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# Altos

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GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

My contribution as Captain for the August Newsletter should have primarily reported on the success of Gala Week but I feel compelled to mention an incident and the events which followed. On the Tuesday night of Gala Week entry was gained into Christophe's office and the safe was stolen containing large amounts of cash. Amongst the missing monies were the donations received on Captains Day, totalling €1420 and in this case monies committed to the Salvation Army in Sao Bras. The Lady Captain and myself visited them recently and were as appalled as to their circumstances as we were impressed by the efforts of the volunteers to improve the living standards of young and vulnerable children.

At the Gala Dinner I felt it important to inform our members who had so generously donated that our commitment to the Salvation Army could not be met at that time. What happened next will stay with me for a very long time. Members began to give myself and Lisa further donations. It was an instantaneous gesture and we were both genuinely touched and left speechless when Alan Bentley and Terry Little immediately replaced the €1420.

On Wednesday 8 August Lisa and I were able to present Captain Luis of the Salvation Army with the full €2100 promised. This was also supplemented by UHT milk badly needed. I fear we may have caused a run on milk stocks throughout the Algarve.

Incidents like this restore your faith in the goodness of people. I am proud to be part of the community of Pinheiros Altos.

Gala Week was its usual mix of golf, fun, fine food and drink. Rosie Agnew and her brother and guest Ted reversed last years result narrowly pipping Jordan and James. The Shoot Out was keenly contested with very young winners Harry and Oliver Scriven in a chip out on the 9th Olives over Rosie and Ted. The fancy dress theme of Cops and Criminals delivered some ingenious costumes as well as doubling the share price for the company that manufactures orange overalls. There were an

abundance of Police Women, female jail birds and even a couple of Police Dogs. The Police vehicles were realistic and the Blues and Twos quite effective. Shoot out victims were eliminated to the song 'BAD BOYZ'.

Amongst the guests were old friends of Gala Week. Peter 'Blacky' Black, Ronan Early, Geoff Mortimer and many others. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

One fancy dress earned its wearer a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to women's fashion, Jim Cramwell. His portrayal of Harley Quinn really did show us just how horrible she was. The question is if the actress Melissa Rauch is going to sue Jim.

It was a great week and my personal thanks for its success go to Christophe and his staff. Similarly to Renato and his staff. Lastly to Marco and his staff for presenting the course in such excellent condition and to everyone who participated. To all new members to the club, please avail yourselves of these fun occasions held throughout the year from Social golf to light hearted competitions. Please come and join in.

So, until next month. Lets be careful out there.

