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# Altos

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
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# Introduction from the Captain - Mr David Ford

Hi everyone

The second week of January saw the return of a high class field of senior professional golfers to participate in the Algarvian Invitational held over Pinheiros Altos and Laranjal. I will leave it to Christophe to comment on the outcome, but it was a hard fought affair with no-one overpowering either course. The following week, a number of PA members participated in the Algarvian Pro-Am, held over San Lorenzo, Quinta North and South and PA. Along with Slaney Mullins and Christian Holst, I was fortunate to play with fellow Welshman, Mark Moulund, who as well as being great fun on the course, demonstrated why he enjoyed many successful years on the European Tour. Even more pleasing was hearing the Pros express the view that PA's greens were the best of the four courses. Well done to Marco and his team and keep it up! Whilst on the subject of the greens, there are still far too many unrepaired pitch marks. Please make it your responsibility to repair two per hole if you can.

On the 4th February, we hosted Quinta Do Lago members at our Sunday Social Golf. It was a record turn out both in terms of golfers and diners and congratulations to Iain Callaghan for organising such an enjoyable and successful event. By mixing the teams any potential cross-border hostility was avoided.

In the past our St Valentines Competition has been cursed with bad weather, with last years event having to be curtailed half way through the second round. This year the rain struck again, but fortunately only for part of the first day. Congratulations to the winners, Lisa Burns and Ken Irving. The numbers were well down on previous years and we may need to look at the format in the future.

As many of you are aware, Rosa Dias retired from Pinheiros Altos at the end of last year. Rosa had been a popular member of staff for many years and a large number of members have asked if they could contribute to a retirement gift. As a result, a collection has been organised and if you would like to be included, please call or speak to Cristina in the office.

St. David's Day is fast approaching. Make sure you have your team organised and be prepared to release your Inner Celt. Lots of prizes are up for grabs and preference will be given to those in red.

## POP QUIZ

Last month, prior to performing his Eddy the Eagle impersonation, Stuart Knox correctly identified that Santana's drummer was Mike Shrieve and that Gregg Rolie and Neil Schon had left to form Journey. Well done Knoxy and get well soon.

This month, in keeping with March 1st, name the Welsh band who had a "design for life". In addition, name their band member who's car was found abandoned near the Severn road bridge and who was never heard of again.



## MR. MICHAEL HEGARTY 1951 – 2018

It is with the deepest regret that I announce the passing of Mr. Michael Hegarty.

Michael was Captain of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club in 2003.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and on behalf of the membership and staff,  
I extend our deepest sympathy to the family.





*Co sponsor John Waters and winning amateur John Kemp*



*John Waters and top five Pros, Paul Streeter, José Carriles, Miguel Angel Martin, Mark Mouland and Phillip Price*



*Charity Apatris 21 receiving €3000 cheque*



*Algarvian Charity Pro Am Winners John and Sumbaline Waters and Stephen East with Brian and Christophe*



*Algarvian Charity Pro Am Runner Up Gary Milne, Peter Baldwin, Cliff Nightingale and Colin Wayman*



*Algarvian Charity Pro Am 3rd Place Thomas Kirkpatrick, Richard and Louise Manning and William Harvey*



*Algarvian Charity Pro Am 4th Place Simon Brown, Sian Stonehill, Eric Nicoli and John Farrell*



*Algarvian Charity Pro Am 5th Place Steven Woodhead, Chris Gardner, Rupert Mucklow and Peter Beale*

# Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The highlight of January 2018 after the New Year's day scramble was the Algarvian Invitational Senior tournament which was played for its 6th year running. It was once more organized as a joint venture with Laranjal and played over Pinheiros Altos Pines-Corks course and at Laranjal course over 4 very competitive rounds of Golf. The turn-out for this tournament was the largest ever with 124 players and 80 top senior professionals. The prize money was just over €34,000 which also was the highest ever for the Algarvian Invitational which would not have been possible without our 2 main Sponsors Pinheiros Altos member Mr. John Waters and owner of Quinta do Lago Mr. Denis O'Brian.

On the last day we started the tournament in very heavy rain and some very tough conditions and it almost seem like we would have to call it off but with much effort we manage to carry on and it was not without having to squeegee many of the greens to get the first group off and running. By 10.30 the storm had gone and the Algarvian sun was shining and buy which time I was soaking wet and could feel my harms from 2 hours of non-stop squeegeeing in this heavy rain.

The Spaniard senior professional José Manuel Carriles Corino was very emotional after winning this 4 days event with scores of 67 & 69 on Laranjal and 69 & 70 in Pinheiros Altos. José Manuel ended the tournament 4 shots clear of Ryder Cup player and 3 times European Tour winner Phillip Price and 5 shots clear of fellow Spaniard Miguel Angel Martin. José Manuel Carriles Corino was delighted on his first win as a senior player and received the first prize of €7,000.

The tournament was a huge success and all players were very compliment on the condition of both courses and also many mention on the improvement of the Pinheiros Altos greens.

We are already planning with Quinta do Lago the tournament for next year which will see a different format but will continue to grow and I am sure it is already in most of the Senior Professionals calendar for 2019.

