

# Altos

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain - Mr David Ford

Hi everyone

Temperatures have now risen to traditional summer levels which typically results in three things; holiday makers arriving in the Algarve from the North, a number of members escaping to quieter hideouts and activity at the golf club reducing. Of course, the one exception to this is our late-July Gala Week. Three days of fierce competition with three further optional events, which were equally hard fought. In fact, this years event was so competitive that we had to hold a three team play-off on the Saturday morning. It proves that this is the sort of thrilling golf that will have the crowds flocking back as there were at least twenty of us who managed to get up in time to watch!

Congratulations to Jordan Markey and James Porter for emerging victorious with a birdie putt on the first play-off hole. Congratulations also to Debbie Madgett and Dan Henderson who won the Best Gross prize by a country mile and also to Rosie Agnew and Ted MaGowan who were runners up.

This year's theme of "Thrillers and Horror Stories" certainly produced amazing creativity from all involved at the Wednesday Shoot-Out, although perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that so many staff and members looked rather better as vampires and zombies. Your Captain was successful in winning the Best Dressed Male trophy which accompanied my first prize in the unofficial Footgolf competition. The fact that I won nothing for golf, probably contains a message for me.

In concluding on Gala Week; everyone who participated had a terrific time. There were 32 teams competing and in addition to the golf, we had a great barbecue and Gala night, which many have commented were the best for some time. My thanks to Christophe, Cristina, Roger, Renato and all of the staff.

I'm also delighted to confirm that via the jar on the bar, the betting on the teams/shoot-out and the silent auction, we raised €3,382 for ACCA. We are targeting at least 40 teams next year,

so please spread the word and bring your guests. Given the Vice Captain's background, you will not be surprised to hear that the theme will be "Cops and Criminals".

Our Junior Open produced a stunning level par gross round by 15 year old, 2 handicapper, Calvin Holmes, which included an eagle on the 8th of Corks. What a prospect this lad is, but the standard of golf in general was really encouraging. We should do all that we can to support the juniors who are the future of golf in overall terms, but also for us at PA.

Apart from the normal medals, stablefords and socials, August is a quiet month, but early September features the Matchplay Championship and, of course, Lady Captains Day, so make sure that you are signed up.

## POP QUIZ

Congratulations to Knut Pedersen who last month correctly identified that the writer of "Thriller" was Rod Temperton.



This month's quiz is:- Who was the other lead singer alongside Elkie Brooks in the old British R and B band Vinegar Joe? The first correct email to d@vidford.com wins a sleeve of balls.

Happy golfing









Thrillers Shoot Out





### Thrillers Shoot Out



# Director of Golf - Monthly Report

July was all about the Sunshine Classic Gala Week which was a great success and we had an entry of 32 teams as well as more members taking part in the individual events. The format proved that it suits a wider range of members as it allows to play in a few events without having to play every day. The week of golf was extended by a play off who saw Jordan Markey winning it for a second year running with his new partner James Porter. It goes without saying that both their handicaps have been reviewed as we dropped Jordan to 10 handicap and James to 5 handicap.

On the Wednesday of the Gala week we had our usual fancy dress shoot out and this year's theme was "Thriller" and everyone there made a real effort to come dressed and made the day a huge success. Dan Henderson & Debbie Madgett Managed to win the final of the shoot-out.

On the Sunday we had a flag competition as a practice round and Steve Hersey managed to tee off the 19th hole however hit is out of bounds but still won the competition as John Linley was second just a meter short of the 18th hole.

Also we had a brunch on the Thursday morning with a blind draw being drawn in public for a scramble competition. Everyone there seemed to really enjoy the format and it is definitely something we will continue to run during the gala Week. We even had the opportunity to see Terry Little playing with 3 ladies including his wife! The winners of the scramble were James Porter, Jordan Markey, Graeme & Fiona Thomson and yes it was a blind draw drawn in public!

The BBQ & Gala dinner were a great success and once more the meal provided was excellent and I must congratulate our catering staff for 2 great nights.

I would finally like to thank all the Members of Pinheiros Altos who took part in the event and allowed us to make it so much fun. I would also like to thank Cristina and all my staff, Renato & the bar staff, the catering staff and the golf maintenance staff to make the week possible to run so smoothly.

Also a big thank you to Shirley Griffiths who did most of the photos as she has been doing at every single events during the year.

The Summer Medal was won by Tony Hickey with a 70 and Rosie Agnew won the July Stableford with 37 points.

August is normally a quiet month as far as golf is concerned and I know many of the members try to be away to avoid the usual crowds that invade the Algarve for Summer Holiday.

However do not forget that members can enter the International Pairs League at Pinheiros Altos on 20th August and at Penina on 6th September for only €35 with Golf, Buggy and lunch included.

Early September make sure you sign up for the Matchplay Championship and the President's day on 17th September 2017.

