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# Altos ews



PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS



# Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

September was an eventful month. It was extremely hot and quite busy on the golfing front. We saw the club match play Championship contested over three days with the knock out format seeing Andy Wheeler triumph in a close final against Nigel Collins. The Ladies triumphant Champion was Zoë Pirret beat Wendy Evan in the final.

We also played for the President's Putter on a hot and thirsty Sunday. The golf was followed by food and the usual copious amounts of alcohol. Congratulations to the worthy winner Helen Mills.

The final bout of golf for the month was PA's version of the Ryder Cup. Played over the same three days as the real thing. I lead Team Europe to a resounding victory over Team US captained by plastic yank Jim Cranwell. It turned out to be a mixture of Ryder Cup, Walker Cup and Solheim Cup. Despite Jim's antics which included financial inducements to encourage players to join his US team he and his team lost.. Even the rain could not dampen the ardour of Team Europe who posted a 40 ½ – 24 ½ against Jim's team of mercenaries. Having said that the Captain's Charities benefitted when the paid players donated their ill gotten gains, despite Jim's protesting that they were loans and he wanted them back. Good fun and congratulations to all who made it so. Yes it is true my CV now has included 'Successful Captain of the European Ryder Cup team 2018'.

The Captain's quiz last month was won by Tony Hickey. Not because he got the right answer but because he answered within seconds of the letter being published and he was the only answer I got. His answer was so spectacularly wrong and in the absence of any other entry well done T.

Until next month when I share with you all, the nightmare that was the Wooden Spoon. All will be revealed but suffice to say out chances were sabotaged from within. The Judicial review should be well under way and both culprits will have their bail extended until the date is set for their public atonement. (eggs will be involved)

## QUIZ

Last month's quiz **"Will I dream?"**

Film: **2010. A space odyssey.**

Who said? **HAL9000** (spaceships sophisticated computer)

Year of release? **1984**

English actress in film? **Helen Mirren**

Tony's very prompt but incorrect answer was I ROBOT with Will Smith. It gave me a good laugh anyway. Keep it up Tony.

## This month's quiz...

**"OH GOOD. FOR A MOMENT THERE, I THOUGHT WE WERE IN TROUBLE."**

Film?

Two main characters and actors playing them.

Year of release

Director?



*Lady Captain Lisa Burns and Club Captain Michael Collins presenting the September Stableford Winner Paul Cotterill with his prize*





*Matchplay Championship Winners*





*September Stableford Runner Up Sergey Naumov receiving his prize*



*September Stableford 3rd Place Ionut Tatar receiving his prize*

## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

September started with the usual Match-play Championship which had 20 entries for the men and 10 entries for the ladies. Again a very short entry probably due to the amount of golf played over 3 days of the back tees therefore it was decided that next year the Match-play will start on the Wednesday until Sunday to avoid having to play 36 holes in one day which hopefully will help having more entries also the handicap limit will be raised to 24 for the Men and 28 for the Ladies again to try to help having more entries. Congratulations to Andy Wheeler & Zoe Pirret both new Champions of the Match-play.

On 16th September we had our President's Day & Senior Championship which was very well supported with 78 players and 88 for lunch. It was a very enjoyable day followed by a lunch in the Clubhouse chosen and largely sponsored by the President Mr. David Markey. Helen Mills managed to win the President Putter with a great score of 40 points while Tony Hickey became the 2018 Senior Champion by beating his own wife with a better back nine holes. Congratulations to both on some great golf!

The Monthly Stableford was won by Paul Cotterill who is now definitely in full form again while the September Medal was won by Peter Seabrook.

To finalize the month of September we had our usual Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup played early in the morning so that we could see the real thing on TV set up in the Clubhouse for the event and just like it happened in France, Europe won quite considerably against the USA despite all the efforts of Captain USA Mr. Jim Cranwell and his Vice Captain Mr. David Markey. So congratulation to our Club & European Captain Mr. Michael Collins on keeping the Trophy on this continent.

October is the busiest month of the year on the Golf Course therefore I would recommend all members playing during this month as much as possible to play in 4 balls as the pace of the golf course will be slower and will be more enjoyable as 4 balls group.

