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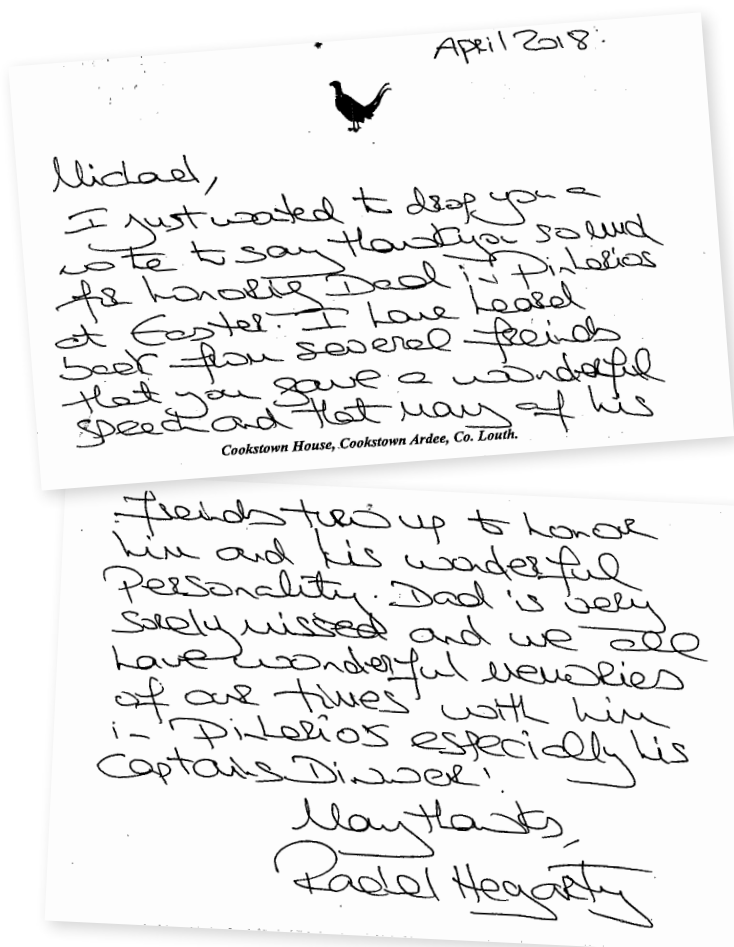


PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

April has been the month to be remembered for the inclement weather and a time when we said goodbye to old friends. The loss of past club Captain Michael Hegarty was marked by a remembrance in the residents lounge which was very well attended. Each person seemed to have an 'HEGARTY' story. I feel that he would have been pleased with the event. On Saturday 28th April I along with many PA members gathered at the chapel at San Lorenzo church for the funeral of Chris Hales. We also remember Maureen 'Mo' Pugh the wife of Alan, who until recent times was a member of PA. Mo passed away after a short illness in January. All three are remembered as great characters. My condolences and heart felt wishes go out to the family's.

I received a note from Michael's daughter, Rachel. She expressed her appreciation for the memorial that was held for him.



On a happier note April also saw the club championship being played over two days which included rain and difficult golfing conditions. However, cream always rises to the surface and in this case we have worthy winners in both ladies and gents tournaments. Jeanette Winther and Dan Henderson. Jeanette at the award ceremony explained that in her native Denmark it is customary for the two champions to dance together. When she approached Dan in order to accomplish this they performed a waltz accompanied by a variety of 'hummed' music, appropriate to such a dance. Dan's acceptance speech was put on hold, but he recovered quickly to make a gracious acceptance of his achievement. Well done to you both.

The answer to the last quiz is John Wayne as the centurion in the GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD. Apparently it took in excess of forty takes by director George Stevens. Apparently in one of the takes Wayne changed his one and only line to 'AW, TRULY THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD.' and delivered it in the same drawl as he used in TRUE GRIT.

There were quite a few entries but it was evident that people had not read the question. They gave the actor but not the character or film. The first correct answer was given by Gordon Todd followed closely by Past Captain David Ford. Well done and I hope you join in with this month's quiz.

"I suppose it comes down to a simple choice, really. Get busy living or get busy dying."

Actor? Character played? Film?