## QUIZ

### "NOBODY PUTS BABY IN A CORNER".

1. Film?
2. Year?
3. Male lead?
4. Female lead?
5. Song danced to by two above towards end of film?





*Another hard day in the office for the Captain*



*Captain and Lady Captain*



*The Staff*



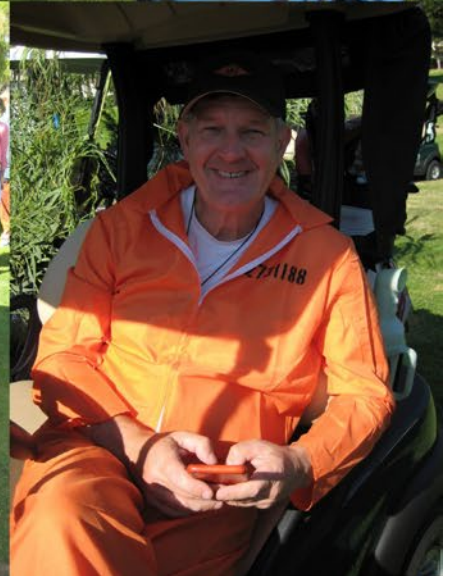
## Cops and Criminals Shoot Out







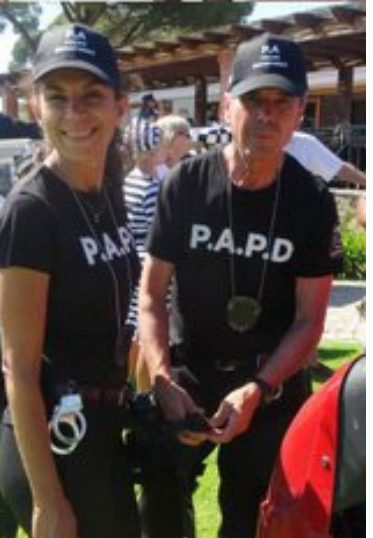


































## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

July was all about the Sunshine Classic Gala Week which was a great success and we had an entry of 30 teams as well as more members taking part in the individual events making the dinners 110 for the BBQ and 80 for the Gala Dinner.

The format allows for players to participate without having to play all week however many members in the club did not seem to be aware that they could play only a few days and participate in the social events. We will make sure that the information gets through to all members for next year's Sunshine Classic.

The week saw Rosie Agnew and her brother Ted Magowan take the trophy, they managed to beat their play-off opponent from last year & winners Jordan Markey & James Porter who won the best gross for the week.

On the Wednesday of the Gala week we had our usual fancy dress shoot out and this year's theme was "Cops & Criminals" and everyone there made a real effort to come dressed and made the day a huge success. To be honest & unfortunately we could not have made it look more real. Also appropriate a couple of bandits won the shoot-out Harry & Oliver Scriven and it was nice to see such young talents taking part in the event and also taking the trophy.

On the Sunday we had a flag competition as a practice round and John Linley managed to tee off the 19th hole and be the player who got further on the course, while James Porter & Steve Hursey were on the 18th green.

Also we had a brunch on the Thursday morning with a blind draw being drawn in public for a scramble competition. Everyone there seemed to really enjoy the format and it is definitely something that suits James Porter as he won the

day again with partners Amanda Stretton, Nick Hardie & Jim Cranwell who won his trophy without being in a fancy dress.

The BBQ & Gala dinner were a great success and once more the meal provided was excellent and I must congratulate our catering staff for 2 great nights.

I would finally like to thank all the Members of Pinheiros Altos who took part in the event and allowed us to make it so much fun. I would also like to thank Cristina and all my staff, Renato & the bar staff, the catering staff and the golf maintenance staff to make the week possible to run so smoothly.

Also a big thank you to Shirley Griffiths who did most of the photos as she has been doing at every single events during the year.

The Summer Medal was won by Tony Hickey with a 72 and a better back nine and Lorraine Dunaby won the July Stableford with 39 points.

August is normally a quiet month as far as golf is concerned and I know many of the members try to be away to avoid the usual crowds that invade the Algarve for Summer Holiday.

The works on the golf course are continuous and I would like to ask all the members for their patience as part of the course will be shut on a weekly basis in order to follow the recommendations of our consultant from STRI.

I wish everyone a great Summer which has arrived late whether on the golf course or on the beach.



# Competition Results for July

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 1st	July Stableford	Lorraine Dunabin	39 Pts	Tony Hickey	35 Pts
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b>			
		Jeanette Winther	75 Nett		
		<b>2nd Division</b>			
		Lorraine Dunabin	72 Nett		
	Stableford	Ineke Goossens	28 Pts	Shona Callaghan	23 Pts
Wed 11th	Ladies Day Team Event at San Lorenzo	Zoë Pirret	78 Pts	Slaney Mullen	75 Pts
		Lisa Burns		Sabine Schlegel	
		Molly Wainwright		Barbara Fletcher	
		Ineke Goossens		Zoë Pirret (floater)	
	Individual Stableford	Slaney Mullen	36 Pts	Molly Wainwright	31 Pts <i>c/b</i>
Wed 18th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b>		<b>1st Division</b>	
		Amanda Stretton	36 Pts <i>c/b</i>	Susan Russell	36 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b>		<b>2nd Division</b>	
		Wendy Evans	36 Pts	Melody Cotterill	34 Pts
Sat 21st	Summer Medal	Tony Hickey	72 Nett ( <i>bb6</i> )	Stewart Harper	72 Nett ( <i>bb9</i> )
Sun 22nd - Sat 28th	Gala Week	Rosie Agnew	120 Pts	Tim Russell	118 Pts
		Ted Magowan		Steve Holliday	
		James Porter	97 Gross		
		Jordan Markey			



## Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

Gala week has been the highlight of the month and this year the weather waited until it was finished before “heating up” to some unbearable temperatures! Despite the week being marred by the robbery, we all had a fabulous time and some big thanks go to Christophe and the staff for all their hard work in difficult circumstances.