I wish all of you good golfing in a continuous sunny Algarve!





President's Day

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President's Day





Ryder Cup

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# Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2nd	September Medal	Peter Seabrook	70 Nett	Neil Bamber	71 Nett
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Zoë Pirret <b>2nd Division</b> Wendy Evans	67 Nett  73 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans	72 Nett
	9 Hole Competition	Mai Markey	16 Pts		
Fri 7th Sat 8th Sun 9th	Matchplay Championship	<b>Men</b> Andy Wheeler <b>Ladies</b> Zoë Pirret		<b>Men</b> Nigel Collins <b>Ladies</b> Wendy Evans	
	September Stableford	Paul Cotterill	36 Pts	Sergey Naumov	34 Pts
Wed 12th	Ladies' Captain's Day Rose Bowl Competition	<b>Trophy Winner – Rosie Agnew 41 Pts</b>			
		<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans <b>2nd Division</b> Lorraine Dunabin	34 Pts (bb9)  35 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Zoë Pirret <b>2nd Division</b> Sandra Little	34 Pts  33 Pts (bb9)
Sun 16th	President's Day Incorporating Seniors Championship	<b>President's</b> <b>Putter Winner</b> Helen Mills  <b>Senior Champion</b> Tony Hickey	40 Pts  27 Pts Gross	<b>Best Nett Ladies</b> Paula Burke <b>Best Nett Men</b> Dan Henderson <b>Best Nett Senior</b> Peter Young <b>Best over 70's</b> Orlando Hill	39 Pts  39 Pts  39 Pts  38 Pts
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Out to Penina	Zoë Pirret Lisa Burns Ineke Goossens Shona Callaghan	87 Pts	Paula Burke Elouise Renouard Lorraine Dunabin Lisa Burns* (Hidden Partner)	77 Pts
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Zoë Pirret <b>2nd Division</b> Pat Murrish	35 Pts  35 Pts (bb9)	<b>1st Division</b> Marian Hill <b>2nd Division</b> Lorraine Dunabin	34 Pts  35 Pts
Fri 28th Sat 29th Sun 30th	Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos	Europe	40 ½	USA	24 ½



## Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

September has been a busy month commencing with the Singles Matchplay, and my congratulations go to Zoe Pirret for winning the Ladies competition, with Wendy Evans as runner up. Zoe has been playing some wonderful golf and seen her handicap reduced a few times recently. Well done!

very hot day, but I suppose that was better than the rain that had been forecast a week early! Now that would have given me a headache!!!

The pictures below tell the story.

The key event of the month for me was my Ladies' Captain's Day which so many of you supported – Thank You. It was a







And congratulations to Rosie Agnew who won the Ladies' Captain's Day Bowl with a magnificent 41 points and of course to everyone else in the prizes.

But the day could not have happened without the support of some key people and my thanks go to them for their assistance – Christophe, Cristina, Renato and his staff, Knut for his wonderful wraps for the half way house, John Wainwright and Ken Irving for serving the drinks and to everyone at Quinta Jacintina for looking after us so well and providing a wonderful lunch. And finally, to Debbie, who helped me with every aspect of the day to ensure that it went smoothly – particularly the food tasting, flower arrangements and prize display – not my forte!!

On the 19th September 15 Ladies had a “tootle” down the motorway to play Penina, another hotel and course owned by JJW. The course although flat, is quite tricky and I was pleased that I heeded the advice of those who had played it before!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported the raffle, which was drawn on President's Day, for a week in an apartment overlooking the 17th green at El Chaparrel Golf course in Spain. Through your generosity 1450 euros was raised for the Captains' charities. And thank you to David and Mai Markey who donated the prize.

Continue to enjoy the wonderful October weather and all the golf competitions – of which there are plenty!





*Ladies' Captain's Day*

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# Report from the Greens Committee

The committee is due to meet in the next few days to mark those trees which they recommend should be either pruned or removed. The timing of the work is likely to be not before November and this will allow STRI who are due to inspect next month to consider our proposals and to comment accordingly.

