is the St Patrick Day on 17th March 2017 and I look forward to see many of you joining in the tournament and dinner.

I wish all of you great golfing!



Mens Roll Up February Winner David Pirret receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros

AGM

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Questions for the Director of Golf at the A.G.M. should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Thursday 30th March 2017.

Only questions made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered by the Director of Golf at the A.G.M.

If any principal member would like to stand for election as Incoming Vice-Captain or President they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by four principal members in writing on or before Thursday 30th March 2017.

If any member would like to stand for election as one of the two members representatives on the Golf Committee should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by principal members in writing on or before Thursday 30th March 2017.

Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. Knut Pedersen
3. Mr. Knut Pedersen summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. David Ford.
4. The Captains acceptance speech.
5. Election and proposed amendment to the Golf Club Rules by the Golf Committee.
6. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
7. The Chairman closes the meeting.



Knut Pedersen – Club Captain



David Ford – Incoming Club Captain



Michael Collins – Proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain



Mai Markey – Lady Captain



Zoë Pirret – Incoming Lady Captain



Lisa Burns – Incoming Lady Vice-Captain

Competition Results for February

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Denise Reed	76 Nett	1st Division Helen Mills	78 Nett
		2nd Division Adrienne Buth	78 Nett	2nd Division Shirley Griffiths	84 Nett
		9 HOLES – Stableford Ingrid Hollier	16 Pts		
Wed 8th	Ladies Foursomes Championship	Cathy Harper Stella Jeffrey	33 Pts (bb6)	Amanda Stretton Kay Ford	33 Pts
Fri 10th	St. Valentine's Day	Overall Winners Dan Henderson Adrienne Buth	49 Pts	Runners Up Nils Leffler Janet Leffler	46 Pts (B9 23)
		Best Gross Knut Ellingsen Rosie Agnew	32 Pts	Pro Team David Walker Denise Reed	49 Pts
Wed 15th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Kay Ford	38 Pts	2nd Division Helen Mills	37 Pts
		1st Division Barbara Fletcher	31 Pts	2nd Division Adrienne Buth	30 Pts
		Casa da Quinta Stableford voucher – Helen Mills			
Sun 19th	February Medal	Graham Lee	71 Nett	Sally Evans	74 Nett
Wed 22nd	Ladies Day	Matchplay			
Sun 26th	St David's Stableford	Steven Crowdey	41 Pts	Filippo Affif	40 Pts (bb9)

Ladies Section - by Mai Markey

January and February 2017 have been and gone as we head into March. They say when your enjoying yourself time flies so it must be true.

Our Medal round was played in lovely sunshine and well done to the winners in both divisions.

Our Foursomes Championship was played in the 8th and thankfully the sun remained and the rain stayed away for this competition, much to everyone's relief. The winners Cathy and Stella with a better back 6 were delighted. Sadly Stella had to leave before the announcement of the results but Cathy did a wonderful job of modelling her prizea beautiful pale pink dressing gown. Stella did the same when I dropped her prize off at the surgery.....sorry I failed to take a photo.



Lady Captain Mai Markey and Shirley Griffiths presents the Trophy to the Foursomes Championship Winners Stella Jeffrey and Cathy Harper

For our Stableford on the 15th it was extremely blustery with a swirling wind. Besides the wind we also had to be vigilant with the caterpillars as many nests came down, with the heavy rain and wind, over the St Valentine's weekend.

Well done to Helen Mills winning the Casa da Quinta voucher for February.

I would like to compliment the catering staff for a wonderful meal for St Valentine's.

The 22nd we had Matchplay (always fun) and two flights playing their Wainwright matches. Stella and I went down the 20th fairway, and she was the deserving winner whilst Zoe and Sally finished on the 19th, with Zoe winning the hole.

On Saturday the 25th, we welcomed 7 mixed teams from Carvoeiro for a lunchtime tee off followed by a light supper. Happily PA won and Captain Knut and I, were also delighted to win our match. Everyone enjoyed the day.

We have a busy month ahead so please sign up for the forthcoming events.

Happy golfing



Lady Captain Mai Markey Presenting the Voucher for Casa da Quinta to the February Winner Helen Mills



Report from the Greens Committee

The committee met on Monday the 6th March to review progress on the course and to meet the new assistant head greenkeeper Marco (we need to be told his surname) also present was Christophe, Ana and Sesinando.

