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# Altos

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# Introduction from the Captain - Mr David Ford

Hi everyone,

If the sweltering temperatures of August have one positive, it's the fact that everyone is too hot to play golf, which in turn means that there's very little to write about in the Altos News. It's the calm before the storm of September golfing visitors flocking to avoid the rains of the British and Irish late summer.

Early September has seen the hotly contested Matchplay Championship, with the Men's Title being taken by David Light in a close match with Stephen Chowdrey. This is the third time in succession that David has reached the final, emerging victorious twice. I sense a handicap reduction in the air. The Ladies Title was even more hotly contested with Leigh Anderson and Helen Mills having to play a 19th hole, before Leigh chipped and putted to victory. Our congratulations to all the finalists, but a special mention for Chris Hales who defied both age and the vagaries of the system (he was one of the few who actually lost a shot playing off the back tees) in getting to the semis.

Activity in September certainly ramps up to more traditional levels. We wish the Lady Captain well for her day on the 13th and the President for his on the 17th. Additionally, one of the great traditional Competitions of Pinheiros Altos, the Hillbillies

versus Sand Dancers, is being held on the 30th September. Numbers have slipped in the last couple of years, possibly because more Hillbillies have decamped to other climes or become Sand Dancers, so please support this event if you can.

I return to the UK for the week commencing 18th September, during which I host my Charity Golf Day for the Professional Cricketers Association Benevolent Fund at the Marquess Course at Woburn and I'm delighted to say that many PA members are supporting me. My thanks to them and to my Vice Captain, Michael Collins, who'll be minding the shop.

## POP QUIZ

Congratulations to Chris Soden who last month correctly identified that Robert Palmer was the other lead singer in Vinegar Joe. This month's question is "Who is singer/songwriter Norah Jones's father". The first correct email to [d@vidford.com](mailto:d@vidford.com) wins a sleeve of balls.



Happy golfing

## New Partnership with Blevins Franks

We are pleased to announce a new partnership between Pinheiros Altos and Blevins Franks – the leading international tax and wealth management advisers to UK nationals living in Europe.

Established in the Algarve for over 25 years, Blevins Franks provides financial peace of mind to expatriates throughout the region through cross-border tax, pensions, estate planning and investment advice.

Local Partner, Dan Henderson, is a regular at the club and will be hosting a series of short seminars for members.

Focusing on relevant issues for newcomers to the Algarve as well as those of you that have lived here for some time, these will also be an opportunity to put your questions to Dan.

Look out for details of these seminars to come. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss anything with Dan, you can contact him on 0919 305 450 or at the Loulé office on 289 350 150.

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## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

August is normally our quiet month however this year the course has been busier than usual with various societies playing the course and the feed-back from these groups has been very positive as the course has seen some good improvement in the last 12 months.

July & August also saw the sale of 7 Golf Titles which is more than we have sold during the past few years bringing to 10 sales this year and increasing the numbers of Members in the Club. The Golf Title has now raised to €12,000 and is likely to rise again early next year based on the many demands we have been receiving every day for the last few weeks.

It is important for the Club to increase its membership and confidence is increasing and mainly due to the advantage that Pinheiros Altos offers with the guaranteed Members starting

times on a daily basis. To be able to secure members starting times makes a big difference as the Algarve Golf Courses are getting busier with visitors playing the courses.

I am confident that with the course continuing to improve, the set times for members and our social activities that makes our Club special we will be able to increase on the number of members which will give the company the confidence and the will to improve members facilities and services we can offer to all.

On 1st August, we had our annual Junior Open organized by our Pro Peter Ashdown, also with the help of some past Captains & members on the day. The Champion was Calvin Holmes and congratulations to him and to Ross who has been coaching him.



*Junior Open Winner Calvin Holmes with Club President David Markey, Golf Professional Peter Ashdown and Director of Golf Christophe Rindlisbacher*



*Junior Open Best Nett José Miguel Augusto*



*Junior Open 2nd Place Nett Alexandre Castelo*



*Junior Open 3rd Place Nett Molly Lodge*



*Junior Open 9 Hole Category Winner Harris Landsburgh*



*Junior Open 9 Hole Category Runner Up Lenon Hill*

Chris Hales won the August Medal while Kieran Nagle won the August Stableford. Congratulations to both of them. 2 men winning the competition at last! Hopefully a good sign as we are getting close to the Wooden Spoon Challenge and Men need to prove we can still beat the ladies!

