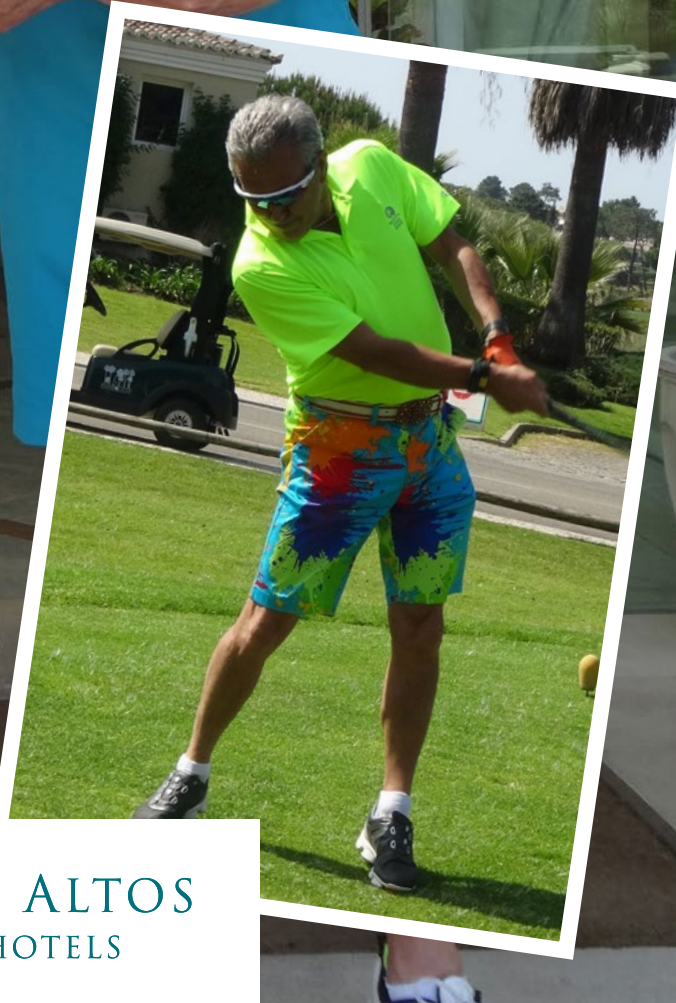


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Introduction from the Captain - Mr David Ford

Hi everyone

Let me begin by thanking all those who expressed their support and good wishes, both verbal and written, for my coming year; it was greatly appreciated. At the time of writing, I'm exactly one month into that year and it's been pretty frenetic.

The AGM was well supported and it gave us all the opportunity to thank Knut for his Captaincy. I hope that he will be able to look back at his time with fond memories. The dreaded Drive-in was negotiated without drama or embarrassment and congratulations to Lynn Nobbs for being less ambitious (and more realistic) than most in placing her flag nearest the drive.

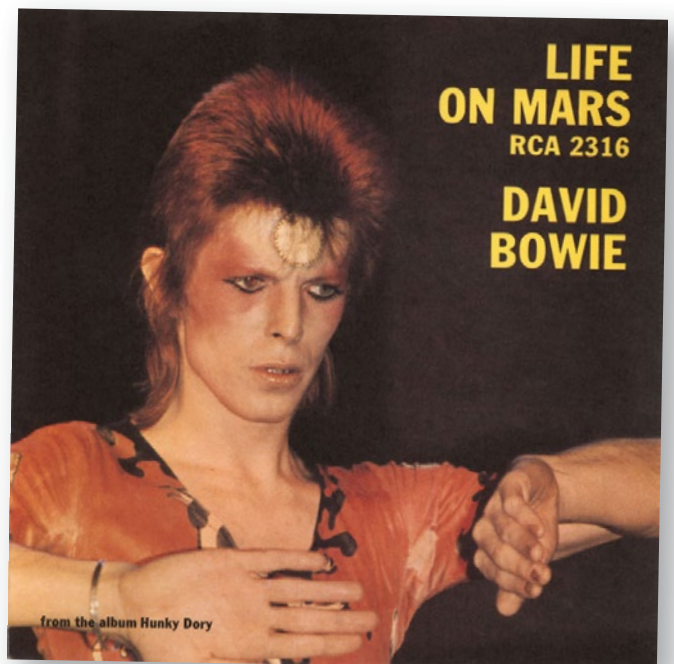
That was followed by a fun 9 hole competition utilising two 9's. The following Saturday featured the monthly medal that incorporated the Past Captain's Trophy where Keith Fletcher emerged victorious. We were then onto a very well attended Easter Sunday Scramble and a lunch where the various winners throughout the year were recognised. Special mention should be made of the winners of the Most Improved title - Steve Crowdey for the men and a certain Kay Ford for the Ladies. Fortunately, she's only brought it up a modest ninety seven times. I have great pleasure in reporting that the food at the Drive-In, the Past Captains Lunch and the Scramble was excellent and I hope that it's a comment that I can continue to make over the months ahead. My thanks to Renato and the team.