Club Captains Michael Collins and Lisa Burns presenting the Strokeplay Championship Trophy to the Club Champion Dan Henderson



Lady Club Strokeplay Champion Jeanette Winther being presented with the Trophy



Strokeplay Championship Ladies runner up Sally Evans



Strokeplay Championship Ladies winner nett Lady Captain Lisa Burns



Strokeplay Championship runner up nett Tim Russell



Strokeplay Championship Ladies runner up nett Paula Burke



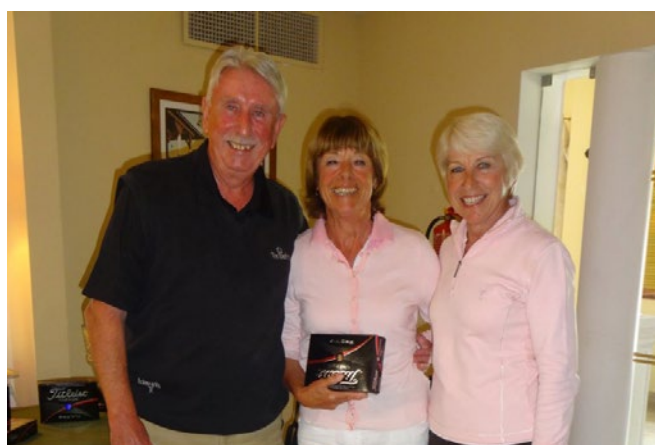
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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

After a very busy March, April seemed like a quite month which started with the Club Championship and as usual the tough format of medal play from the back tees which seems to scare most of our members.

Dan Henderson set the pace after the first round with a round of 72 gross and his 79 on the second round was enough to claim the Club Championship for the second year running 13 shots ahead of John Seabrook who was Men runner up.

Our new member Jeanette Winther with gross scores of 86 & 84 claimed the Club Championship title 9 shots ahead of 6 times Champion Sally Evans who was ladies Runner-up.

Congratulations to our Club Champions 2018 Dan & Jeanette on their fantastic results and thank you to Jeanette for introducing

a new tradition into our Club of having both Champions to have a dance as it is tradition in her home country Denmark.

Peter Seabrook & Lisa Burns were the net winners of the Strokeplay Championship and who said that Captains never won anything during their year of captaincy?

Per Anton Kleppa won the April medal with a 72 beating Zoe Pirret on the back nine and our Vice Captain Alan Bentley won the Monthly Stableford with 33 points which once again shows you can be on the Golf Club Committee and still have time to clear some prizes.

Towards the end of April we had our usual Seve Trophy men trip which was played this year in the area of Lisbon. 12 of us stayed in the Quinta da Marinha hotel and played Quinta da

Marinha Golf course, Penha Longa Golf course & Oitavos Golf. The trip was organized by David Markey, Brian Evans & Myself and everyone seemed to enjoy it however not as much as me as I also managed to finally win the Seve Trophy after many years of throwing it away on the last round! No one seem to believe I could actually keep it together for 2 rounds as proven by the bets which I was the only one to bet on myself. My scores of 27 & 30 did not seem enough but the courses were hard on all of us.



Christophe and Seve Trophy

It is with great regret that I would like to inform that Chris Hales one of the first Pinheiros Altos member passed away last month. Chris not only was a great supporter of the Club but also a notable player and companion taking part in many events at Pinheiros Altos. Chris will be missed by all and I would like to send my condolences to all his family and many friends. A group of members & family got together for a nine holes competition at Pinheiros Altos in Chris Memory for what was his favourite occupation and all gathered together at Antonio's restaurant on Vale do Garrão beach.

As most of you are aware most of the prizes given at competition come from the Academy shop in Pinheiros Altos which not only sponsors the Members Club but also arranged for good value prizes. There seem that in the past there has been some confusion on the value that members can receive by exchanging their prizes for other items. To avoid any confusion all prizes given from the academy shop will be marked with the value in euros that Members are entitled to receive in exchange.



Barbara Kyne, Ash Hales and Andy Georges



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Any exchange will need to be done within 15 days from the presentation of the prizes.

Also we have agreed the following discounts with the academy shop for members 20% on clothing & shoes, 15% on accessories and 10% on balls & clubs. These will be the immediate discount however some items may have more discounts if are put on promotion or sales.

On a last note I would like to warn all members not to leave any valuables on buggies or even in your Golf bag while on the course as like unfortunately everywhere there are opportunists who will take advantage of leaving valuables at their reach.