This year wooden spoon is a little bit like the Real Ryder Cup last year where USA needed to win to keep the interest in the tournament, the Pinheiros Altos men need to win this year if we are to keep some interest in the wooden spoon! Some come on guys we count on all of you to present the wooden spoon to the ladies this October!

The sign up for the wooden spoon is up on the main board as well as the sign up for the Pink Charity Day which this year will be played as a 4 ball team event with the best 2 scores to count per team. Please we need as many of you to sign up for such a worthy cause and we are looking to raise over €5.000 for the oncology department in Faro.

Also in August we had the International Pairs league qualifier at San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos and congratulations to Sally Evans & Molly Wainwright who qualified at San Lorenzo for a spot in the finals to be played at Penina in November. The winners at Pinheiros Altos were Manuel Candido Oliveira & José Candido Oliveira who also qualified for the finals.

I would like to remind all the members that we are now entering the busiest season of the year and that the pace of play on the golf course will be affected therefore whenever possible members should always try to play in 4 balls. We are very fortunate to

have the Members times which allow us having a better pace on the course for our Members.

I look forward to see as many of you around for the forthcoming events and wish you all good golfing!



*Mens Roll Up August Winner Roger Calço receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros*



## International Pairs World Final – Played at San Lorenzo Saturday 5th August



*António Santos Director of Golf of San Lorenzo presenting the International Pairs World Final winners Sally Evans and Molly Wainwright with their prizes.*



*International Pairs World Final Runners up Manuel Cândido de Oliveira and José Cândido de Oliveira.*



*International Pairs World Final 3rd Place Gary and Sylvia King.*

## International Pairs World Final – Played at Pinheiros Altos Sunday 20th August



*Christophe Rindlisbacher Director of Golf of Pinheiros Altos presenting the International Pairs World Final winners Manuel Cândido de Oliveira and José Cândido de Oliveira with their prizes.*



*International Pairs World Final Runners up Rui Mendes and Viriato Teixeira.*



*International Pairs World Final 3rd Place Ricardo Pereira and Rui Coelho.*



# Competition Results for August

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tues 1st	Junior Open	<b>Best Gross</b> Calvin Holmes	37 Pts Gross	<b>Best Nett</b> José Augusto	39 Pts
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day 2 Club Scramble	Jeanette Winther Kay Ford	73 Pts	Amanda Stretton Debbie Madgett Diana Collins	79.8 Pts
Sat 5th	International Pairs League at San Lorenzo	Sally Evans Molly Wainwright	40 Pts	Manuel de Oliveira José de Oliveira	38 Pts
Sun 6th	August Stableford	Kieran Nagle	40 Pts	Gary Miller-Cheevers	37 Pts
Wed 9th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Zoë Pirret <b>2nd Division</b> Diana Collins	68 Nett 72 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Leigh Anderson <b>2nd Division</b> Adrienne Buth	78 Nett 77 Nett
Sun 13th	August Medal	Chris Hales	71 Nett	James Porter	74 Nett ( <i>bb6</i> )
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Zoë Pirret <b>2nd Division</b> Sandra Little	35 Pts 35 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Hilary Jessup <b>2nd Division</b> Adrienne Buth	33 Pts 30 Pts
Sun 20th	International Pairs League at Pinheiros Altos	Manuel de Oliveira José de Oliveira	44 Pts	Rui Mendes Viriato Teixeira	43 Pts
Wed 30th	Ladies Day Palmares Away day 4 BBB	Leigh Anderson Lisa Burns	47 Pts <i>clb</i>	Cathy Harper Liz Carver	47 Pts

## Ladies Section - by Zoë Pirret

August is the 'silly season' where many people leave town to avoid the heat, the over-crowded supermarkets and the crazy driving! So as a result Wednesdays have been quiet.

Besides the monthly medal and stableford we had a couple of fun rounds. I decided to give the ladies a sense of adventure and allowed them only two clubs each to play a scramble - I am not sure some of the ladies found the idea quite so much fun! They preferred the traffic light waltz off the yellow, blue and red tees with a full set of clubs.

We had our away day at Palmares again this year, this was followed by a fabulous beach lunch. Well done to Leigh Anderson and Lisa Burns who beat Cathy Harper and Liz Carver on a countback of 47 points! We were delighted that Rie Cherubini could join us for the day. It is such an enjoyable event that it will become a permanent fixture in the ladies calendar.