As soon as Easter was over, the APPA trophy was contested on the 18th April (my birthday - don't ask; the Beatles wrote a song on Sgt Pepper that summed it up) and the following weekend featured our 36 hole Strokeplay Championship. The scoring would not have been out of place at Lords or Edgbaston, with even our scratch players struggling to produce their normal form. It's amazing what white tees and a howling gale can do to develop humility. In the end Dan Henderson and Sally Evans emerged as Champions. Congratulations to them. It's impossible to highlight all of the winners in such a busy period in this column, but further in the newsletter, all are noted.

As we moved into May, it is with a heavy heart that I have to report that the first real test of my leadership resulted in failure - we lost the Ben Hogan Trophy and it's crossed the road to Quinta do Lago! After the first day at PA, the match was evenly poised with the Ladies halving their contest 5.5/5.5 and the Men producing exactly the same result. However, the next day on the South Course, our mixed pairings were soundly beaten, despite Kay and I leading from the front with a magnificent half, resulting in a final score of 25/19. As we are in Portugal, I feel that it is only appropriate that I follow Jose Mourinho's example and blame my players. At the very least, our policy of pairing people with their spouses and partners should come under scrutiny! I think brighter shorts to blind the opposition is an option also worthy of consideration.

Finally, don't forget Captains Day on June 10th; we've got some great entertainment lined up for you.

Pop Quiz - Who played piano on David Bowie's "Life on Mars"?
First person who meets me with the answer wins a sleeve of balls
- no emails or phone calls



Good golfing





Captain's Drive In



Captain's Drive In Prize Winners



Captain's Drive In Lunch



Medal and Stableford Winners



Easter Scramble Prize Winners



Easter Scramble Lunch



APPA Competitin Prize Winners



Director of Golf - Monthly Report

It is hard to believe that we are already in May and that we have just had another Members AGM and for the first time ever no questions were raised.

The month of April has been a very busy month leading to the Easter break and the AGM. I would like to congratulate Knut Pedersen the out-going Club Captain and Mai Markey the out-going Lady Captain on a very successful year.

I would like to welcome David Ford & Zoe Pirret as the incoming Captains and wish them a very good year in office. David will surely bring some colors to the captaincy and I do even want to think what the team outfit color will be. Zoe on the other hand I am sure will be our new Handicap radar making sure that everyone is putting their good cards in.

I am very happy to confirm that Stewart Harper will continue on the greens committee as his input has been so important over the last few years. Nils Leffler will also continue on the committee and represent the social committee.

A big thank you to John Linley & Cathy Harper who are leaving the Golf Committee this year. Their input and knowledge have been very welcome in the various committees. I am sure I can continue to count on them for their advices in the future.

April was a very busy month with the AGM which was very well attended with over 100 members. Also announced at the AGM

is a new agreement with the shops to have Titleist & foot joy material at a better and more competitive rates and golf balls are already in the shop at a much better rate.

I would like to thank Shirley Griffiths for taking the minutes of the Golf AGM as she has done over the past years and also take this opportunity to thank her for all the photos taken over the years at the various events to make the newsletter so much more colorful.

The Easter Scramble was well attended with 110 players & 130 for lunch and the winners were Gary & Jill Miller-Cheevers, Wallace & Deidre Forde and Peter Seabrook but also the Pro team had a fantastic score of 13 under par gross which just prove the format for handicap does work even that our home pro Ross Sutherland always tells me how unfair it is!

