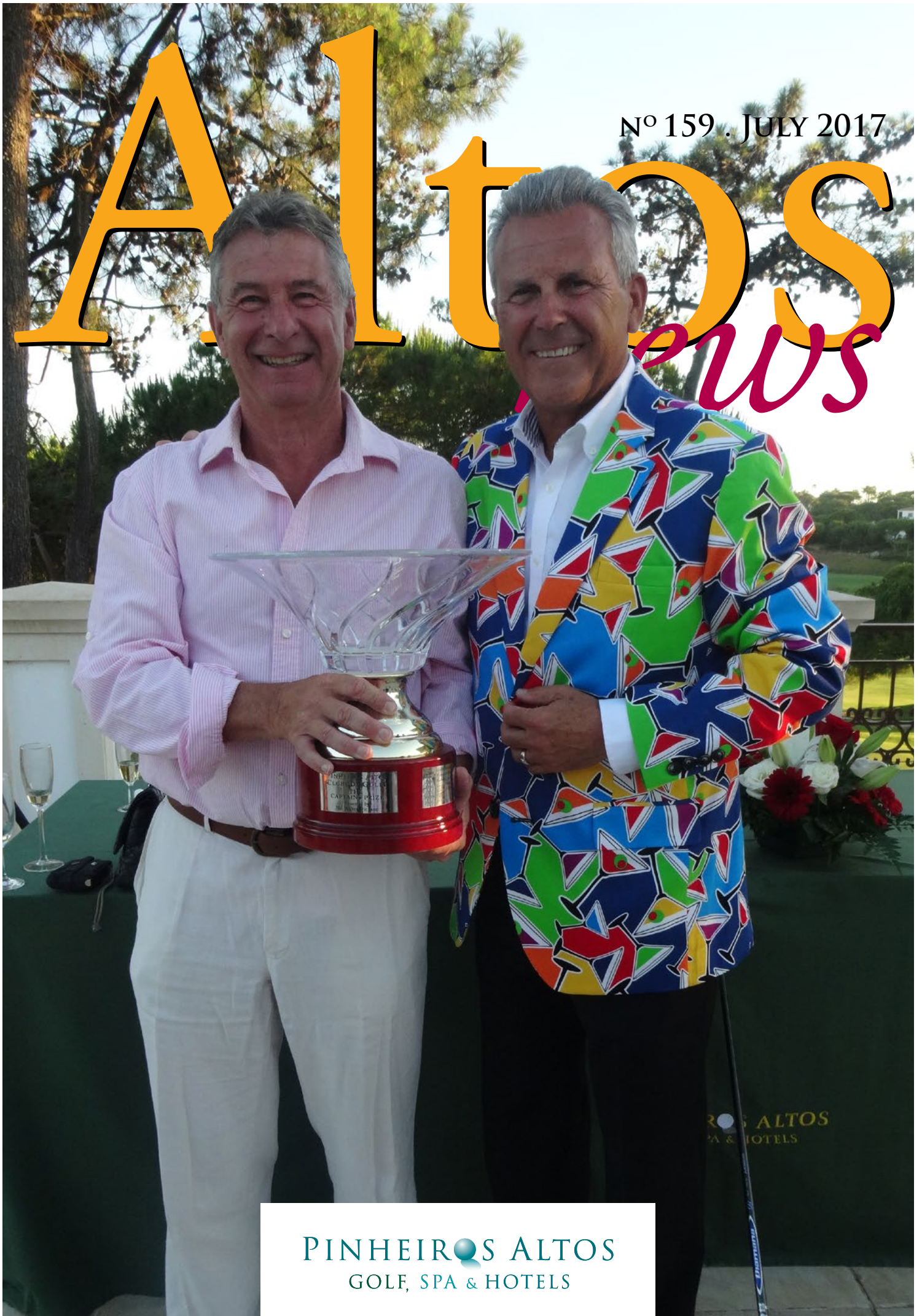


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Introduction from the Captain - Mr David Ford

Hi everyone

Firstly, let me thank everyone who made Captain's Day so memorable. We had exactly 100 players and 130 for dinner, the majority of whom had listened carefully to the dress code and arrived in full Loudmouth and other bright, if questionable, regalia! There is no truth in the scurrilous suggestion that I'm on some form of commission from that website.

Aaron James proved to be an extremely entertaining Master of Ceremonies and very few escaped his acerbic wit. I've received many kind comments, both written and verbal over the quality of the hospitality, on and off-course and the music, so it seems a good time was had by all. Thanks to all of the staff for their hard work. We also raised €1,000 for ACCA on the night, a great effort. The Captain's Prize was won by Mike Hassid with a very respectable 37 points on a low scoring day (perhaps the port and the wine were contributing factors?). The victory, however, was overshadowed by the look on Brian Evans's face, when, having achieved a hole in one on the 9th of Pines, he realised he would have to provide 100 people with a drink. He's due to be released from intensive care shortly.