Last month I mentioned Sally Evans and Molly Wainwright qualified to play in the first round of the International Pairs Tournament at San Lorenzo, they had an excellent round and came first to qualify for the final at Penina in November, congratulations.



The President, Captains and members joined forces to enjoy a fabulous Casablanca Night at the Conrad in aid of the captains' charity – ACCA. We all did rather well in the auction, giving even more support to the children's Back to School programme.

The Jar on the Bar is a little light this month, we are hoping to do another draw to guess the amount on President's Day. The money raised during Gala Week has benefitted children with dental work, child care, spectacles and skin treatment. Please don't forget to put your euro into the jar if you have been in the water – it is all in aid of a good cause. Thank you.



## Social Golf - by Stella Jeffrey

As many members were away and/or enjoying time with their family there were just 12 players (3 teams of 4) in social golf in August.

With a fresh cool breeze, playing conditions were pleasant and the majority of players walked.

The format was a Foxtrot (one stableford score to count, 2 to count, 3 to count, 4 to count, repeat and finishing with 1 and 2). Not an easy rhythm to grasp but enjoyable, although my group were often "dancing" with 2 left feet! It was a lot of fun.

We all played on Corks to Olives and results though not brilliant were very close as all 3 teams, finished with a score of 75 points.

Afterwards the group swelled a bit as Lorna Scott and Lisa Burns and Ken Irving joined us for supper, which was

chicken schnitzel with a mixed salad and chips followed by a tasty cheesecake.

The prizes were kindly donated by Alan Bentley, allowing the Social Golf Committee to make a donation to the Captain's charity.

On count back the winners were:

### **1st Place**

Nigel Collins, Brian Scott, Deirdre Forde and Sue Georges

### **2nd Place**

David Pirret, Dirk Blaesing, Adrienne Buth and Diana Collins

Next social golf is on 24th September and is a Nine/Nine and will be organized by Iain Callaghan and Nils Leffler, all members welcome.



## Report from the Greens Committee

The period from Gala week to mid-September has for reasons not always obvious proved to be a time of “challenge” for PA. This year is in some respects similar. Gala week showed how well the course had responded to a more careful regime and investment of new equipment.

The writer has played very little over the last month but the Captain has played much more and there are two concerns, these are tees and bunkers.

However before reflecting on the issues we have received considerable support and compliments from members on both presentation and the condition of the greens and fairways. PA looks like a different course from 12 months ago and the improvements are reflected in bookings and visitor comments.

The greens are putting very true and have a healthy and consistent sward and colour. A little poa grass in the sward needs to be watched. Also we are coming to a period when fungus disease can affect surfaces if not dealt with by drying early in the mornings and applying appropriate applications. We hope to increase surface speeds shortly.

The fairways are much improved with good growth.

The issues which need action are in our view these:-

New sand in bunkers has been applied far too heavily and not compacted. This has resulted in balls being buried and

giving very poor stance for the player. We need in some cases to remove excessive new sand and compact the sand to produce consistent playing conditions.

Secondly the tees which were showing real improvement have been neglected in many cases and the regime of hand cutting and dressing reflects in very poor tees in a few cases. We believe holiday absences are the cause and we expect to be addressed very quickly. Tees have all been sprayed to eliminate the earthworm and the irrigation reduced to avoid their quick evolution.

The Lady Captain has raised concerns regarding the condition of the fairway of Pines 9. It needs to be marked as “GUR” where playing surfaces are mainly soil. This is a continuing problem which we need to tackle.

Overall we remain optimistic and congratulate the green staff lead by Seginando and Marco and the regime from STRI is proving a success.

The committee will be meeting very shortly. Member's comments are as always welcomed.

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 September & October 2017

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)
Tues 3rd October	Club Roll Up
Wed 4th October	Ladies Charity Pink Day
Fri 6th October	Wooden Spoon – Men Vs Ladies
Sat 7th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 8th October	October Stableford
Tues 10th October	Club Roll Up
Wed 11th October	Ladies Day
Fri 13th October	Ladies Competition (morning) and Ladies Annual Dinner
Sat 14th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15th October	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Tues 17th October	Club Roll Up
Wed 18th October	Ladies Day
Sat 21st October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd October	18 Hole Social Golf
Tues 24th October	Club Roll Up
Wed 25th October	Ladies Day
Sat 28th October	Mens Roll Up
Tues 31st October	Club Roll Up