Steven Crowdey was well rewarded as the most improved man of the year and Kay Ford as the most improved lady of the year and as David mentioned we will hear that for many more month to come.

The spring medal was won by Sergey Naumov while on the same day Keith Fletcher who has been in great form won the Past captain's Challenge. Congratulations to both.

Also James Porter won the April Stableford, the APPA day and was runner up in the Club Championship and we should see his handicap coming down during this year without any doubts.



Club Captains Zoë Pirret and David Ford presenting Steve Crowdey with the most Improved man player of the year



Club Captains Zoë Pirret and David Ford presenting Kay Ford with the most improved lady golfer of the year



Club Captains Zoë Pirret and David Ford presenting Sergey Naumov with the Spring Medal Salver



Club Captains Zoë Pirret and David Ford presenting the Past Captain's Challenge Trophy to Keith Fletcher

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The Strokeplay Championship was played on 22nd & 23rd April 2017 and it is the most difficult format medal play 36

holes of the back tees. Congratulations to Dan Henderson and Sally Evans our new 2017 champions!

Please make sure you sign in for the Captain's Day and also for the upcoming gala week in July. I wish you all great Golfing!



Strokeplay Championship prize winners



Club Captain David Ford presenting the St David's Day Trophy to Steve Crowdey



Mens Roll Up April Winner Gordon Brand receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros



Jessica Hall practices at Pinheiros Altos during the winter.

Jessica was chosen to represent England in both The Irish and Scottish U18 Championships this month as a result of her finish in the Portuguese Ladies in January!

Competition Results for April

| Date | Competition | Winner | Score | Runner Up | Score |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------|--|-----------|
| Sun 2nd | April Stableford | James Porter | 38 Pts | Barbara Kyne | 34 Pts |
| Wed 5th | Ladies Day Monthly Medal | 1st Division Zoë Pirret | 72 Nett | 1st Division Amanda Stretton | 74 Nett |
| | | 2nd Division Lisa Burns | 73 Nett | 2nd Division Meg Black | 75 Nett |
| | | 9 HOLES Stableford – Mariëd Kooijmans – 17 Pts | | | |
| Mon 10st | Lady Captains Drive In | Helen Mills Anne Davidson | | Majida Lester Melody Cotterill | |
| Thurs 13th | Captains Drive In | Pines Course winners Duncan Evans Wendy Evans Steven Crowdey Chie Crowdey | 25 Pts | Corks Course winners Gordon Davidson Anne Davidson Nils Leffler Janet Leffler | 22 Pts |
| Sat 15th | Spring Medal | Sergey Naumov | 71 Nett (bb9) | Robert Lester | 71 Nett |
| Sat 15th | Past Captain's Day | Keith Fletcher | 35 Pts (bb9) | John Linley | 35 Pts |
| Sun 16th | Easter Scramble | Gary M Cheevers Jill M Cheevers Peter Seabrook Deirdre Forde Wallace Forde | 61 | Andy Georges Sue Georges Duncan Evans Wendy Evans Kay Ford | 62,5 |
| Tues 18th | APPA Competition | Deirdre Ford | 35 Pts (bb9) | Zoë Pirret | 35 Pts |
| Wed 19th | Ladies Day Monthly Stableford | 1st Division Chie Crowdey | 33 Pts | 1st Division Joanna Young | 32 Pts |
| | | 2nd Division Jill M Cheevers | 38 Pts | 2nd Division Wendy Evans | 36 Pts |
| | | 9 HOLES Stableford – Zoë Pirret – 19 Pts | | | |
| Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd | Strokeplay Championship | Men Daniel Henderson | 158 Gross | Men James Porter | 163 Gross |
| | | Ladies Sally Evans | 184 Gross | Ladies Rosie Agnew | 189 Gross |
| | | Best Nett Men James Porter | 141 Nett | Best Nett Men Graham Lee | 151 Nett |
| | | Best Nett Ladies Leigh Anderson | 150 Nett | Best Nett Ladies Sally Evans | 150 Nett |
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| Wed 26th | Ladies Day | | Matchplay | | |

Ladies Section - by Zoë Pirret

I was extremely flattered by the faith of the ladies that my drive would be long and straight; well done to Majida for winning the champagne and thanks to Ross for the extra distance on my drives. Thank you to David Pirret for doing the smoked salmon and champagne at the drive-in. Thanks to Renato for

organising an excellent lunch for the ladies and thanks to the ladies for their contribution to the charity. We made enough to buy Guillemme his spectacles – it is not easy as a child having poor eye sight and added to that he only has one ear.



