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Altos news

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PINHEIROS ALTOS
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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Knut Pedersen

Dear all members,

This year the AGM is on the 13th April, and I hope as many of you can attend and give our new Club Captain David Ford a warm welcome.

So, this will be my last letter to you all as Captain. A year has gone by quickly, as they say "Time goes by quickly when you are having fun".

First I would like to thank everyone that participated the events in March. On the 9th to the 12th we had Men Pairs Match play. The final was played on Sunday the 12th between Steven Crowdey - Andy Wheeler against Tim Russel - Paul Cotterill. The winners in the end were Steven and Andy. Congratulations to the winners, and well played everyone. We had 16 teams playing a great turnout.

On the 17th St. Patricks day was played with a good turnout, and in the end with 89 points the winners where David and Kay Ford, Jill Miller-Cheevers and Denis Reed.

March 22nd we had our new game for the Club - The Ladies against The "Cloggies". This sounded like a good idea when we started to talk about it, the more it sank in, I understood that it would be another wooden spoon for me to win this year. We had a good turn out with 60 players. As everyone had told me before the game, we lost 9 ½ to 5 ½. The lunch after was a good social gathering and fun. We decided that this event will be a yearly one in the Club. I would specially like to thank all the non-Cloggies that came and played for us and helped us.

The social event this month was on the 26th. A stormy and rainy day, but we managed 9 holes in the rain. Good scoring and a very social dinner after. Good decision to cancel the back 9 by the social committee.

I would like to thank you all for electing me to be the Club Captain for the past year. For me it has been a year I will remember for life. It has many ups and a few downs. But when I look back on the past year I am left with all the good memories we have had together. Also I would like to thank all the people that have sent me positive feedback during the year.

There were times when we had our sad moments, but the way all the members came together, and supported each other, showed

the friendship and a family like atmosphere among us that you will not find in any other club here in Algarve.

Having Mai as Lady Captain could not be better for me. She has organized all the Charity work and other duties with superb result. Thanks for a good year together.

Also, I have to thank Christophe, Cristina and the rest of the staff, without you all - I would not be able to do the job, well done everyone. Thanks also to all members of the Committee, great feedback and support.

So with these word I would like to say goodbye as your Club Captain and put on my Golf Cap and return to the course and work on my golf swing that has suffered a bit the last year. My goal now is to drastically go down in Hcp in the spring.

See you all on the Course.



Club Captain Knut Pedersen and Mens Pairs Matchplay winners Steven Crowdey and Andy Wheeler



Mens Pairs Matchplay Runners Up Tim Russell and Paul Cotterill



Director of Golf Christophe Rindlisbacher, Club President David Markey and St Patricks Day Winners Kay Ford, Jill Miller-Cheevers, Denise Reed and David Ford



St Patricks Day 4th Place Philip and Bernadette Hardie, Kate Jackson and Alberto Nicoletti



St Patricks Day Runners Up Shirley Griffiths, Andy and Sue Georges



St Patricks Day 3rd Place Peter and Helen Mills and Paula and Tony Hickey



Club Captains Knut Pedersen and Mai Markey and Director of Golf Christophe Rindlisbacher



St Patricks celebrations



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

March started with the Mens Pairs Matchplay and it was good to see many more entries than last year as we had 16 pairs instead of 7 last year. Congratulations to the winners Steven Crowdey and Andy Wheeler beating Tim Russell and Paul Cotterill in the final. Both of them are still under the handicap radar and I am sure we will see them improving and getting their handicaps even lower during this season.

On 17th March we had our celebration for St Patrick Day and (almost) everyone got into the green shirts for a really enjoyable day at the Golf Club. The day was won by David Ford, Kay Ford, Jill Miller Cheever and Denise Reed. A great atmosphere at the dinner and we even found a new entertainer in our new member Mr. Gerry Naughton. Thank you to our President David Markey who as a good Leprecorn sponsored the day.



