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GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

June arrived on a Friday. The weather had improved slightly but still not up to the standard we are used to at this time of the year.

Saturday 2nd was Captain's Day and with the help of my family, friends and trusty Vice Captain Alan Bentley the day was prepared. A shotgun start saw a field of in excess of 90 golfers both contenders and guests, which made the day fun as well as competitive. Drinks on the course and a sausage BBQ at the fifth on Corks ensured both thirst and appetite were catered for. The sausages in particular were a great success and brought the Algarve Sausage Company to the fore. A consensus of sausage eaters gave the food a thumbs up and to endorse that the Vice Captain had five. The day saw a worthy winner in Ken Irving taking first prize and the trophy at the presentation which took place on the Members upstairs patio. This was followed by an excellent dinner prepared and served by Renato and his staff. The entertainment arranged by my daughter Hannah was the icing on the cake and I am assured that a good day was had by all. The celebration continued into the Sunday when we were joined by family and close friends for lunch at the beach. I would like to thank everyone for making the weekend so memorable. Also my appreciation to all participants who made the auction a success raising in excess of €4000,00 for the Captain's charities. A final total will be shown on the Charity notice board situated in the golf club foyer along with information about how it has been distributed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The month continued with myself and Lady Captain Lisa leading our team from PA against the members of Carvoeiro at Vale da Pinta. Our annual friendly mixed doubles saw our team come away with a very respectable draw. Myself and Lisa maintained our unbeaten run as a mixed doubles team supported ably by our other determined members. The match was followed by drinks, lunch and speeches. A very enjoyable day and a big thank you to the Captain and members of Carvoeiro for their hospitality.

The month saw popular member Andy Georges unfortunately take ill. He was hospitalised whilst his condition was assessed

and rectified. He is back at home now and our thoughts and good wishes go to him and Sue and hopefully we will see them both back in the club soon.

July will see our annual Gala Week. The theme is Cops and Criminals and I look forward to experiencing the imagination of those willing to take part. With that in mind can I appeal to all members to avail yourselves of the opportunity to witness this first hand and sign up and join in for what I feel will be a fabulous fun week.

The quiz in my third newsletter has gone unanswered. Too hard or no interest? I'll judge that by the feedback after this month.

"I ALWAYS HATED A FLABBY HANDSHAKE."

The answers...

Film: THE QUIET MAN

Two main actors:

JOHN WAYNE AND VICTOR McLAGLEN

Characters played:

SEAN THORNTON AND WILL DANAHER

PLAYFAIR WAS THE NAME OF THE ANGLICAN MINISTER.

This month's quiz...

"THERE'S NO CRYING IN BASE BALL"

Actor saying?

Character played?

Film and year?

Good luck!!



Captain's Day Prize Winners



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

June main event was of course the Captain's Day which was a great success and I must congratulate our Club Captain Michael Collins as well as Wendy and all the Collins Family for their great input into the day. The highlight was of course the sausages served on the course courtesy of the Captain and the good news I already managed to convince JJW to use the same company to supply us for our BBQ's.

We had great turn-out of 88 players and 109 attending a fabulous dinner and great dancing with a fantastic DJ hired by Anna Collins who created the amazing atmosphere on the dance floor. The big winner of the day was Ken Irving with a fantastic score of 41 points Congratulations to Ken ! (and enjoy your new handicap)

June is normally a quite month at the Golf Course and therefore it was time to do a lot of maintenance work on the golf course which will be explained more in details in the greens committee report below and it is already started to look a lot greener and greens are looking as healthy as ever and are very true maybe unfortunately not as fast as some of our members would like them to be but we are working on it.

On 10th June we had our bi annual Portuguese Day which was a great success with 76 players and Portugal won 11 to 8 and also included a win by a dog license which I will not mention names as our Captain might not appreciate it ! Again the atmosphere at the lunch was as one of a Football World Cup Final unfortunately it did not carry for a few more weeks as Portugal was knocked out of the World Cup at an early stage and did not perform as well as expected as they carry the best player in the World. Even England made it further!

On Saturday 23rd July Walter & Jan Dickson had their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the Club and many faces from the past were present to celebrate the date with our Pinheiros Altos Royalties as the Captain mention in his speech. Quite an achievement

especially after their foursomes disasters a few years ago but their union was much stronger than their golf achievements as a team.