Lady Captain's Drive In

Winners of the 9 hole competition were Helen Mills and Anne Davidson, 2nd Majida Lester & Melody Cotterill and 3rd Lubna Cater & Jill Miller-Cheevers

Wednesday was our Easter Bonnet competition and we saw some great creations. – I think it was the added tail at the back that nailed her 1st with Bernadette coming 2nd.

We all enjoyed our new Captain's Drive-In and wish him well for his year.

This was closely followed by the Easter Scramble and two days later the APPA competition, well done Deirdre Ford for piping me to the post on countback to win the Trophy.

The following weekend we were challenged by the Strokeplay Championship off the back tees in extremely windy conditions, congratulations to Sally Evans on winning the Trophy and well done to all the ladies who took part.

The Past Lady Captains should have been played on Friday, 28th April but was called off due to an horrendous weather forecast, which turned out to be not that bad at all! It will be rescheduled and played later in the year.

On top of all the above golf we have also played in 3 interclubs this month, I knew life would be busy being the Ladies' Captain but looking at the diary it will continue at this rate during May



Lady Captain's Drive In Lunch



Easter Bonnet Competition



as well! I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and support.

Although I don't want anyone to go in the water your contribution to the jar on the bar has been fantastic, we will keep you informed of where the monies are being used. The jar is being emptied on Monday, 1st May and some of you have generously entered the monthly draw to guess how much was in the jar to win a voucher for a local restaurant. We will do it all again next month. Thank You for your support.



Report from the Greens Committee

The committee has not yet met since the main Committee meeting last month.

However we can report that STRI (sports Turf Research Institute) are due to visit the course in the last week of this month and to report on their assessment of course improvements.

The following bullet points are regarded by the committee to be the most sensitive.

1. Have the greens improved, are they firmer with faster surfaces and are they weed and fungus free? We believe that generally our response is "yes"

2. Are the tees being cared for better than previously, are they being hand cut and weed free with good grass covering. Are the tee markers being moved to avoid excessive wear? Our view is that there have been improvements but there is still some way to go. Would members like to comment?

3. Are the fairways improving? We believe that the Olives 2, 3, 4 6 and 7 need to improve to reach an adequate standard. Pines 4,5,6,7 are better but still lack growth and have too many different grasses. These remain a challenge as do Corks 3,4,6,7. The fungal diseases appear to be growing out and we expect significant improvement as we enter the main growing season. This remains the main challenge for the course.

4. Are the bunkers more consistent with adequate sand and which are regularly raked to prevent hard spots. New rakes (which on balance we advise should be left in bunkers) should incentivise members to be more diligent in repairing their bunker shots. Our view is that too many bunkers have excessive sand and the profile of some bunkers allows the ball to come to rest on a slope rather than a flat part of the bunker. There is therefore in our view yet some way to go!

5. Have we done sufficient lobbing of trees to remove shadows and allow light to parts of the course? We believe more work has to be done

6. There are still areas of the course which require work and members will know them! The 9th of Pines right of the bunker being one such area.

We are still in the early stage of major changes to course maintenance. The greens staff seem well organised but may need more equipment to deal with reoccurring problems. We would like a fairway sand spreader and a fairway blower to both improve fertility and prevent fungus. With 24 green staff and a will to makes things better we hope to see major improvements over the next few months. Next month will carry a report of the STRI findings.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford Captain, Knut Pederson

Social Golf by Nils Leffler

On the last day of April, 32 teams went out in a light drizzle to play Social golf, which this time took the form of Traffic lights. This format entails all team members playing from the yellow tee, then the blue and red tees, repeating this sequence throughout the 18 holes. The best two scores were counted on each hole. Because of the late drop out of a few ladies we ended up with one all men's team, which scored very well because of favourable handicaps for men. We had adopted the simplistic rule of giving men their yellow tee handicap and the ladies their red tee handicap. This, of course, made it tougher for the ladies when playing from the yellow tee, and easier for the men from the red. Next time a fairer handicap will be chosen. Despite this most players seem to have enjoyed the new perspective they gained from playing different tees.