Leprecorns on Duty

A new tournament took place this month which was the ladies V the cloggies and our Captain Knut Pedersen as usual a gentleman let the ladies won by a mile! It goes without saying that they will be at it again next year.

Congratulations to our greens committee chairman Stewart Harper on winning the March Medal with a score of 71, much easier now on proper greens! Stella Jeffrey did it again at the March Stableford. Congratulations Stella!

As I am writing this newsletter, the dead line for questions at the AGM is passed and surprisingly we have received no questions. I hope that this a good sign. We have had 2 nominees for the 2 spaces on the elected members of the committee which are Nils Leffler & Stewart Harper and therefore will be accepted on the committee as they are the only nominees.

We have had no more candidate for Vice Captain or President therefore Michael Collins will become Vice Captain and David Markey will remain as President at the AGM on 13th April 2017 when David Ford take over the Captaincy.

I look forward to see as many of you attending the AGM and taking place in the 9 holes competition which follows to welcome the new Captain David Ford.

Also many competitions to come such as the Spring Medal on 15th April 2017 and the Easter Day Scramble on Easter Sunday. The APPA tournament taking place on 18th April 2017 and the Club Championship on 22nd & 23rd of April 2017.

I wish all the members a Happy Easter and hopefully many of you in Pinheiros Altos to enjoy the activities.



Mens Roll Up March Winner Stephen Quail 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 March

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Hilary Jessup 2nd Division Jill Miller-Cheevers	73 Nett 83 Nett	1st Division Susan Russell	74 Nett
9 HOLES Stableford - Marianne Wiren 9 HOLES Medal - Dee Hirst					
Sun 5th	March Medal	Stewart Harper	71 Nett	Stella Jeffrey	73 Nett
Wed 8th	Lady Captain vs Lady Vice Captain	ALL SQUARE			
Thurs 9th - Sun 12th	Men Pairs Matchplay	Steven Crowdey Andrew Wheeler		Tim Russell Paul Cotterill	
Sun 12th	March Stableford	Stella Jeffrey	34 Pts	Stephen Leach	32 Pts
Wed 15th	Madrinha Trophy	Chie Crowdey Meg Black	43 Pts	Stella Jeffrey Ingrid Hollier	40 Pts
Fri 17th	St Patricks Day	David Ford Kay Ford Jill Miller-Cheevers Denise Reed	89 Pts	Andy Georges Sue Georges Colin Skinner Shirley Griffiths	85 Pts
Wed 22nd	Cloggies V Ladies	Ladies	9 ½	Cloggies	5 ½
Wed 29th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Kay Ford 2nd Division Jill Miller-Cheevers	40 Pts 34 Pts		
Casa da Quinta Stableford voucher – Jill Miller-Cheevers					

Ladies Section - by Mai Markey

March has been a busy month at PA.

The first Wednesday brought the monthly Medal. Well done to Hilary and Jill winning the medal glass in their division.

The following Wednesday we had LC v LVC. The ladies did us proud turning out in their team colours green, white and orange against red and white. Befitting a great day the final result was all square. Many thanks to Rosie for kindly sponsoring the pizza and drinks to celebrate her anniversary and birthday after our game.

On the 15th we played for the MADRINHA Trophy, introduced by Helen Mills. This started with a low/high combination but we now have many lady members between 18-24 hcp. Fantastic scoring from Chie and Meg with 43 pts and Stella and Ingrid coming in with 40 pts.

The Ladies Section hosted everyone to PA Tapas....the chicken wings and the sweet potato fries went down a treat.

I know St Patrick's Day is a club event but I really want to thank you all for supporting my L.C. Mulligans and helping me raise



Lady Captain vs Lady Vice Captain

720 euro towards our chosen charities. So many of you made such an effort in your green, white and orange.