Jan and Walter Dickson

Congratulations to Sergey Naumov who won the Monthly Stableford with the score of 38 points and Paul Hanby who won the June Medal with a great score of 68.

Coming up is of course our gala Week and there are still many spaces left and I would emphasize to every member that you do not have to play every day and choose how much golf you wish to play and still take part in very fun week for all the family. I am looking forward to have as many of you taking part in the week whether it is every day or even one of the optional day!

Wish you all great golfing in now a warmer Summer weather!



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Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sat 2nd	Captain's Day	Overall Winner Ken Irving	41 Pts	Best Gross Men Dan Henderson Best Gross Ladies Jeanette Winther Best Nett Men Tony Hickey Best Nett Ladies Jill Miller Cheevers	31 Pts 29 Pts 40 Pts 39 Pts
Mon 4th	Ladies Past Captain's Day	Zoë Pirret	33 Pts	Adrienne Buth	29 Pts
Wed 6th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Hilary Jessup 2nd Division Lisa Burns	35 Pts 35 Pts	1st Division Marian Hill 2nd Division Pat Murrish	30 Pts 32 Pts
Sun 10th	Portugal VS Rest of the World	Portugal	11	Rest of the World	8
Wed 13th	Ladies Day 3 Clubs and a Putter	Zoë Pirret Lisa Burns Vera Watkins	67 Pts	Helen Mills Wendy Evans Ilse Berg	66 Pts
Sun 17th	June Stableford	Sergey Naumov	38 Pts	John Seabrook	36 Pts
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Cancelled due to the thunder and lightening				
Sun 24th	June Medal	Paul Hanby	68 Nett	Tony Hickey	75 Nett (bb9)
Wed 27th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Amanda Stretton 2nd Division Fiona Hanby	72 Nett 73 Nett	2nd Division Molly Wainwright	76 Nett

Interclub - by Geoff Stott

ALGARVE INTERCLUB LEAGUE

We've now reached the two month summer break having played 10 of our 12 scheduled matches. After a sluggish start to the season the team have raised their game and sit 2nd in Division Two. With three teams to be promoted to the top tier, we're in a strong position but all five teams behind us have similar realistic hopes.

21 members have played so far allowing for more consistency in the pairings than in previous seasons. Duncan Evans

and Rainer Grimm have been the cornerstone of the team winning 7 and halving one of their 10 matches. Their performance has been matched by Neil Bamber who, with a number of partners, has won 4 of his 5 outings. But there's been a great spirit throughout the squad allowing us to always field a 10 man team capable of winning.

So, with an away match at Tavira (Benamor) and finale at home to Penina, both in September, it's fair to say promotion is very much in our own hands.

Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

In comparison to previous months June has been fairly quiet on the golfing front for the Ladies.

The main competition was the PAST LADY CAPTAINS' on June 4th when 12 Past Lady Captain's played Olives to Corks on what turned out to be an extremely cool and windy day! As I stood serving cold drinks at the half way house I couldn't help thinking that a hot toddy would have been preferable to a glass of champagne! I spent the time dodging the small rain showers and stopping the glasses etc. being blown away! After lunch Christophe kindly announced the results and presented the Trophy to the winner Zoe Pirret with 33 points. Everyone was delighted that Zoe had won as we all felt that it was "poetic justice" after the abrupt end to her year as Lady Captain. Congratulations Zoe, a great score on a blustery day. Adrienne Buth was runner up with 29 points and Hilary Jessup 3rd with 27 points. Congratulations to both of you as well.



Past Lady Captains' Prize winners

And for the first time during my year we had to abandon a Medal round on Wednesday 20th June due to some impressive rolls of thunder, flashes of lightening and very heavy rain! I hadn't see that coming when I set off in the morning – as Mai said her idea of taking on water was not getting a soaking! Despite the "soaking" most Ladies stayed for a warm drink and even agreed to playing the June Medal the following week in stead of having a fun competition! So congratulations to Amanda Stretton who won the 1st Division Medal Glass and to Fiona Hanby for winning the 2nd Division Medal glass. Well done Ladies.

Away from the golf course some of the Social Ladies got together on Tuesday 5th June for a lunch at Pure, which was kindly organised by Lynn Nobbs. Another lunch is being organised by Melody Cotterill on the 7th August, so watch out for the emails.