This report is therefore to remind members that they are free to comment to the committee or Christophe if they feel strongly that we have gone too far or not enough!

## THE COURSE

### *Tees.*

There is a general improvement in the quality of the grasses and whilst there is still work to be done we are moving in the right direction. The new ladies tee on 3 of Pines is much fairer than the old tee!

### *Greens.*

The very high temperatures throughout September and into this month seem to be abating and the greens are holding up well with grasses improving although some “dollar spot” has appeared but has already been treated. The risk of fungus attack is always a concern at this time of year and Marcos and his team are aware of the problem and remain vigilant. The larger leaf grasses do appear to be receding.

### *Fairways.*

The feeding and sanding has resulted in much improved surfaces and whilst that programme will be paused in the

next few month we remain optimistic that our target of better fairway grasses which afford better striking and are weed free is within our reach.

### *Bunkers.*

Members still remind us that they feel some bunkers still have too much sand. This is probably true and is a common fault throughout the Algarve courses. The very high temperatures and lack of rain do not help and a lot of sand has been removed from some bunkers. With winter rains we hope to see improvement and we are monitoring the position.

### *Summary.*

The course is we believe much improved and increases in new members seems to support that view. Marcos and his team are to be congratulated for their work.

The next 12 months will be challenging but we believe exciting for the course and members should see real changes which will enhance their golfing experience.

As always the committee will be happy to receive members comments on proposed changes and course condition.

Stewart Harper Chairman

David Ford

Duncan Evans.



## Social Golf - by Nils Leffler

On Sunday the 23rd of September 39 players joined the Social Golf swinging their clubs in an enjoyable Waltz. This format is very forgiving and hence a perfect one for a social team event. And so it was. A warm and sunny day on the much improved golf course at PA 5 four-balls on each course Pines/Corks and Corks/Olives set out to battle for the bottles. (One team was actually a three ball with a floater). At the end some very good scores were handed in to the organisers.

Three guests joined the teams for a fish and chip lunch accompanied by fresh salads and wine including dessert for each table. The meal was very much appreciated and so was the service we all received from the staff. All in all a very pleasant day.

A number of our club's better players are strong supporters of Social golf and they participate as much as their calendar allows. This time our President took part leading a team in the Waltz. The organisers are grateful for this support and expressed this sentiment at the prize giving.

The bottles were dispatched to the following victorious teams:

	<i><b>Olives / Pines</b></i>		<i><b>Corks / Olives</b></i>	
1st	Liam Edwards Per Anton Kleppa Mai Markey Sandra Seddon	84 Pts	Paul Hanby Stephen Nobbs Fiona Hanby Stella Jeffrey	82 Pts
2nd	Paula Burke Bertil Wiren Chris Stretton Joanna Young	80 Pts	Paul Black Peter Young Bob Seddon Adrienne Buth (Floater)	81 Pts
3rd	Orlando Hill Knut Pedersen Diana Collins Ineke Goossens	79 Pts	Nigel Collins Ron Goossens Maried Kooijmans Suzanne Davis	77 Pts

Congratulation to all winners.

Next Social Golf event will take place on Sunday October 21st. Format will be AM-AM and the event will be organised by Ken Irving and Knut Pedersen.





## 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 October & November 2018

Wed 3rd October	Charity Pink Day
Fri 5th October	Wooden Spoon
Sat 6th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th October	October Stableford
Wed 10th October	Ladies Day
Fri 12th October	Ladies' Competition (morning) and Ladies' Annual Dinner
Sat 13th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th October	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Wed 17th October	Ladies Day
Sat 20th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st October	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 24th October	Ladies Day
Sat 27th October	Mens Roll Up
Wed 31st October	Ladies Day
Thurs 1st November	Pinheiros Altos Memorial Day
Sat 3rd November	Foursomes Championship (No Roll Up)
Sun 4th November	Foursomes Championship
Wed 7th November	Ladies Day
Sat 10th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 11th November	November Stableford
Wed 14th November	Ladies Day
Sat 17th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th November	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 21st November	Ladies Day
Sat 24th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th November	November Medal
Wed 28th November	Ladies Day