There were some great buggies and outfits – and Debbie with her loud speaker ensured everyone sat up, listened and obeyed! Jim Cranwell looked very fetching as Harley Quinn from the Batman films and Ronan was a cat burglar accompanied by a large cat! There were police ladies galore and plenty of criminals for the jailhouse where you were questioned by the “Law” – Mr Captain in his police outfit from his younger days!! My favourite group was the Pirret family dressed as characters from Cluedo – David as Colonel Mustard with a carefully cultivated moustache grown over a number weeks and yellow socks dyed with turmeric for authenticity! But the best part of their theme was Zoe’s tale about their visit to a “shop” to buy a blow-up doll to dress up as the murder victim! The lengths some people will go! Alas, the said item was rather pricey, so Zoe resorted to her needlework skills and produced her own murder victim to adorn the top of their buggy!!!

Congratulations to Rosie and her brother Ted for winning the overall competition and to all the other winners - of which there were plenty – don’t think I have ever handed out so many prizes!

Outside of the monthly Medal and Stableford there has only been one other Ladies day and for that we all decamped to Sao Lorenzo! Sadly, we hadn’t been advised that they were hollow tying some of the fairways and we had to play the 15th whilst they were in the middle of doing it! Thanks to Amanda’s complaint to Antonio Santos, the Director of Golf, we were all

given a complimentary round to be played again before the end of August.

Finally, just before Gala Week the Captain and myself visited the Salvation Army in Sao Bras and met all the children attending the out of school day centre. We were shown the food distribution centre as well as the facilities for the children. The activities that they get involved in include learning how to cook, how to work together on projects with the older ones giving guidance to the younger ones and enjoying treats which our children would see as the norm e.g. a visit to a communal swimming pool or the beach. The children gave us a demonstration of some aspects of the “show” that there were putting on the following week and two of the boys taught me how to do the latest dance craze “The Floss”! Mr Captain was highly amused!

We were both impressed with the work of the staff / volunteers and are so pleased that we chose the Salvation Army as one of our charities. Thanks to all of you for helping us support them.

Click on the icon below to download a Powerpoint Salvation Army charity presentation.



[Presentation Salvation Army charity \[8.15 MB\]](#)



## Report from the Greens Committee

August is the quietest month for the courses at PA and this year we have seen extremely high temperatures which puts strains on watering and maintaining grass quality. The weather is so hot that even the most enthusiastic members have stayed indoors!

Gala week proved that the course is improving with remarkable low scores and many members reported that there were obvious improvements in both tees fairways and greens. Bunkers still remain a little contentious but we believe we are seeing better levels of sand and fewer plugged balls.

The STRI programme of intensive feeding and sanding of all aspects of the course will continue though out the months to Autumn and until the cooler weather.

Marco will be sanding and feeding the course in the next few weeks and the tees will be top dressed and verticut every month as will the fairways. He deserves our thanks in managing what is an intensive programme and we have every reason to remain confident that our two year plan will

deliver a much improved course to compete with the best of our neighbours courses.

There has been some fungicide damage on the approaches of 5 of pines green but Marco has advised the committee that the offending surfaces have been treated and with the sanding and fertilizing to take place very shortly we should see a rapid improvement.

The committee remain vigilant that we should not relax (August and early September have a bad record of neglect) and members will no doubt remind us if they see reason to complain.