In terms of off-course matters, I am delighted to be able to announce a new partnership with the Club and Blevins Franks. The driver of this from Blevins side has been Dan Henderson, who is well known to members and who, in a short time, has become an important asset to PA, not least for his golfing prowess. Such a partnership will significantly benefit the Members Fund in terms of supporting tournaments throughout the year. I often hear rumour and counter rumour around the club in relation to issues such as Non Habitual Residence and taxation and through this new relationship we hope that those members who are interested will be able to access the expertise and skill set of Dan and his specialist advisors.

A group of 20 members recently headed north to play Royal Obidos and the newly opened West Cliffs on the 10th July. The trip was expertly organised by Sue and Andy Georges and everyone enjoyed the challenge of the courses on the ocean. That challenge was added to by having to wear sweaters in Portugal in mid-July.

Although I wouldn't normally mention birthdays in this report, given that I'm bound to miss someone and cause more trouble



Club Captain David Ford and Dan Henderson

than it's worth, it would be remiss of me not to congratulate Joe the Pro, still shooting his age at 85. It was a pleasure to join him at his Invitational.

The winner of the Jar on the Bar for June was Iain Callaghan; well done Iain. We have delayed the next draw until Gala Week, by which time the jar should be almost full.

On the subject of Gala Week, as the theme is Thrillers and Horror stories, this month's Pop Quiz is Which English record producer wrote Thriller recorded by Michael Jackson? I've relented on not using email, so the first correct answer to davidford.com wins a sleeve of balls.



Happy Golfing!



Club Captain David Ford with his wife Kay, sons Rhys and Hywel and daughter Bee



Captain's Day Prize Winners









Captain's Day

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

June main event was of course the Captain's Day which was a great success, very colorful and I would like to congratulate our Club Captain David Ford to put up such a day of course with the help of his family. We had a record 100 players and 130 attending a fabulous dinner and great dancing. The big winner of the day was Mike Hassid with a fantastic score of 37 points (BB3 5). Congratulations to Mike!

June is normally a quite month at the Golf Course and therefore it was time to do a lot of maintenance work on the golf course which will be explained more in details in the greens committee report below and it is already started to look a lot greener and greens are looking as healthy as ever and are very true maybe unfortunately not as fast as some of our members would like them to be.

Congratulations to James Porter who won the Monthly Stableford with the score of 35 points and Sally Evans who won the June Medal with a great score of 68.

JJW is organizing The International Pairs League and the 3 National qualifiers are to be played at San Lorenzo on 5th August 2017 (€50 for PA Members), on 20th August 2017 at Pinheiros Altos (€35 for PA members) and on 6th September 2017 at Penina (€35 for PA members). Each of the qualifier includes green-fee, buggy and lunch at the respective courses. The winner of each of those qualifier will qualify for the World Final to be played this year at Penina from 6th until 10th November 2017. If you wish any more information do not hesitate to contact the Golf Office at Pinheiros Altos.

With the excess of tourism in the Algarve, robbery crimes have also increased and therefore we ask everyone to be vigilant and



Mens Roll Up June Winner Tony Hickey receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros

to make sure you do not leave valuables at easy access to such crimes on and off the golf course and also report if you see any individuals who should not be on the Golf Course.

Coming up is of course our gala Week and I am looking forward to have as many of you taking part in the week whether it is every day or even one of the optional day!

Wish you all great golfing!

Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 7th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division		1st Division	
		Zoë Pirret	35 Pts	Sally Evans	34 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Wendy Evans	37 Pts	Lorraine Dunabin	36 Pts

Competition Results for June cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 10th	Captain's Day	Overall Winner Mike Hassid	37 Pts (<i>bb3 5</i>)	Best Gross Men Duncan Evans Best Gross Ladies Sue Georges Best Nett Men Ken Irving Best Nett Ladies Pat Murrish	35 Pts 21 Pts 37 Pts 35 Pts
Mon 12th	Past Ladies Captains Day	Helen Mills	36 Pts	Hilary Jessup	29 Pts
Wed 14th	Ladies Day Team Event	Paula Burke Barbara Fletcher Vera Watkins	93 Pts	Helen Mills Lisa Burns Suzanne Davis	91 pts
Sun 18th	June Stableford	James Porter	35 Pts	Keith Fletcher	34 Pts (<i>bb6</i>)
Wed 21st	Ladies Day Team Event at San Lorenzo	Paula Burke Diana Collins	44 Pts	Chie Crowdey Molly Wainwright	43 Pts <i>c/b</i>
Sun 25th	June Medal	Sally Evans	68 Nett	Gordon Todd	70 Nett
Wed 28th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Susan Russell 2nd Division Marian Hill	69 Nett 69 Nett	1st Division Chie Crowdey 2nd Division Barbara Fletcher	77 Nett 78 Nett
2016/ 2017	Wainwright Trophy Wainwright Plate	Susan Russell Hilary Jessup		Diana Collins Zoë Pirret	

