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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr David Ford

Hi everyone

At the time of writing, the temperature has started to soar towards traditional Summer levels and we are in the relatively quiet period between the Ben Hogan Trophy and Captain's Day. The main competitive activity came in the form of the Mixed Matchplay Championship, a tournament renowned for outstanding shotmaking and marital upheaval! This year's Championship produced a number of extremely close tussles and a number of, frankly, severe drubbings. In the end Graeme and Fiona Thompson emerged victorious by beating Steve and Chie Crowdey in the final, 3 and 2. Congratulations to them and thanks to all who entered.

The consultancy, STRI, who are working with us on improving the condition of the course, returned at the end of May to review progress. Full details are contained in Stewart's report and a number of follow up actions are planned. However, I'd like to stress that in taking the correct action there will be some short term inconvenience for long term gain and a degree of patience will be required. As I'm the least patient person on the planet, I appreciate the challenge facing members.



Andy Georges receiving his voucher from the Club Captain David Ford for winning "guess the amount".

The Captain's Charity Jar is proving to be an easy and lucrative way of raising money for ACCA, so keep going in the water. Congratulations to Andy Georges for being the first winner of "guess the amount"; he was within 7 euros of the €368 raised.

My next missive will report on the antics of Captain's Day, but I'd like to thank everyone in advance for the amazing planned turnout.

Pop Quiz: The winner of the Inaugural Pop Quiz was Stewart Knox, who correctly pointed out that the piano player on David Bowie's, Life on Mars, was Rick Wakeman. His prize of a sleeve of balls was impacted however by some petty thieving and naughty boy behaviour at the "presentation". Such puerile activity in the future will, of course, be encouraged.

This month's question: The Beatles song, With A Little Help From My Friends, has been a U.K. No 1 for three separate acts. Name all three. A sleeve of balls to the first person who approaches me with the correct answer. No emails or phone calls.



Good golfing.



Captain of the Quinta do Lago Golf Course Rod Sumner receives the Ben Hogan Trophy from the Pinheiros Altos Captain David Ford



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The Ben Hogan started the month of June and unfortunately we let it slip to the opposition who were very keen to recover the Trophy. Congratulations to them and thank you to all our members who supported the event to make it a full field.

Towards the end of June we had our Mixed Pairs Matchplay, a 4 days marathon of matchplay and congratulations to Graeme & Fiona Thomson on their Victory! Graeme managed yet again to go on the board with the assistance of Fiona as it happened many times in the past!



Club Captains David Ford and Zoë Pirret presenting the Mixed Pairs Matchplay Trophy to Graeme and Fiona Thomson



Mixed Pairs Matchplay runners up Steven and Chie Crowdey

The May Stableford was won by Chie Crowdey and the June Medal stayed in the family as Steven Crowdey took the honor at last in a medal play. Congratulations to both!

On May 7th we had a dinner in the Memory of Hamish Rumball and it was very nice to see so many of his friends attending to pay their respect. We had a great afternoon supper which I am sure Hamish would have enjoyed.

The turn out for Captain's day is very good as we have about 100 players signed in and 130 for dinner and looking to have a great day!

As mention in the Captain's report and following the visit of the consultant for the golf course STRI, we will have 3 weeks of heavier works on the golf course following Captain's day mainly fairways and greens and therefore there will only be 18 holes open on a daily basis therefore I would like to ask all members for their patience as we are doing important maintenance on the golf course. The works will take 3 weeks and about 6 weeks to recover to be in the best conditions for the Gala Week in July.

Do not forget to sign in for Gala Week as it is only 6 weeks away and preparation for the week are already taking place. The theme of Thrillers & Horror movies seems to cause some problems to some but I am sure there will be plenty of brilliant ideas as usual.

Also on a last note beware that as mention in the Annual Subscription letter your credit of €100 in the bar will expire at the end of June 2017 so make sure you come in for a few drinks or food and take advantage of the offer.

I wish everyone a good start to the Summer and look forward to see many of you on the golf course.