Finally a couple of friendly matches took place in June. The first one was a Ladies friendly at home against Vila Sol on Monday 11th June which we won 4 and 1 made up of 3 wins and 2 halves. Then on Saturday 16th June we played a mixed friendly away at Carvoeiro! It was an early start for all 10 players and some organised a bus to take them there! I played with the Captain and Mike had a brilliant round of golf ensuring that our 100% success record as a team was secure! Only one more match to go so lets hope our record as a pairing is maintained!!! Mike will say that I have now jinxed it by mentioning it! I put our success down to Wendy's egg and bacon rolls that were duly dished out to all of us before we teed off alone with sausage rolls and quiche from Paula! Anyway an extremely creditable half was achieved and we were very happy! I hear the bus bounced home with the singing on board!!!



Ladies having lunch at Pure

Report from Greens Committee

The Committee met on Friday the 6th July. Present were Duncan Evans, the writer and the Director of golf with Ana our environmentalist and Marco the course manager. David Ford was away for his son's wedding.

The club is fortunate in having both staff and members who are passionate about the course and willing to attend these meeting to monitor progress. It perhaps does not need repeating but the members including the writer have no control over the budgets but we hope we can reflect the members concerns and put pressure where it is needed to encourage investment on course improvement which has in the past been missing.

The important issues which were discussed were as follows:-

1. The Greens

They continue to improve following the STRI regime. They will have weekly sand applications and testing for moisture levels to encourage the spreading of the bent grasses. The STRI programme is extremely "testing" for the staff but we believe the last 12 months has allowed Marco and his team to understand the importance of the "discipline" of a routine both in preventing disease and providing members with excellent putting surfaces which can only get better! We hope to see green speeds increasing to 9/9.5 in due course.

2. The Fairways

The programme for fairway improvement is not as advanced as the Committee would have hoped but we believe is now entering a period of intensive activity. 350 tons of sand is being applied to the course per month! This fine sand is being applied weekly to the greens and monthly to all fairways. In addition liquid fertilizer will be applied to the fairways on a monthly basis until November. This programme of improvement is estimated to take up to two

years to bring the course conditions up to the level we seek. Members will notice that already the fairways are showing better colour and growth.

3. Tees

We believe the new attention to tees with defined mowing and fertilizing is very quickly showing improvements. The tees are being fertilised monthly and sanded. We hope to open the new ladies tee on Pines 3 very shortly!

4. Bunkers

Marco is aware that certain bunkers are still too heavily sanded. He is working with Duncan and sand is being removed and compressed where necessary. The bunker on the right of the green on Olives 8 has still too much sand particularly on a difficult green surrounded by water! Nearly all balls plug in this bunker!

It is still our intention to make the long bunkers on the left of 7 of Olives a "waste area" where you can "ground" your club without penalty. The sand is already very compacted and difficult to maintain.

5. Trees

We hope to continue the tree removals in the autumn. We believe there is still much to be done.

Finally Gala week approaches and we hope the course will present very well and give members and guests an enjoyable and challenging week of golf. We wish to all the best of fortunes on the course!

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

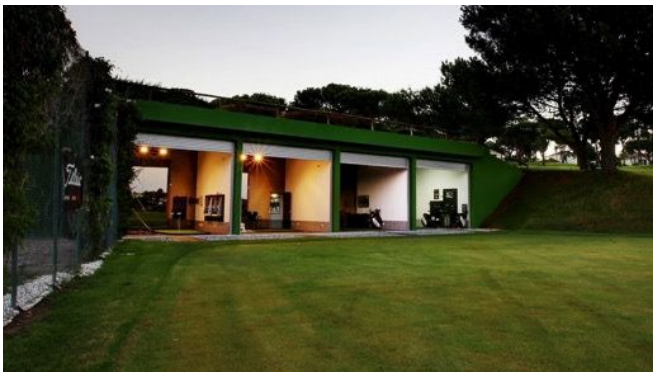
Academy News



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 July & August

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
Wed 1st August	Ladies Day
Sat 4th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th August	August Stableford
Wed 8th August	Ladies Day
Sat 11th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 12th August	August Medal
Wed 15th August	Ladies Day
Sat 18th August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 22nd August	Ladies Day
Sat 25th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26th August	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 29th August	Ladies Trip to Palmares