Ladies Section - by Zoë Pirret

Is it seriously the end of June! The temperatures have soared and many of us have resorted to buggies, make sure you take plenty of water on the course with you.

Instead of getting one course for the monthly medal on 7th June I had to do a quick turn around and change it to a stableford as we were on two courses.

The medal was finally played on 28th June and organised by Cathy Harper. The bad news is there is another one the following week – all character building!

The Captain's Choice this month was a 'Shambles' where the ladies played a team game and were given 3 free kicks and 3 free throws (you try saying that out loud!) – I think we all decided kicking a golf ball is not easy!



The 21st June saw us playing a better ball at San Lorenzo, Paula Burke and Diana Collins won with a formidable 44 points, not far behind we had 3 pairs all with 43 points so there was some serious countbacks to do.

Following a great Captain's Day our Past Ladies' Captains finally had their day on 12th June. It was a lovely day and I think they enjoyed the champers and smoked salmon on the 10th tee – not sure how good it was for the golf though!!!

This month we had a ladies friendly away against Levante and I am delighted to say with a 3/2 win, we were doing a lot of giving - well done ladies.

We also had a mixed friendly at Carvoeiro but were not so lucky with a 5/3 loss.

Mai finally managed to present the prizes for the 2016/2017 Wainwright competition as we were all in town. Well done to Susan Russell for winning the trophy and Diana Collins



as runner up, Hilary Jessup won the Plate with myself as runner up.

Although our Social Section is in its infancy we are delighted that non golfing ladies are starting to be included in our events, I was delighted some of them joined me for wine and nibbles on the 14th after golf. Lynn Nobbs organised a lunch at Menta Pimenta which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



The Jar on the Bar:



May was a quieter month for the Jar, we raised €289.60 from those who went in the water and the draw to guess the amount raised €170 which was won by Iain Callaghan who guessed €293.00. Keep those euros coming they are going to a very good cause. As many are away at the moment our next draw will be done at the end of July.

Social Golf - by Iain Callaghan

Texas Scramble is an ideal format for Social Golf. All of the team members become involved from the outset - from the very first decision on which ball to select after the drives from the first tee and thereafter everyone gets the chance to have their say and to contribute to the team result. As a consequence, Texas Scramble can sometimes be a bit slow but the ten teams rose to the challenge over Pines/Corks and Olives/Pines completing more or less on the four hour mark, so well done everyone!

A good turnout of 40 players, complimented by the Who's Who of P.A. with a quarter of the participants made up of past captains (both mens' and Ladies') including the current Lady Captain, Captain, Vice-Captain and the President.

It was good to see John & Frances McCarthy and their guests attend their first Social Golf and to welcome new member, Barry Hawley-Green - as prize winners, I hope they'll be encouraged to repeat the experience.

Stella and I, as organisers, came in for a bit of [good natured] banter, heckling and napkin throwing for appearing on the winning teams from both courses and my response - "in an event where 60% of the players walk off with a prize, if you

can't fix it to pick up a bottle of wine yourself, you shouldn't be organising it in the first place!"

The day's victors were:-

Olives/Pines

1st Orlando Hill
Cheever Hardwick
Kieran Nagle
Stella Jeffrey

2nd Peter Mills
Knut Pedersen
Zoe Pirret
Susie Hardwick

3rd Heinz Kura
Brian Scott
Marian Hill
Adrienne Buth

Pines/Corks

1st Iain Callaghan
Barry Hawley-Green
Wendy Collins
Melody Cotterill

2nd David Pirret
Andy Watkins
Helen Mills
Shona Callaghan

3rd John McCarthy
Pat Ryan
Frances McCarthy
Margaret Ryan

The next Social Golf event, 4 Clubs plus Putter, will be on 9th July organised by Sue Georges and yours truly.

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee met on the 17 July together with course managers, Sesinando, Ana and Marco and Director Christophe.

In our June report we listed the new equipment which STRI had recommended the club purchase and also the work which should be prioritised again as recommended by STRI.