Mens Roll Up May Winner Keith Fletcher receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros



Dinner in Memory of Hamish Rumball



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Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Amanda Stretton	74 Nett	Sally Evans	75 Nett
		2nd Division			
		Pat Murrish	76 Nett		
9 HOLES Stableford – Sandra Seddon – 15 Pts					
Sun 7th	May Medal	Steven Crowdey	71 Pts	Tony Hickey	73 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 10th	Ladies Day Stableford	1st Division		1st Division	
		Chie Crowdey	39 Pts	Lubna Cater	36 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Lisa Burns	38 Pts	Adrienne Buth	36 Pts
Fri 12th Sat 13th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Quinta do Lago	25	Pinheiros Altos	19
Wed 17th	Ladies Invitation Day	Lisa Burns Sue Kendrick	44 Pts	Fiona Thomson Sandi Beatson	43 Pts (<i>c/6</i>)
Sun 21st	May Stableford	Chie Crowdey	38 Pts	Brigitta Sohler	37 Pts
Wed 24th	Ladies Day NQ Stableford	Diane Ramsey	40 Pts		
Thur 25th - Sun 28th	Mixed pairs Matchplay	Graeme Thomson Fiona Thomson		Steven Crowdey Chie Crowdey	
	Individual Stableford	Sue Georges	38 Pts	Stella Jeffrey	37 Pts
Wed 31st	Ladies Day Texas Scramble	Fiona Thomson Diane Ramsey Yvonne White Shirley Lamb	69.5 Nett		

Ladies Section - by Zoë Pirret

I can't believe I am already writing my second newsletter – how time flies when you are having fun! For the first couple of weeks in May I returned the reins of power back to Mai and disappeared off to Florida.

The monthly medal was won by Amanda Stretton in 1st Division, Pat Murrish in 2nd Division and Sandra Seddon winning the 9 hole competition. The following week was the

stableford with Chie Crowdey bringing in a score of 39 points and Lisa Burns 38 points – the handicap scissors were out! Chie has also played well in a club stableford and this month has reduced her handicap by 1.4, well played.

The following Wednesday we brought our friends along from both Algarve and UK clubs to play in our invitation, which was superbly organised by our immediate Past Ladies' Captain

– Mai had a busy 2 weeks. It was a great day and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those involved in the organisation and thanks to all those who contributed to the raffle which raised €1010.

The following Wednesday we squeezed the ladies onto Pines/ Corks so they could put in an eclectic card, Diane Ramsey, Vera Watkins and Janet Leffler all played better than handicap – well done.

This month we have played friendly matches against Benamor away, Diana Collins kindly captained this match and we had a respectable loss of 2/3. We had a new friendly against Boavista at home and were decidedly unfriendly by having a 'pink wash' – they will get us back no doubt when we play there. We had a very friendly match at Laranjal with a half.

The mixed pairs matchplay took place over the last weekend in May and some brave souls had to play four days in a row. Well done to the winners Fiona and Graeme Thomson and runners up Chie and Steven Crowdey.



Ladies at the Benamor match – very pink.

Last month we raised enough money to buy 13 year old Guilherme his glasses. The Jar on the Bar raised €368.97 and the draw €195 – Andy Georges guessed the amount and won the restaurant voucher. This money enabled us to get spectacles for teenage Priscilla. Following the Ladies' Invitation raffle and this month's jar on the bar we will probably have managed to raise the funds to get Micael's teeth sorted and his treatment can begin. Thank you all for your generosity.



Fiona Thomson & Sandi Beatson (Carvoeiro)



Kay Ford & Katie Ford (John O Gaunt)



Lisa Burns & Sue Kendrick (Alderley)



Susan Russell & Sharon Henderson (Laranjal)



Denise Grayson (Quinta do Lago)



Lisa Burns (Members)





Report from the Greens Committee

The Committee met on Monday the 5th to discuss the latest STRI report from Conor Nolan. Present were The Captain, Christophe, Ana, Sesinando, Marco and our new recruit Duncan Evans. Knut has retired and we thank him for his input but he has a busy year ahead. Duncan is doing work on Quinta as well as PA and we believe his contribution to course maintenance but will be very helpful.