As both Knut and I are nearly finished our year we decided to have a fun game, The Cloggies and friends V The Ladies. Adrienne kindly purchased a bright yellow clog whilst in Holland to present to the losing team. A very competitive game followed but the final result was 9 and half in favour of the ladies whilst the men were 5 and a half.

Great atmosphere after the matches whilst we dined on chicken, chips and salad all washed down with the losers buying the drinks.....thank you gentlemen.

The monthly Stableford was played on the final Wednesday of the month incorporating the Casa da Quinta voucher. The winner this month was Jill Miller Cheevers. My thanks to the restaurant for all their support during my year.



Lady Captain Mai Markey presents Club Captain Knut Pedersen with the "The Cloggies and friends V The Ladies" Trophy



Jill Miller-Cheevers receives the voucher for Casa da Quinta

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee met with Christophe, Sesinando, Ana and Marco on Friday the 31st March. David Ford was unavailable.

In no particular order the following course conditions were discussed

1. Greens.

We feel real progress has been made reflecting the regime set down in the STRI report. The surfaces are firm and fast but still very playable. The application of more sand with micro tining, brushing and grooming and rolling is clearly working. There are much fewer pitch marks reflecting both the firmer surfaces and perhaps the new signs to repair?

2. Tees.

There are some tees which require further work (8 of corks and 2 of corks) but generally the surfaces which have been hand cut and dressed are much improved and in particular the ladies tees have been praised by the ladies.

3. Bunkers.

The club has purchased 25 new lightweight rakes which have wider heads and we hope will encourage their use! The sand is still not as consistent as we intend it but the overhanging trees on Pines 5 and Pines 7 bunkers have been lobbed. The club has after discussion and reflecting the recent R & A recommendation has decided to advise members to leave rakes in bunkers. Members will be aware of the change in rule which permits rakes to be used to rake sand as long as it does not improve player's stance or ball position.

4. Fairways.

The recent warmer weather will allow fertilizer to be applied very shortly. The surfaces are in some instances poor (Olives 3, 4, 7.). Regular mowing has kept the course

looking generally tidy but the fairways are our biggest challenge!

Spot weeding should remove the vast majority of weeds.

Marco has been testing both a fairway sand spreader and a fairway blower. These are expensive machines and when purchased will be shared with other JJW courses. It is felt the application of sand on some fairways will accelerate their recovery. Blowers will prevent the fungus which has been a common feature on some fairways in addition to careful use of chemicals.

5. The Academy.

Members will be pleased to hear that plans are being considered to ensure visitors do not monopolise both practise greens or overlap onto members practise areas. The use of measuring markers for different flags is also being considered so members will have a clear and accurate knowledge of how far they are hitting their practise shots (this is difficult as practise balls are not necessarily travelling the same distance as top quality member's balls). A sign will be placed by the practice bunkers reminding all golfers to rake the bunkers after use!

The committee are optimistic that we may have turned "the corner" with the new regime and the inspection by STRI in May will hopefully confirm progress. As ever the members must remain patient as in particular the improvements in the fairways will take time.

Lastly subject to any members wishing for changes following the AGM the committee has agreed to continue as presently constituted. As ever we welcome comments from members on issues relating to the course condition or from members who would like to join the committee.

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

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

The weather forecast was pretty gloomy, rain predicted throughout the day but somehow the strong (fairly chilly) wind seemed to keep it at bay as the time approached the first tee offs. So with one eye on the dark, heavy clouds some 35 intrepid players set out to do battle with the course and the elements in a Sixes competition.

Most of us got to the half way point (a few beyond it) before the heavens opened with the first heavy shower. Social Golf is all about mixing, fun and enjoyment, it's not a test of endurance against the elements and so as this event was turning into the latter I decided to call everyone in making it a nine hole only competition.

Thankfully, the catering staff, having been forewarned, were quite quick to bring forward our very enjoyable supper at which the wine was generously provided by Sue Georges to enjoy and celebrate Andy's 70th birthday - with a couple of rounding choruses of "Happy Birthday", included!