Marco speaks excellent English and has been given the responsibility of overseeing the STRI report which was commissioned at the end of last year by JJW. We were impressed by both his attitude and knowledge of the challenges which we face to bring the course up to the standard the members expect.

The owners have recruited addition staff to bring the numbers upto 24. The training and finding green staff is difficult. Marco seems confident that there are sufficient in number.

The following are the priorities for the course:-

1. GREENS - the quality of the greens remains the number 1 priority. The micro tining, application of sand (which is brushed into the surface) and the regular rolling of greens will firm up surfaces and increase speed. Verticutting has stopped. Preventing disease and careful application of fertilizer is being monitored.

2. TEES - is the second priority. The 8th of Corks is to be closed and the forward tee will be in use. The new tee should be back to the condition we require within a

few weeks. Tees will be hand cut where possible twice a week. Where trees are giving shadow to tees they will be lobbed or removed.

3. FAIRWAYS - have been slit to improve drainage and repair work on sprinklers continues. Areas affected by fungus infection will be fed and new growth should restore the affected areas. It is intended to sand fairways and new machinery which will be shared with San Lourenco is to be acquired for this task. The kikuyu grasses are to be encouraged to spread to the mainly Bermuda grass fairways of Pines. This will require new planting and additional watering and feeding.

4. BUNKERS are to be examined for both excessive sand and where the sand has crystallised forming crusty hard sand. The latter will require deep raking or removing and replacing with new sand. We are aiming for consistent playing surfaces on both fairways bunkers and indeed greens!

The committee remain vigilant as to progress and there remain challenges but we were impressed by the new appointment and we hope for a good report from the STRI when they return in May to examine the course.

Stewart Harper Chairman, Knut Pedersen Captain, David Ford Vice Captain.

Social Golf

by Nils Leffler

This month's social golf was played with members of Quinta do Lago on the South course.

Twelve teams participated during a day of sunshine but with a brisk wind seemingly always in the opposite direction of play.

After an early coffee in the bar we set off in teams of four, where the best two scores were counted, hence a very friendly format.

Everyone seems to have enjoyed the day and new friendships were formed.

Some good scores were reported at the end with the winning four ball coming in with 79 points. PA was represented in this team by Chris and Amanda Stretton. Well done. Second and third place were separated by a count back to the favour of Zoe and David Pirret as PA representatives over the combined PA team of Steven and Chie Crowdey, Per Anton Kleppa & Stephen Leach all on 77 points.

Lunch in the upper lounge commenced with drinks from the member controlled bar.

Prizes were awarded by Rod Sumner and Marianne Jespersen from Quinta do Lago before we all enjoyed a lovely chicken pie with crisp vegetables. Wine and water were flowing throughout the meal, which was consumed in a most pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

On behalf of the PA participants our captain, Knut Pedersen, thanked Quinta for hosting this social golf event.

We all left in good spirits and with a view to the time we will be able to host Quinta at PA.

The next Social Golf, "Sixes", will be held on Sunday 26th March organised by Paula and Iain.

Forthcoming Events

March & April 2017

Wed 1st March	Ladies Day
Sat 4th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th March	March Medal
Tues 7th March	Club Roll Up
Wed 8th March	Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain
Thurs 9th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Fri 10th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sat 11th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sun 12th March	Men Pairs Matchplay and March Stableford
Tues 14th March	Club Roll Up
Wed 15th March	Madrinha Trophy
Fri 17th March	St Patricks Day
Sat 18th March	Mens Roll Up
Tues 21st March	Club Roll Up
Wed 22nd March	Ladies Day
Sat 25th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26th March	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 28th March	Club Roll Up
Wed 29th March	Ladies Day
Sat 1st April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2nd April	April Stableford
Tues 4th April	Club Roll Up
Wed 5th April	Ladies Day
Sat 8th April	Mens Roll Up
Mon 10th April	Ladies AGM & Drive In
Tues 11th April	Club Roll up
Wed 12th April	Ladies Day
Thurs 13th April	Golf AGM & Captain's Drive In
Sat 15th April	Spring Medal and Past Captains Day (NO ROLL UP)
Sun 16th April	Easter Scramble
Tues 18th April	APPA AGM and Competition (NO CLUB ROLL UP)
Wed 19th April	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd April	Strokeplay Championship (NO ROLL UP)
Sun 23rd April	Strokeplay Championship
Tues 25th April	Club Roll Up
Wed 26th April	Ladies Day
Sat 29th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 30th April	18 Holes Social Golf