Please make sure you do not forget to sign up for Captain's Day on 2nd June 2018 and Portuguese day 10th June. Also pick up the entry forms for the Gala Week at the end of July.

I wish you all great golfing!

Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Sue Georges	68 Nett	Susan Russell	70 Nett (bb9)
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Sally Ward	73 Nett (bb9)	Molly Wainwright	73 Nett
	9 Hole Comp	Susie Hardwick	16 Pts		
Sat 7th	Strokeplay	Men		Men	
Sun 8th	Championship	Daniel Henderson	151 Gross	John Seabrook	164 Gross
		Ladies		Ladies	
		Jeanette Winther	170 Gross	Sally Evans	179 Gross
		Best Nett Men		Best Nett Men	
		Peter Seabrook	151 Nett	Tim Russell	152 Nett
		Best Nett Ladies		Best Nett Ladies	
		Lisa Burns	144 Nett	Paula Burke	150 Nett
Wed 11th	Ladies Day Waltz	Paula Burke	67 Pts (bb9)	Kay Ford	67 Pts
		Marienne Wiren		Stella Jeffrey	
		Molly Wainwright		Shona Callaghan	
	9 Hole Comp	Sandra Seddon	31 Pts		
		Val Bayston			
		Bente Meldgaard			
		Marna Edwards			
Sun 15th	April Stableford	Alan Bentley	33 Pts	John Seabrook	30 Pts (bb9)
Wed 18th	Ladies Day	1st Division		1st Division	
	Monthly Stableford	Helen Mills	38 Pts	Paula Burke	32 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Lisa Burns	34 Pts	Pat Murrish	33 Pts
Wed 25th	Ladies V Cloggies	Ladies	9	Cloggies	6
Sun 29th	April Medal	Per Anton Kleppa	72 Nett (bb9)	Zoë Pirret	72 Nett

Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

April has come and gone in a flash! We have “medal-ed, waltz-ed, stableford-ed and matchplayed” our way around the course and managed to avoid the rain! I think “Lady Luck” has been with us as the deluges have taken place on other days! Congratulations to all the winners especially in some blustery conditions.

This month the Ladies have been very active in relation to our Friendly matches playing:

Benamor Away – losing 4 games and winning 1

Levante at Home – winning 4 games and losing 2

Laranjal at Home – winning 5 games and halving 1

An interesting fact emerged at the Levante match – we had six Past Lady Captains’ playing and if Zoe had been able to play that would have been 7 – a record I think!

Thank you to everyone who has played and well done for some great wins in some very tough matches.

The Major Club event in the month was the Strokeplay Championship. Congratulations to Jeanette Winther for

winning the Ladies Gross prize and for introducing a Danish tradition to the Club – instead of speeches the Gents winner and the Ladies winner take a twirl around the room. Dan Henderson accepted Jeanette’s invitation and the pair took to the floor! Strictly Come Dancing stars in the making!

Following Mr Captain’s success in winning the APPA Trophy he set a challenge for me (!) – to match his success by winning a Trophy in my year of Captaincy!!! Mr Captain presented me with the Best Ladies Nett in the Club Strokeplay Championship and I managed to get him to concede that this matched his win! Thanks Mike – all pressure off now! I don’t have to go through the rest of the year with that monkey on my back!!!

Finally thank you to everyone who has supported me in my collection of cereals, milk and bread for the Salvation Army - much appreciated by me, Captain Luis and the families receiving the goods.

The sunshine has arrived – happy golfing everyone.

Interclub - by Geoff Stott

ALGARVE INTERCLUB LEAGUE

PA has now played three games in the 12 match season. After a narrow loss at Vale do Lobo we suffered a very heavy defeat at home to Vilamoura but bounced back with a resounding win at home against Levante.

Division 2 is proving as competitive as being in the top flight with no team appearing to be safe even on home soil. There have already been three away wins in the 10 matches played in the league so far.

We’ve now got 7 matches before the July/August summer break so the squad will be fully stretched if we are to stay in the hunt for promotion back to the first division.

The team spirit has been excellent and I know that’s the priority for all the players as well as enjoying the social aspect of the matches.

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee has not met since our last report and we are due to discuss the report from STRI who are visiting the club on the 21/22 May.

In the circumstance this report will resist from making bold statements as to what we hope to achieve and will merely comment that the ground staff continue to work on the following areas.

1. Greens remain a priority and keeping surfaces firm and disease free and slowly increasing “stimp” speeds is our aim.
2. Duncan Evans is working with Marco to improve the bunker sand by reducing excessive sand and making the sand which is appropriate firmer.
3. Tees are being cut and are improving with divot repairs and feeding.
4. The fairways are tidy but Olives are not as good as the other 18 holes and STRI will no doubt be commenting

on the “way forward”. There are still some weeds which we had hoped had been eliminated?

5. The aprons of most holes have been improved and in particular members should see how much better is the apron to Olives 3 which was previously very wet and “muddy”.

Fairways are the biggest challenge and the removal of fungal disease which has “plagued” us for the last few years! We must improve turf fertility and treat any weakness where fungus is known to appear.

The course is very busy with competitions and increased visitor numbers it is difficult for the greens staff but we believe we can still do better!

A more comprehensive report will appear next month!

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.



Social Golf - by Sue Georges

Sunday 22nd April played host to 40 social golfers and blessed us all with warm and dry weather.

This time the format was “Ready-Set” ... “Go” ...then... “Stop”! (otherwise known as Traffic Lights).

This gave the ladies a taste of the length of the course from the yellows and blues, and the gentlemen a new perspective of PA from the blues and reds.

Maybe next time we should switch the order of the colours so we get to try some of the other tees?!

With 8 non golfing guests, 48 of us enjoyed Veal Stroganoff and one or two glasses of wine!

I think I counted six “two bottle families” in the results below...

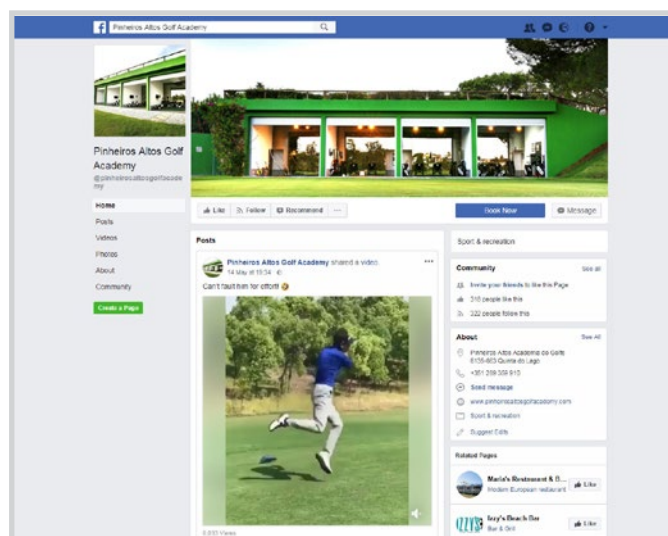
As always the atmosphere was friendly and fun and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Sunday 6th May, which will be organised by Iain and Knut.

	<i>Score</i>
<i>Pines / Corks:</i>	
1st David Pirret, Andy Watkins, Kay Ford, Fiona Hanby	87 points
2nd David Ford, Sue Georges, Amanda Stretton, Brian Scott	79 points
3rd Rosie Agnew, Alan Bentley, Lisa Burns, John Wainwright	75 points

***Eagle on 4th Pines Brian Schofield!!**

<i>Corks / Olives:</i>	
1st Liam Edwards, Chris Stretton, Molly Wainwright, Adrienne Buth	82 points
2nd Paul Black, Peter Mills, Vera Watkins, Stella Jeffrey	82 points
3rd Stewart Harper, Paul Cotterill, Diana Collins, Marna Edwards	75 points

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

May & June 2018

Wed 2nd May	Ladies Day
Sat 5th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th May	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 9th May	Ladies Day
Fri 11th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA
Sat 12th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA
Wed 16th May	Ladies Invitation Day (Stableford on 23rd)
Sat 19th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th May	May Medal
Wed 23rd May	Ladies Day
Thurs 24th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Fri 25th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sat 26th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sun 27th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay & May Stableford
Wed 30th May	Ladies Day
Sat 2nd June	Captain's Day (No Roll Up)
Mon 4th June	Ladies Past Captain's Day
Wed 6th June	Ladies Day
Sat 9th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 10th June	Portugal V Rest of the World
Wed 13th June	Ladies Day
Sat 16th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th June	June Stableford
Wed 20th June	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th June	June Medal
Wed 27th June	Ladies Day
Sat 30th June	Mens Roll Up