Following supper, prizes were awarded to the successful teams listed below and to round off the day, a Mothers' Day gift of a

potted plant was given to each of the ladies, compliments of the Social Committee.

Corks:

1st - Robert Lester, Sue Georges, Knut Pedersen and Malcolm Hollier

2nd - Steven Crowdey, Zoe Pirret, Paul Black and Majida Lester

3rd - Knut Ellingsen, Birgitta Rademaker, Alberto Nicoletti and Ineke Goossens

Olives:

1st - Amanda Stretton, Kieran Nagle, Nils Leffler and Stella Jeffrey

2nd - Stewart Harper, Udo Berg, Lise Kristiansen with Meg Black (floater)

3rd - Michel Sohler, Per Anton Kleppa, Ilse Berg and Adrienne Buth

The next Social golf competition, Traffic Lights - yellow tees, then blue tees, then red tees and repeat, will be held on Sunday 30th April, organised by Stella and Nils.

Algarve Interclub League News by Geoff Stott

The season has started for us and at the time of writing we have played two home matches resulting in a win against Levante (Quinta da Ria) 3/2, the reigning champions, and a draw against Serra de Monchique (Silves), who like us were promoted to the top division last year.

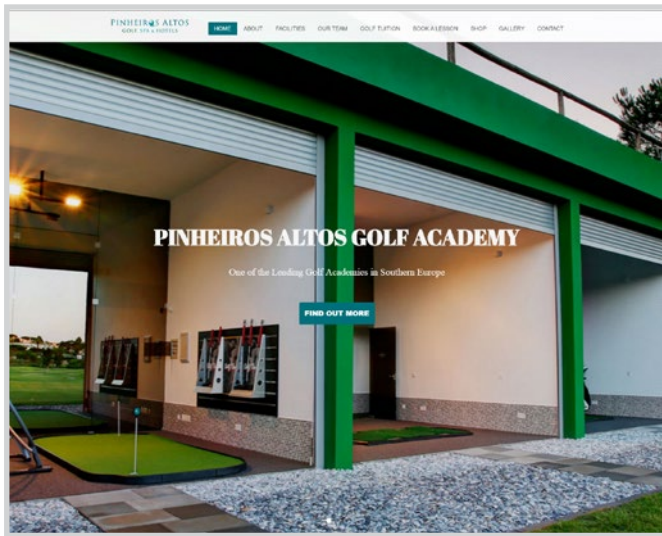
The pairing of Duncan Evans and Rainer Grimm have won both their matches in some style.

Not the best start for the team though as it is expected to comfortably win our home matches so there's a bit of catch-up to accomplish.

The next two matches are away at Alto and Palmares before we finish April with a home game against Parque da Floresta.

There has been enthusiastic support from PA members with a squad of over 40 so trimming that down to a team of 10 requires making some hard decisions. We've already used 15 members and I'm sure more will be called on in the coming weeks.

Academy News



The new Golf Academy Facebook page is now online so please live & follow Pinheiros Altos Golf Academy.

The page will give you access to the new website www.pinheirosaltosgolfacademy.com and also allow you to book your lessons online.

We look forward to seeing you in the Academy!



Forthcoming Events April & May 2017

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
Tues 2nd May	Club Roll Up
Wed 3rd May	Ladies Day
Fri 5th May	Past Lady Captain's Day
Sat 6th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th May	May Medal
Tues 9th May	Club Roll Up
Wed 10th May	Ladies Day
Fri 12th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL vs PA
Sat 13th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL vs PA
Tues 16th May	Club Roll Up
Wed 17th May	Ladies Invitation Day
Sat 20th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st May	May Stableford
Tues 23rd May	Club Roll Up
Wed 24th May	Ladies Day
Thurs 25th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Fri 26th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sat 27th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sun 28th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Tues 30th May	Club Roll Up
Wed 31st May	Ladies Day