We also were rewarded by the participation of two young men, Hayden and Calvin, both in their mid teens, playing off 6 and 1, respectively. Budding mega stars, both contributed and enjoyed their team experience.

Lunch was promptly served with the main course consisting of chicken curry.

The winning teams were:

PINES/CORKS

89 points

Andy Wheeler, Paul Cotterill, Keith Hirst, Brian Scott

79 points

Wendy Collins, Bob Seddon, Peter Young, Brigitta Rademaker

CORKS/OLIVES

83 Points (*bb9*)

Hayden Brooke, Gerry Naughton, Mike Collins, Stella Jeffrey

83 Points

Calvin, Per Anton Kleppa, Joanna Young, Sandra Seddon

Next Social golf will be played on the June 4th and organised by Stella and Iain.

Algarve Interclub League News by Geoff Stott

We've just entered the second half of the season with 7 matches completed.

The 1st Division table sees us sitting in second place but this is somewhat a false position as we've played more matches than our opponents. However, all but one of our games have been very close and a couple of good wins will see our average points per game improve considerably.

There are two matches in June before the summer break. The first is at home to BoaVista on the 1st followed by an away trip to Serra da Monchique (Silves) on the 15th.

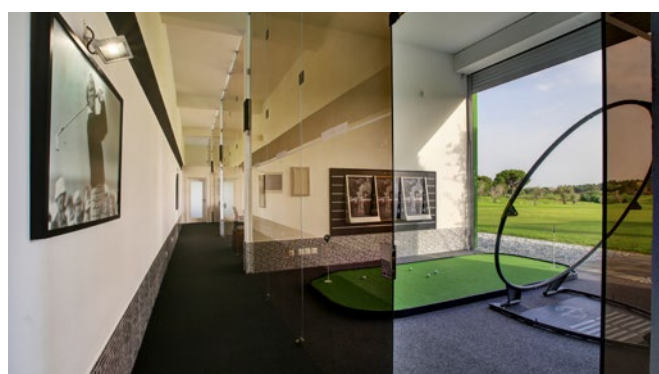
Alagoas Restaurant in Santa Barbara are sponsoring our MVP awards and after the opening seven matches, Duncan Evans and Rainer Grimm have notched up 4 wins and a half.

30 PA members have played so far this year and that number will grow before the season finishes. If anyone would like to join the squad email me at geoff.stott@hotmail.com

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!

Kenny and Ross

Forthcoming Events May & June 2017

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| 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 |
| Sat 3rd June | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 4th June | 18 Holes Social Golf |
| Tues 6th June | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 7th June | Ladies Day |
| Sat 10th June | Captain 's Day (No Roll Up) |
| Tues 13th June | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 14th June | Ladies Day |
| Sat 17th June | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 18th June | June Stableford |
| Tues 20th June | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 21st June | Ladies Day |
| Sat 24th June | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 25th June | June Medal |
| Tues 27th June | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 28th June | Ladies Day |

Members Gala Week & Sunshine Classic Challenge

Sponsored by
PINHEIROS ALTOS
23rd to 29th July 2017

Thrillers

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 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th & Friday 28th July 2017

Entry Fee Includes

B.B.Q & Shoot-Out on Wednesday 26th July, Brunch on Thursday 27th July,
Gala Dinner on Saturday 29th July 2017 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**

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| Monday 24 th July 2017 | - Greensome at Pinheiros Altos | AM__ | PM__ |
| Tuesday 25 th July 2017 | - 4 ball Better at San Lorenzo | AM__ | PM__ |
| Wednesday 26 th July 2017 | - Thrillers fancy dress shoot out at 4pm | | |
| Friday 28 th July 2017 | - 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 23rd, Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th July 2017

Entry Fee Includes

Gala Dinner on 29th July 2017 and fantastic daily and overall prizes

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



Sunday 23rd July 2017 - Flag competition (medal format) (arrange own 4 ball) ☐

Thursday 27th July 2017 - 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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