Following the Algarvian Invitational we also organized in Partnership with Quinta do Lago, San Lorenzo & Dona Filipa hotel the third Algarvian Charity Pro Am which was played over Quinta do Lago South & North ,San Lorenzo & Pinheiros Altos , most of the 164 participants stayed in the Dona Filipa

Hotel and to achieve 41 teams for the third edition was a great success and almost all the teams have already confirmed their participation in the next year Algarvian Charity Pro Am which will be open to 60 teams in total and should take over all the rooms in the Dona Filipa hotel. The winners were Gordon Brand team with John & Sumbaline Waters & Stephen East as his 3 amateurs with a score of 41 under par for the 4 days. This year we had 2 different prize money, one for the 50 years old and over and the other for the players under 50 years old. The individual Pro score was won for the seniors by Jon Cheetham shooting 5 under par for the 4 rounds and the youngsters prize money was split between last year's winner David Coupland and Local professional António Sobrinho who both shot 13 under par for the 4 days.

On a personal note I would like to thank all my staff involved in organizing both tournaments and specially the green staff with the help of the greens committee who have made a tremendous effort to improve the golf course and presented it in fantastic conditions, all the golf staff as well as the hotel staff who looked after the players off the course.

Winter Medal was won by Thom Evans with a score of 71 however Gerry Naughton will be on the board as Thom did not have his handicap active at the time of the competition.

The January Stableford was won by Graham Lee with a score of 34 points playing very safe so that his handicap would remain untouched!

I am delighted that Alan Bentley has accepted to be the candidate nominated by the committee to be the future Vice-Captain as from the next AGM while Debbie Madgett will be the Lady Vice-Captain. I am sure that both of them will be a great credit to the Golf Committee and look forward to be able to work with them in developing the Golf Club over the next few years.

Please keep an eye open for the special day on 1st March to celebrate St David's Day and also the Mens Pairs Matchplay to be played from 8th March 2018.

I wish you all a great start to the Golf Season and look forward to see many of you in the next few weeks!



## AGM

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 29th March 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Questions for the Director of Golf at the A.G.M. should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Thursday 15th March 2018.

Only questions made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered by the Director of Golf at the A.G.M.

If any principal member would like to stand for election as Incoming Vice-Captain they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by four principal members in writing on or before Thursday 15th March 2018.

It is my pleasure to present a photo gallery of the present Captains and incoming Captains, Lady Vice-Captain and proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain.

## Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. David Ford
3. Mr. David Ford summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. Michael Collins.
4. The Captains acceptance speech.
5. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
6. The Chairman closes the meeting.



*David Ford – Club Captain*



*Michael Collins – Incoming Club Captain*



*Alan Bentley – Proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain*



*Zoë Pirret – Lady Captain*



*Lisa Burns – Incoming Lady Captain*



*Debbie Madgett – Incoming Lady Vice-Captain*

# Competition Results for January

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Janice Paterson	73 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans	76 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Molly Wainwright	76 Nett		
Sun 7th	Winter Medal	Thom Evans	71 Nett	Gerard Naughton	74 Nett
Wed 10th	Ladies Team Event (Blue Tees) Deduct 2 worst scores	Hilary Jessup Lisa Burns Vera Watkins	71 Pts	Amanda Stretton Wendy Evans Melody Cotterill	68 Pts
		9 Holes Pat Galloway	10 Pts		
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Hilary Jessup	32 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Leigh Anderson	30 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Adrienne Buth	33 Pts	<b>2nd Division</b> Diana Collins	32 Pts
Wed 24th	Ladies Team Event Kick/Mulligan/Throw	Denise Reed Kay Ford Wendy Evans Adrienne Buth	103 Pts	Helen Mills Amanda Stretton Marianne Wiren Stella Jeffrey	99 Pts
		9 Hole Comp Jeanette Winther	16 Pts		
Sun 28th	January Stableford	Graham Lee	34 Pts	Keith Fletcher	32 Pts
Wed 31st	Ladies Team Event Stableford Waltz	Paula Burke Marianne Wiren Adrienne Buth	73 Pts	Amanda Stretton Melody Cotterill Fiona Summerfield (G)	71 Pts
		9 Hole Comp Jeanette Winther	11 Pts		

## Ladies Section - by Zoë Pirret

I cannot believe I am writing yet another newsletter so soon! After the excitement of the New Year Scramble the Ladies' Section settled down to a quiet golfing month with the usual Medal and Stableford, but we did manage to get in three fun team competitions. It is always a challenge trying to think up something new but we have played off the blue tees, mulliganed, thrown, kicked our balls, and waltzed. It has been fun trying to think of new ways to play the ball.

Mai Markey, Fiona Thomson and myself enjoyed an excellent week at the Charity Pro Am played on the local courses and were looked



after well by our Pro, Antonio Sobrino. We were nicknamed 'Charlie's Angels'! Next year it would be good to get more ladies teams from PA, so make a note in your diary.

The Ladies' Golf Clinics are proving extremely popular, at present Kenny and Ross are doing an excellent job of honing our short game skills. Keep an eye out on the board for the next one.