We are pleased to report that progress is being made and all the new equipment is either in use or “on its way” The exceptions are the fairway groomer rake and the greens groomers which are planned for year end.

Greens staff numbers have increased to 23.

The course has been tined and scarified and fertilised and the new growth is starting to show.

The extensive sanding will probably take place after Gala week so as not to cause too much inconvenience.

General maintenance work is showing in improved fairway surfaces and the removal of most of the fairway weeds (we are sure some members will be able to spot some still left), bunkers are being reviewed for sand quantities and quality.

There have been two critical comments from members about the course, the first criticism is that the greens are not as quick as they would like them to be. The answer to that is that we are working on increasing the bent grass percentage of the grasses on the greens. We cannot do so if we cut the grass too low. This is temporary and we believe the greens look good and put well. We will be increasing the use of the roller.

The second criticism is that some tees have very long grass which makes teeing up difficult! The tees are to be cut

three times a week from now on. This should eliminate the problem.

Over the winter months we plan to prune and remove more trees. The committee feel the time is right to review the trees on the corner of the eight of Corks. They have grown to a height which makes a long shot to the green impossible except for the very longest players. Perhaps members would like to let us know their views?

In a similar review we feel the pot bunkers in front of the green on 3rd of corks are unfair and out of keeping with the course. A grass hollow (as in 6 of Corks is being considered).

The committee wish to make the course fair but challenging without altering its characteristics and “personality”. There is evidence that visitors are often wary of playing PA as they consider it too hard! Members may agree?

The trees in front of some bunkers have grown to a stage which was not intended and in some case also in front of tees (5th of Pines).

Overall the committee believe that with the support of investment from management and a dedicated greens staff we are heading in the “right direction”. As always we are anxious to maintain and build on the improvements.

The Committee wish members a happy and successful Gala week and will keep members informed of course progress.

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 July & August 2017

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
Tues 1st August	Junior Open
Wed 2nd August	Ladies Day
Sat 5th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th August	August Stableford
Wed 9th August	Ladies Day
Sat 12th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 13th August	August Medal
Wed 16th August	Ladies Day
Sat 19th August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 23rd August	Ladies Day
Sat 26th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th August	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 30th August	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**

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

INTERNATIONAL PAIRS WORLD FINAL

FORMULÁRIO DE INSCRIÇÃO | REGISTRATION FORM

DETALHES PARTICIPANTE 1 | PARTICIPANT 1 DETAILS:

NAME | NOME: _____ HCP: _____

MEMBRO DE | MEMBER OF: ☐ PENINA GOLF ☐ PINHEIROS ALTOS GOLF ☐ SAN LORENZO GOLF ☐ ANSG

CLUBE DE GOLFE | GOLF CLUB: _____ NR. FEDERAÇÃO | FED. NR.: _____ (se aplicável | if applicable)

EMPRESA | COMPANY: _____

ENDEREÇO | ADDRESS: _____

TEL.: _____

MOV. | MOB.: _____

EMAIL: _____

DETALHES PARTICIPANTE 2 | PARTICIPANT 2 DETAILS:

NAME | NOME: _____ HCP: _____

MEMBRO DE | MEMBER OF: ☐ PENINA GOLF ☐ PINHEIROS ALTOS GOLF ☐ SAN LORENZO GOLF ☐ ANSG

CLUBE DE GOLFE | GOLF CLUB: _____ NR. FEDERAÇÃO | FED. NR.: _____ (se aplicável | if applicable)

EMPRESA | COMPANY: _____

ENDEREÇO | ADDRESS: _____

TEL.: _____

MOV. | MOB.: _____

EMAIL: _____

Participaremos no(s) torneio(s) abaixo | We will participating in the below tournament(s):

Torneio de golfe no campo de golfe Pinheiros Altos, domingo, 20 de agosto: ☐ Sim | Yes
Golf tournament at Pinheiros Altos GC, Sunday, 20 August: ☐ Não | No

Torneio de golfe no campo de golfe San Lorenzo, sábado, 05 de agosto: ☐ Sim | Yes
Golf tournament at San Lorenzo GC, Saturday, 05 August: ☐ Não | No

Torneio de golfe no campo de golfe Sir Henry Cotton, quarta-feira, 06 de setembro: ☐ Sim | Yes
Golf tournament at Sir Henry Cotton GC, Wednesday, 06 September: ☐ Não | No

Por favor, devolva este formulário de inscrição devidamente preenchido para os contatos abaixo,
com um prazo mínimo de 5 dias antes de cada torneio.

Please return this registration form duly filled-out to the contacts below,
with a minimum of 5 days prior to the tournament date.