# PINHEIROS ALTOS

## JJW International Interclub Challenge 2019

17th February – 24th February 2019

Teams of 8 players

(2 PA Members + 6 Guests from home Club)

### Itinerary

<b>Sun – 17th February:</b>	'Check-in' from 2pm at the Dona Filipa
<b>Mon – 18th February:</b>	Practice Round at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo. Cocktail at the Dona Filipa Hotel
<b>Tue – 19th February:</b>	Practice Round at the other course Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
<b>Wed – 20th February:</b>	1st Round Matchplay round robin at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
<b>Thur – 21st February:</b>	2nd Round Matchplay round robin at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
<b>Fri – 22nd February:</b>	3rd Round Matchplay round robin at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
<b>Sat – 23rd February:</b>	Final Round Matchplay at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.  Gala Dinner at the Dona Filipa and presentation of the first Club Champion of the JJW International Interclub Challenge.
<b>Sun – 23rd February:</b>	Check-out from Dona Filipa Hotel by noon

'Twin Room' Package: 2 pax sharing Twin room  
€775 (per guest)

'Single Room' Package: 1 pax in single room  
€1.060 (per guest)





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### Each package includes:

**7 nights accommodation in 5\* Dona Filipa Hotel, 6 rounds of golf, daily prizes and also the Welcome Cocktail reception & Gala Dinner.**

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**Additional:** Extra nights and/or golf can be requested & quoted separately

Teams consist of 2 PA members (not staying in the Hotel) and 6 guests (staying in the Hotel representing their home Clubs).

2 PA members by entering a team of 8 with 6 guests staying in the hotel will have free entry for the tournament including all the rounds of Golf at both courses, welcome cocktail reception and the Gala Dinner.

Monday & Tuesday will be practice rounds at both courses. Optional Wednesday, Thursday & Friday will be played in Matchplay rounds, round robin format.

Saturday leading teams will play each other for the 1st JJW International Interclub Challenge Champion. All other teams will play in their seeds to determine final classification of the tournament.

**Maximum numbers of team is 12 Clubs from all over the world**

**Closing date for entries: 30th November 2018**

Entries should be sent by email to **Christophe Rindlisbacher** on [crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com](mailto:crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com) or to **Cristina Fernandes** on [cfernandes@jjwhotels.com](mailto:cfernandes@jjwhotels.com)





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## ENTRY FORM

### St. Valentine's Day Mixed Golf Tournament

Thursday 14th until Sunday 17th February 2019  
at the Pinheiros Altos and San Lorenzo Golf Clubs

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ H'cap: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ H'cap: \_\_\_\_\_

## Itinerary

**Thur - 14th February:** 'Check-in' from 2pm at the Dona Filipa Hotel  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Welcome Cocktail reception & registration  
in the Dona Filipa hotel.

**Fri - 15th February:** 1st Round St. Valentine's Tournament  
Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo, details provided at registration  
Evening at your leisure

**Sat - 16th February:** 2nd Round St. Valentine's Tournament  
Your alternate round at either San Lorenzo or Pinheiros Altos  
7:30pm Reception for 8:00pm Gala Dinner & Dance,  
and prize presentation at The Dona Filipa hotel

**Sun - 17th February:** 'Check-out' by noon from the hotel

### Accommodation at The Dona Filipa Hotel - Vale do Lobo

**'Twin Room' Package:** 2 pax sharing Double/Twin room **€760 (Total per couple)**

**Each Package Includes:** 3 nights accommodation, 3 rounds of golf, daily prizes,  
and also the Welcome Cocktail reception & Gala Dinner.

**Optional round of Golf either on 14th or 17th February 2019 at PA**

**Additional:** Extra nights and/or golf can be requested and quoted separately.

Maximum Guests (non-members): **40 players** (early reservation encouraged!)

Closing date for entries: **30th November 2018**

Package for members **€80 per player includes Welcome**  
not staying in DF: **cocktail, Gala Dinner, and Golf at PA & SL**

**SIGN UP FOR MEMBERS WILL BE POSTED ON THE MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD**

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