In February we have the Ladies' Foursomes Championship and Ladies' Captain vs Ladies'



Vice-Captain match. We would be delighted if any of our Social Ladies' members would join us afterwards, as we will be celebrating wins in style.

Melody Cotterill, as our Social Liaison committee member, has come up with an itinerary for 2018 and we are trying to organise non golfing events on the first Tuesday of the month. We hope as many of our members, both Social and Golfing, will enjoy these outings.

## Jar on the Bar

Congratulations to John Wainwright who was nearest to the amount of €234.63 in the jar, in total we raised €454.63 in January. To date the jar has raised over €3,200 and we are having one last fling on St. David's Day, so please bring your €5 as it is the last chance to win a restaurant voucher.

Once again many thanks for generosity you have helped many children with medical needs.



## Social Golf - by Paula Burke Hickey

What a fantastic start to 2018! We were blessed with the weather on 14 January for our opening competition of 2018, the sun sparkled on us, warmed our winter bones, unlike the previous day where it chucked it down in buckets!

We had a super turnout for the Texas Scramble, 40 players with very even shots allocated per team.

We had supper for 48 people which was fantastic. Renato & all the staff can take a bow. I spoke with Sonia who cooked our meals (lasagne & stroganoff) for us before I left to thank her for the delicious choices.

There were a couple of occasions to be celebrated, some birthdays, Tony Hickey's & Dawn Warnock's, also, Sue &

Andy George's wedding anniversary (although rumour has it, they had forgotten it!) Our new member, David Warnock & his wife Dawn were welcomed along with our guests Angela & John Guy plus all non playing spouses who joined us for supper.

Zoe very kindly thanked the organisers for their efforts & all for supporting ACCA.

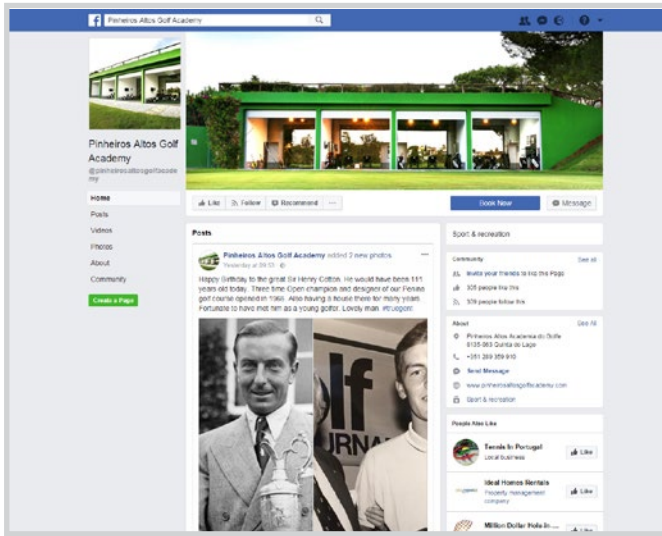
Nils reminded us of the next Social Golf date with Quinta do Lago on 4th February, the sign up sheet is in the Clubhouse & also of our Captain's national day, St David's Day competition on 1st March.

We look forward to seeing you all on 4th February & on behalf of the Social Committee I wish you a healthy & happy 2018.

<i>Corks to Olives</i>			<i>Olives to Pines</i>		
1st Place	David Markey Melody Cotterill David Warnock Gabrielle Koch	70.2 Pts	1st Place	Tony Hickey Nils Leffler Lorraine Dunabin Molly Wainwright	65.8 Pts
2nd Place	Zoe Pirret Marianne Wiren Andy Watkins Dirk Blaesing	71.2 Pts	2nd Place	Bertil Wiren Ilse Berg Graeme Thomson Angela Guy (G)	68.0 Pts
3rd Place	Sue Georges Udo Berg Mai Markey Remo Cherubini	72.8 Pts	3rd Place	Andy Georges Ingrid Hollier John Guy (G) David Warnock	76 Pts



## 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 February & March

Sat 3rd February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 4th February	18 Holes Social Golf with Quinta do Lago
Wed 7th February	Ladies Day
Fri 9th February	St Valentine 's Day
Sat 10th February	St Valentine 's Day (No Roll Up)
Wed 14th February	Ladies Foursomes Championship
Sat 17th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th February	February Medal
Wed 21st February	Ladies Day
Sat 24th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th February	February Stableford
Wed 28th February	Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain
Thurs 1st March	St David 's Day
Sat 3rd March	Mens Roll Up
Wed 7th March	Ladies Day
Thurs 8th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Fri 9th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sat 10th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sun 11th March	Men Pairs Matchplay & March Stableford
Wed 14th March	Madrinha Trophy
Sat 17th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th March	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 21st March	Ladies' Winner 's Competition
Sat 24th March	Mens Roll Up
Mon 26th March	Ladies' AGM & Drive In
Wed 28th March	Ladies V Cloggies
Thurs 29th March	Golf AGM & Captain 's Drive In
Sat 31st March	Spring Medal & Past Captain's Day (No Roll Up)