I would like to inform that catering at Pinheiros Altos has been put under my responsibility therefore I would welcome any suggestions members may have to improve our operation. I have a few ideas myself and will have more information in the future newsletters.

I wish everyone a great month of August whether on the golf course or on the beach.



*Mens Roll Up July Winner Daniel Henderson receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros*

# Competition Results for July

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2nd	July Stableford	Rosie Agnew	37 Pts	Susan Russell	35 Pts
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans	77 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Rosie Agnew	78 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Molly Wainwright	77 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Stella Jeffrey	79 Nett
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Sue Georges	37 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Marian Hill	35 Pts <i>c/b</i>
		<b>2nd Division</b> Fiona Thomson	38 Pts	<b>2nd Division</b> Melody Cotterill	35 Pts
Sat 22nd	Summer Medal	Tony Hickey	70 Nett	Graham Lee	71 Nett
Sun 23rd - Sat 29th	Gala Week	James Porter Jordan Markey	119 Pts	Rosie Agnew Ted MaGowan	119 Pts
		Debbie Madgett Dan Henderson	100 Gross		

## Ladies Section - by Zoë Pirret

July is quiet – too quiet – then Gala week happens! I won't repeat what the Captain and the Director of Golf have already written, it only remains for me to thank all those who took part and congratulate all those who won something, particularly Jordan Markey and James Porter for their amazing overall win.

During the middle of the month a group of us, organised by the Georges, braved the cold and went north to Royal Obidos. We enjoyed good golf courses, good food, great company and had the odd drink!



The ladies section had a quiet month, the only organised competitions were the medal and stableford. Well done to the winners Sally Evans and Molly Wainwright in the medal who qualified to go through to the International Pairs Competition. Also to Sue Georges and Fiona Thomson in the stableford.

We did have our friendly match away against Boavista, they didn't quite manage a return whitewash as it was a 4/1 loss, so overall we did better.

The ladies enjoyed the new venue and friendships, long may it continue.

I do have some very exciting news! Since 2013 I have been a thorn in the side of Christophe's neck by attempting to have 3 cards with indices of 1-18 and also to reflect the correct indices in line with the EGA recommendations. Following much research and meetings this is going to happen for the matchplay championship next month.

## The Jar on the Bar:

Over June and July we raised €306.39 in the jar and €295 to guess the amount. This was won by Stewart Harper and Michael Collins who both guessed within €4/€5 of the amount. Maria Silva will now be free from dental pain thanks to your generosity. We are currently supporting the Back to School programme as hundreds of children need basic school materials for when term starts, there is a notice on the board giving information, please please help.



## Social Golf - by Sue Georges

The 9th of July Sunday Social consisted of a smaller (but very select!) group of golfers. The format was 4 clubs and a putter, which was enjoyed by all, and made for some interesting feedback....

Peter Young declared he was going to get rid of 10 of his clubs, as he played great golf with his choice of 4.

Mai Markey agreed with Peter but did admit that her motivation was to beat Mr President and collect the wine!

We were joined by 3 golfing visitors, Nicky & Kevin Murray and Jo Engelen who enjoyed the day and we hope will return next time they are here.

### Results

#### *Olives/Pines*

1st	Kevin Murray Alan Bentley Paula Burke Stella Jeffrey	80 Pts
2nd	David Pirret John Carver Sue Georges Marian Hill	72 Pts

#### *Pines/Corks*

1st	Tony Hickey Peter Young Nicky Murray Mai Markey	82 Pts
2nd	David Markey Jo Engelen Kay Ford Adrienne Buth	75 Pts

The next social will be a "Foxtrot" (so get out your dancing shoes!) on Sunday 27th August, organised by Sue Georges & Stella Jeffrey.





## Report from the Greens Committee

In our last report we commentated on the work on the course which was in line with the recommendations of the STRI.

Gala week saw some excellent scoring and reflected the improved condition of the fairways and putting surfaces.

The committee has not had time to meet since the last report but we are pleased with progress but by no means complacent.

It does seem that the stronger than usual fertilizer applied to the fairways is having the effect we were seeking. There are less weeds and improved sward surfaces. We must maintain this improvement and show we can compete with the best of our competitors. We hope to apply sand to the fairways in the next few months.

Members have in the main been complimentary indicating conditions better than for many years but critical of slow putting surfaces. The speeds are in the 8/9 stimp reading which is planned to preserve surfaces in these very hot conditions and also on advice will encourage growth of the bent grasses where success is encouraging and will

lead to firm healthy sward and faster disease free surfaces. Members need to be patient for a few more months.

The committee has received helpful comments from members on their proposals to remove some trees and pot bunkers. No decision has yet been made but it appears that there is general support for changes to improve and to make the course not just easier but fairer for all members. We are considering professional advice.