The writer was able to meet Conor of STRI before he wrote his report and he volunteered that he “loves this place”. He sees it as having terrific prospects and we believe with the backing of the owner and following the STRI programme we can restore the course to its previous glory.

The following are the main points agreed:-

1. The club will be purchasing for improved maintenance the following equipment:-

Greens spin top dresser

Fairway spin dresser

Fairway grooming rake (year end)

Delta T Probe moisture meter

Set of greens groomers

The cost of this equipment is circa €80000

3/4 new green staff are being recruited.

From this week for three weeks nine holes will be closed leaving 18 holes always open.

There will be further closures in June/July for fairway maintenance and improvement.

Work will commence shortly on improving and repairing the calcada where necessary. The bunkers are being examined and where necessary sand being removed/ added and the contours improved.

There will be more tree pruning and tree removing to give light to fairways.

Aprons to greens will be made firmer with tining and sanding.

The use of sand in all areas of the course will increase and be monitored.

Tee markers are being inserted on tees and staff appointed to ensure accurate placing and movements of tee blocks.

The STRI are pleased with the start made on the course, by example the percentage of “bent grass” on the greens has increased to 70% from 35% in a little over 4 months. The aim is to maintain and improve on this percentage and to keep the greens at a “stimp reading” of 9/9,5. This will allow the grasses to mature and protect the new growth with the prospect of faster, firmer greens.

The committee hope members will understand that there will be a certain amount of disturbance and some short term inconvenience. There is no “quick fix” for getting a course in the condition we seek but we believe members will understand and be patient. We can already see improvements.

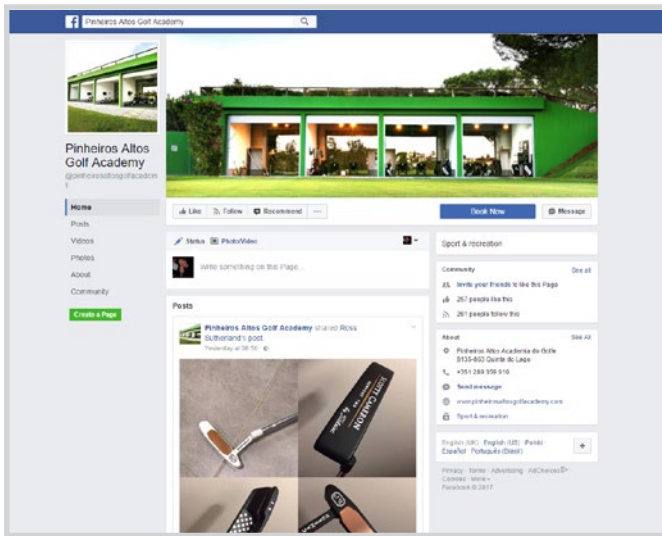
Needless to say all of the committee are keeping a careful watch on progress and will ensure where ever possible that these plans are carried out in full.

We are looking forward to Captains day, pity the Captain will just have to watch the rest of us! The writer and Duncan are hoping for the best!

Good golfing to all

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford Captain, Duncan Evans.

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 June & July 2017

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

Sat 1st July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2nd July	July Stableford
Tues 4th July	Club Roll Up
Wed 5th July	Ladies Day
Sat 8th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 11th July	Club Roll Up
Wed 12th July	Ladies Day
Sat 15th July	Mens Roll Up
Tues 18th July	Club Roll Up
Wed 19th July	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd July	Summer Medal (No Roll Up)
Sun 23rd July	Member 's Gala Week
Mon 24th July	Member 's Gala Week
Tues 25th July	Member 's Gala Week
Wed 26th July	Member 's Gala Week
Thurs 27th July	Member 's Gala Week
Fri 28th July	Member 's Gala Week
Sat 29th July	Member 's Gala Week

Members Gala Week & Sunshine Classic Challenge

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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**

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.**

Sunshine
Classic
Challenge
Gala
Week