The committee members have strong views for further tree removal and to reflect the opinion of members who believe as we do that the 1000 pines planted over 10 years ago are now too encroaching on some holes. We will take soundings from members before we start the chain saws! We are hoping for some good thunder storms but otherwise good golfing!

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

## Social Golf - by Stella Jeffrey

Social golf on 8 July was a lovely sunny afternoon but not too hot to walk comfortably for those who could. With a weekend of world cup football and Wimbledon everybody was in sporty mood. We were a smaller group than normal, due to holidays, family visits and a wedding in the south of England. There were 16 players with Iain and Molly joining us for dinner.

The format was Texas Scramble (teams of 4), which is a nice relaxed format for social golf. However, my team were lining up to putt like we were in an England penalty shoot out! The teams were very evenly matched, thanks to Iain's organization skills and we had some reasonable scores.

**1st place** with a score of 62.4 (Hcp 8.6)

Liam Edwards, Amanda Stretton, Peter Young & Shona Callaghan

**2nd place** with a score of 67.8 (Hcp 8.2)

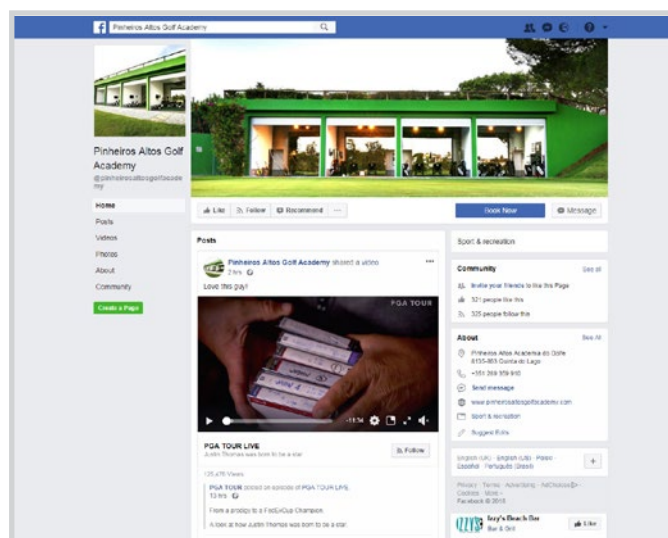
David Pirret, Brian Schofield, Joanna Young & Stella Jeffrey

Supper was a tasty veal stroganoff served with rice and a mixed salad on the side, desert was fresh fruit salad and ice-cream with a choice of red or white wine. We also had a birthday boy Chris Stretton, who kindly treated everybody to a drink in the bar and we all shared a birthday cake after the meal.

Next social golf will be on 26 August. The format will be Sixes and to be organized by Sue and Paula.



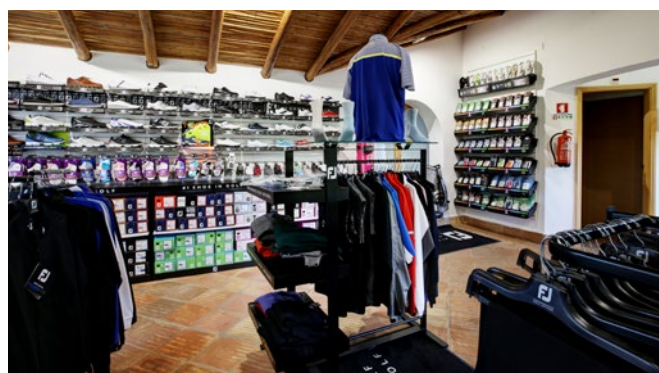
## Academy News



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](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 August & September 2018

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
Sat 1st September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2nd September	September Medal
Wed 5th September	Ladies Day
Fri 7th September	Matchplay Championship
Sat 8th September	Matchplay Championship
Sun 9th September	Matchplay Championship & Stableford
Wed 12th September	Lady Captain 's Day
Sat 15th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 16th September	President 's Day Incorporating Seniors Championship
Wed 19th September	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd September	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 26th September	Ladies Day
Fri 28th September	Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos
Sat 29th September	Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos (No Roll Up)
Sun 30th September	Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos