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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

May has been and gone and still the inclement weather continues. If the forecast is correct I am assured that summer 2018 will be on a Tuesday.

Early May saw my real first test as Captain. I lead our intrepid team in the quest for the recovery of the Ben Hogan trophy against the old enemy Quinta do Lago. We failed miserably. A stab from the captain's speech upset members of our opposition when I informed them I had told people Quinta was our neighbouring municipal course. Our hosting of the Quinta members on the final day was impressive because we brought our guests to the members lounge with furnished patio beautifully prepared by Renato and his staff. Quinta were more than impressed because it is certainly as good if not better than their own members lounge. We won that one. It is an asset sorely underused and I encourage all members to take advantage of such a wonderful facility.

May also saw Paula Hickey and Andy Wheeler emerge victorious in the club mixed doubles match play. Again, affected by the

elements they battled over three days against stiff opposition to take the RUSSELL SALVER. Congratulations to you both.

The month for me was the inevitable preparations for Captains Day (2nd June). I received help from a multitude of sources and my thanks go to you all. Fortunately, for those already falling asleep Captains Day is for another News Letter.

QUIZ

"I ALWAYS HATED A FLABBY HANDSHAKE".

1. The film?
2. The two main actors in this scene?
3. The characters they played?
4. How does PLAYFAIR figure in this film?



Pinheiros Altos Team



Quinta do Lago Team



The Ben Hogan Trophy Lunch



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Mixed Pairs Matchplay

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The Ben Hogan started the month of June and unfortunately we let it slip to the opposition once again even with the final day being played at Pinheiros Altos. Congratulations to them and thank you to all our members who supported the event to make it a full field. The atmosphere between the 2 clubs at the lunch on Saturday at Pinheiros Altos was superb.

Towards the end of June we had our Mixed Pairs Matchplay, a 4 days marathon of matchplay and congratulations to Andrew Wheeler & Paula burke on their Victory! Thank you to Kenny for running the event allowing me to take a week end away.

The May Stableford was won by Adrienne Buth and the May Medal was won by Rosie Agnew. Congratulations to both ladies!

In May we had the visit of our STRI consultant for the golf course and a more detail report follow in this newsletter by our

greens committee. The main aim is to work hard on the fairways which during the next few months may affect the course and I would like to ask all the members for their patience over the next few months.

Do not forget to sign in for Gala Week as it is only 6 weeks away and preparation for the week are already taking place. The theme of Cops & Criminals in line with our Captain career. I cannot see what he will be dressing as?

Also on a last note beware that as mention in the Annual Subscription letter your credit of €200 in the bar will expire at the end of December 2018 so make sure you come in for a few drinks or food and take advantage of the offer.

I wish everyone a good start to the Summer and look forward to see many of you on the golf course.

Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division			
		Jeanette Winther	72 Nett		
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Lisa Burns	72 Nett	Adrienne Buth	73 Nett (bb9)
Wed 9th	Ladies Day Sixes	Course: Pines to Corks			
		Amanda Stretton Molly Wainwright Suzanne Davis	71 Pts	Lisa Burns Elouise Renouard Pat Murrish	70 Pts
		Course: Corks to Olives			
		Helen Mills Adrienne Buth Vera Watkins	71 Pts	Joanna Young Diana Collins Melody Cotterill	65 Pts
	9 Hole Stableford	Anne Tucker Brown	14 Pts		

Competition Results for May cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Fri 11th Sat 12th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Quinta do Lago	21	Pinheiros Altos	14
Wed 16th	Ladies Invitation Day	Amanda Stretton Marja Chapman	46 Pts	Shirley Griffiths Helen Hedger	43 Pts
Sun 20th	May Medal	Rosie Agnew	71 Nett	Tim Russell	72 Nett
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Jeanette Winther	37 Pts	1st Division Rosie Agnew	34 Pts
		2nd Division Lisa Burns	34 Pts	2nd Division Maried Kooijmans	31 Pts
		9 Holes Marna Edwards	14 Pts		
Thur 24th - Sun 27th	Mixed pairs Matchplay	Paula Burke Andrew Wheeler		Stella Jeffrey Nils Leffler	
Sun 27th	May Stableford	Adrienne Buth	39 Pts	Graham Lee	34 Pts
Wed 30th	Ladies Day Foxtrot	Rosie Agnew Fiona Hanby Amanda Stretton Barbara Fletcher		Lisa Burns Hilary Jessup Thérèse van Doorn Marna Edwards	





Ladies Invitation Day



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Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

May has been a mixed month weather wise but fortunately it has not interfered with all our golfing competitions!! As well as the monthly Medal and Stableford we have played two fun competitions - Sixes and a Foxtrot- the ball gowns displayed for the latter competition were truly magnificent and gorgeous lines displayed!! Congratulations to all the winners for this month.

We had a great LADIES INVITATION DAY on the 16th May with 52 players out on the course and 56 for lunch. Thanks go to the organising Committee led by Debbie Madgett for giving us and all our friends from along the Algarve a wonderful day. Renato and his staff did another fabulous job for us – the room looked stunning with a colour theme of deep pick and the flowers by Debbie Madgett and Diana Collins were awesome. I think everyone got the message that Debbie and I love Pink!!! Congratulations to the winners:

1st	Amanda Stretton and Marja Chapman	46 points
2nd	Shirley Griffiths and Helen Hedger	43 points
3rd	Mai Markey and Janet Garbutt	41 points BB9
4th	Molly Wainwright and Sara Warren	41 points BB6
Nearest the Pin Guest – Sally Rich		
Nearest the Pin Member – Paula Burke		

And thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets as 800 euros was raised for the Salvation Army. Captain Luis was very appreciative of the donation for his School Holiday Day Centres.

This month we have played two more Ladies Friendly matches
 Levante Away 3/3 draw
 Boavista at Home 4/1 win

Thanks to everyone who participated and to a very hard fought draw at Levante!

The FASHION SHOW on the 29th May was the main social section event of the year and was a fantastic day. Thanks go my “FAB SIX” models as they are now known! - Debbie Madgett, Kay Ford, Lubna Cater, Molly Wainwright, Shona Callaghan and Cathy Harper – they did an absolutely fantastic job and as they say every picture tells a story! And much fun was had in bringing this all together – food tasting, wine tasting, trying on clothes, catwalk training, hair volumising and makeovers!!! All hard work of course!

I am indebted to Christine Hepworth and Shona Callaghan who got me started on this journey and helped me get the “show on the road”; to Marite of La Dolce Vita for organising the show; Glynnis Lindley for the make up; Loris Stabile of Aquarelle and his staff for the lunch; and my sponsors – David and Mai Markey for the printing of flyers and tickets; Ian Hepworth, Iain Callaghan and Ken Irving for all the wine etc... Debbie Madgett for the coffees; Brian Evans, Christophe and Loris for the raffle prizes. It wouldn't have happened without their help, support and generosity – so “Thank You”.

And to all of you who supported the event as 4100 Euros was raised for ACCA. The money will be going to support two children – Rosa and Marley who have monthly medical costs not supported by the state and whose lives would be extremely difficult without ACCA'S support. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

June approaches and there is no let up on the activities or socialising! Let's hope the sun turns up so those summer outfits can make an appearance!



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Fashion Show



Fashion Show



Fashion Show

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee met in full on the 30 May to consider the 8 page advisory report from the STRI dated the 25th May. The Captain Michael Collins also at his request joined the Committee.

The important aspects of the report are as follows:-

Greens

Sanding applications on all greens will increase to a weekly application. This should not affect putting speeds and will immediately be washed in with sprinklers.

The percentage of "bent grasses" has slightly reduced due to the heavy traffic on the course in the months from February to May. We aim to have 85% bent grasses and it is down in some greens to 65%. All the finest courses in the world are we advised working to this percentage which gives fast surfaces and is resistant to disease!

The use of nitrogen fertilizer is to be replaced by a liquid feed of urea. The roller will not be used but the intention is to increase "stimp" speeds by reducing the cut heights to bring speeds up to 8.5/9.5 without damaging the quality of the grasses. Greens will be cut 6 times a week. Applications of selective herbicides to prevent weed and kikuyu will be applied where necessary.

Green Aprons

Sand is to be applied monthly to approaches to improve firmness. Coring will be delayed to November.

Tees

The application of liquid fertilizer is to replace granular on a monthly basis to all tees. Sand is to be applied monthly and cutting 3 times a week. Verticutting will be done once per month. A fertilizer will be added to divot repairs.

Fairways

An application of liquid fertilizer will take place monthly until November and sanding at the rate of 25-30 tons per

hectare will be applied monthly starting immediately. We do not believe this should prevent playing at normal times but certain holes may be done before normal playing times. This will start on Pines very shortly!

Herbicides will be applied to prevent weed growth.

The cutting height will continue at 12/13 mm. Verticutting and coring of fairways will be done in June and some slitting to stimulate growth.

Trees

Substantial removal of trees which cause shadows and interrupt light and rain will be removed in the Autumn program. In particular it is suggested three trees to left of Olives 1 green, Pines, tees 2, remove single pine to left. Corks 4, remove two pines blocking fairway. Olives 1 trees to right of green need removing.

We are also looking at holes where there are bunkers and trees which offer double obstruction to shots, eg should the bunker on Pines 9 to the left be filled in as the large tree on the green corner is already a major obstacle? Are there too many trees bordering certain fairways making targets too narrow? Is the large tree on Pines 8 an unnecessary obstruction next to both a bunker and the valley to the right?

Bunkers

Much of the excessive sand has been removed and the bunker on Corks 2 is back in play (sorry)! We still believe there are bunkers which have excessive sand but Marco is aware of the issues and we will continue to monitor members comments.

This is a heavy and it has to be said a costly programme for the coming year. The Director has confirmed resources are in place and Marco the course manager has confirmed that with better management of his work force of circa 22 he can complete the programme. As always experienced green staff is hard to come by and training new men takes time!

Overall STRI are pleased at the improvements to the course and as always their programme seeks perfection and whilst we seek the same we know Christophe has to juggle with a heavy member's programme of events as well as visitor numbers where contracts are already in place! However, we remain committed to improving the course so it will compete with the best of our neighbours!

We believe the work planned will have a minimal effect on members but some tolerance may be needed!

As always we welcome members' comments either directly or by e mail. Ideally not on the first tee!

We hope for good golfing conditions over the summer and rest of the year.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

Social Golf - by Iain Callaghan

It appeared that summer had arrived at last, glorious clear blue skies, a light breeze, just the right temperature for golf.

The Competition was American Foursomes, two player teams, a format seldom played in Social Golf, in fact it was almost 3 years since the last occasion and now I remember why - the handicapping is a complicated calculation and the rules of play take up twelve lines of explanation and that's before you've even taken a practise swing!

In truth, the playing was much less daunting than trying to imagine it in theory and in fact, everyone seemed to get the

hang of it quite quickly though the scores were quite low for a Social event - only two couples scored better than par.

A very good turnout of 47 players which included three playing guests and a further three guests, 50 in total, enjoyed the chatter over supper which preceded the announcement of the above winners and prize-giving.

There's no Social Golf in the calendar for the month of June and the next event, a Texas Scramble will be held on Sunday 8th July, organised by Paula & Stella.

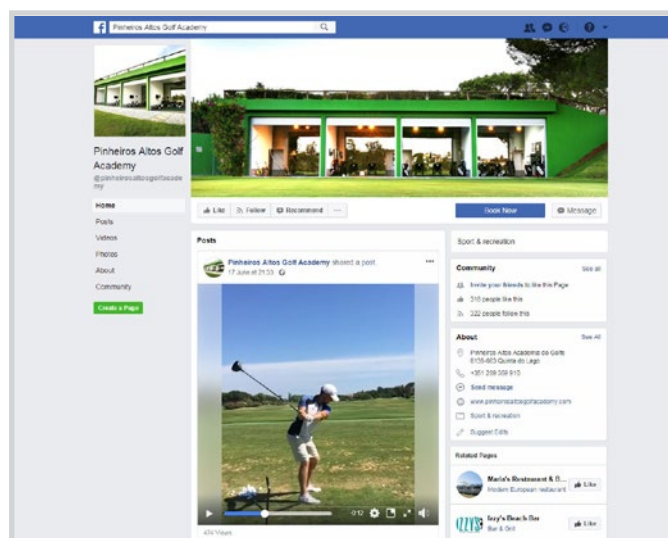
Olives/Pines

		<i>Score</i>
1st	Andy Wheeler & Stella Jeffrey	38 points
2nd	Nigel Collins & Shirley Griffiths	35 points
3rd	Remo Cherubini & Diana Collins	33 points
4th	Paul Black & Joanna Young	32 points
5th	Tony Hickey & Suzanne Davis	30 points

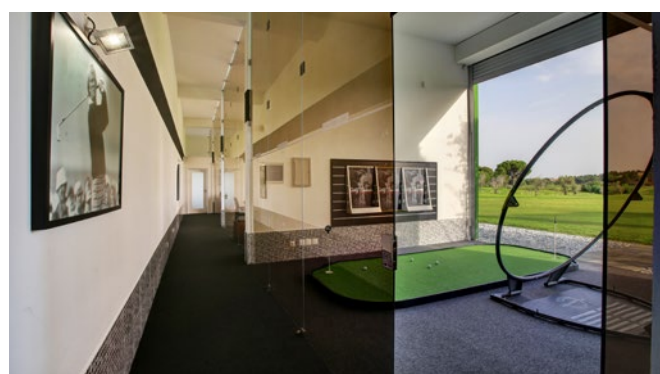
Corks/Olives

1st	Per Anton Kleppa & Molly Wainwright	39 points
2nd	Paul Cotterill & Meg Black	34 points
3rd	Noel Kelly & Iain Callaghan	32 points - bb9 of 17
4th	Brian Scott & Zoe Pirret	32 points - bb9 of 14
5th	Andy Watkins & Ken Irving	32 points - bb9 of 12

Academy News



The new Golf Academy Facebook page is now online so please like & 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 June & July 2018

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
Sun 1st July	July Stableford
Wed 4th July	Ladies Day
Sat 7th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 8th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 11th July	Ladies Day
Sat 14th July	Mens Roll Up
Wed 18th July	Ladies Day
Sat 21st July	Summer Medal (No Roll Up)
Sun 22nd July	Member's Gala Week
Mon 23rd July	Member's Gala Week
Tues 24th July	Member's Gala Week
Wed 25th July	Member's Gala Week
Thurs 26th July	Member's Gala Week
Fri 27th July	Member's Gala Week
Sat 28th July	Member's Gala Week
Tues 31st July	Junior Open