Work still needs to be done on improving the aprons to some greens (3 of Olives for one) and some bunkers need more work. The new rakes are however very welcome and we trust members will both use them properly and repair pitch marks.

The heat wave continues and the greens staff are to be applauded in maintaining the course in such challenging conditions.

The committee always welcomes comments from members and hopes to meet shortly to review all aspects.

Stewart Harper Chairman David Ford Captain.





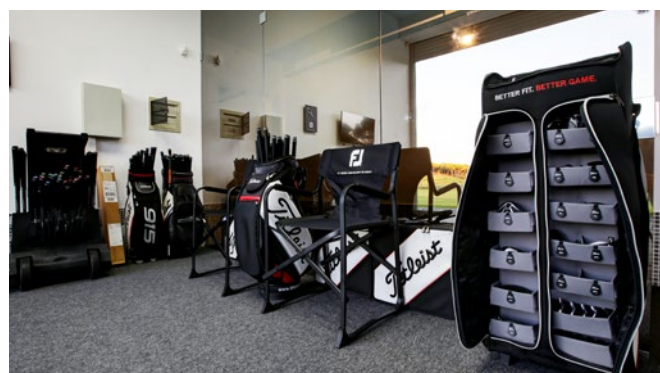
## Academy News



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](http://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

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

Sat 2nd September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 3rd September	September Medal
Tues 5th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 6th September	Ladies Day
Fri 8th September	Matchplay Championship
Sat 9th September	Matchplay Championship
Sun 10th September	Matchplay Championship & Stableford
Tues 12th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 13th September	Lady Captain's Day
Sat 16th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th September	President's Day Incorporating Seniors Championship
Tues 19th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 20th September	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th September	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 26th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 27th September	Ladies Day
Sat 30th September	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers (NO ROLL UP)



## **General Crime on the central Algarve.**

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Types of crime prevalent at this time

### **Pick pockets**

This is a distraction crime. Two examples of recent thefts are myself and another member of PA. We were both targeted at Aldi and Lidl respectively. Both have chip and pin card readers and in the case of Aldi, windows behind the check outs, which allow anybody to watch the input of a person's PIN. Once that has been obtained the theft of the purse, wallet, handbag is perpetrated outside whilst the victim is returning their trolley. In the two cases mentioned I believe it was the same man who looked to be having difficulty returning his trolley. He took the victims attention whilst another was able to use the distraction to make the theft. Within a very short time the debit/credit card has been abused to its limit. The man was 5'7"/5'9 stocky, looking quite scruffy and with a pot belly. That description was confirmed by a shop assistant where he abused one of my cards. Also the Sales assistant thought he was Spanish. Within an hour of the theft one of the cards stolen was being used in Albufeira. Another one of PA members whilst in the supermarket at Guia was distracted by a lady who needed assistance having knocked over a display. Our member went to help only to realise the lady had disappeared with her handbag. I feel that this is only a small indication as to what is actually happening and I would urge everybody to be alert whilst in the supermarkets. If you suspect anybody report it to the supermarket security and let them deal with the matter.

### **Knife and pan sellers.**

Over the last couple of months men driving Range Rovers sporting registrations of Switzerland and Belgium have been approaching people here on PA as well as throughout the Quinta estate. They purport to be selling a product which was surplus following a recent exhibition. They claim that they do not want to have to return to Switzerland with the product so are selling it at a knock down price. Vigiquinta have been monitoring the movements of these men and photographs of the vehicles used have been obtained. There has been evidence of their presence on PA. The significance of their sales is that they have a legitimate reason to approach people and possibly by that gain entry to their homes. When one of our members who was approached mentioned the GNR our intrepid knife seller beat a hasty retreat.

### **Theft on the golf course.**

One of our members whilst on the course around the 5th Corks had her handbag stolen from her buggy whilst away on the green. That is a very remote part of the



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course and having assessed the scene, I can see several approach routes and the same with the get away. There are many places to secrete themselves and probably have anything up to five minutes to make their escape. This type of crime was quite prevalent some years ago on the old seventh now the seventh on Corks. Again, this is a distraction crime and in the case of our member, quite distressing.

### **Things to remember.**

If you are such a victim. Immediately cancel any credit or debit cards. This will limit their abuse and allow you to be reimbursed by your bank for fraudulent use. Report the matter to the GNR. If you don't you might not get reimbursed because there will be no official record of your theft. I, like many others have the same PIN for all my cards. This is a mistake. My wallet contained four debit cards and within an hour all four had been abused. For all PA Residents and Members I would ask that you keep me informed of any such crime or incidents. I would encourage a 'Neighbourhood Watch' attitude in an attempt to be able to warn people and hopefully prevent any such crimes.

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# 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.: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETALHES PARTICIPANTE 2 | PARTICIPANT 2 DETAILS:

NAME | NOME: \_\_\_\_\_ HCP: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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.