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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

November was eventful. From day one when we had the Memorial Day, which was very well supported. Our team competition saw winners Nils Leffler, Knut Ellingsen, Christian Sommerphal and Anne Riddervold with 86 points.

Just days later saw Paula Hickey and Helen Mills take the Foursome Championship with Mrs Hickey and Mrs Mills just edging out Mr Hickey and Andy Wheeler with a score of 144 Nett. There were tales of woe and trees but I am assured that diplomatic relations are now restored in the Hickey household. Tony had consolation later in the month when he took the November Medal with 73 Nett. The November stableford saw Gerry Naughton winner with a magnificent 44points. Congratulations to all who took part.

November finally saw our Interclub team gain promotion. I would like to take credit as Club Captain for this magnificent achievement but the credit goes to Geoff Stott and his selections throughout the year. Well done. Unfortunately, Geoff has decided to step down as Interclub Captain for what I can only suggest is to salvage his sanity for doing what is one of the most difficult jobs in the club. Arise for his second stint. Neil Bamber has agreed to take over the mantle of command and we wish him every success in order to maintain Geoff's legacy.

We are now in December and preparations for Christmas are in full flow. The one event that I recommend to you is the TURKEY FLUTTER. This will take place on December 23rd and golf will be followed by a meal and entertainment. The entertainment will be provided by the children from the Salvation Army at Sao Bras. They will entertain and lead the singing of Christmas Carols. Captain Luis offered us their services as a way of saying thank you and show their appreciation to Pinheiros Altos Members for the kind and necessary donations that have been made so far this year.

The final event of the year will be the New Years Eve dinner dance. We will have a well planned and prepared dinner served

with suitable wines. We also have first class entertainment and I would suggest that it will be hard to better the New Years Eve at PA. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can to welcome in 2019.

Last month's Captain's quiz went unanswered.

“MONGO ONLY PAWN IN GAME OF LIFE”

1 Name of film

2 Year film released

3 Actor uttering line in film

Answers

1 Blazing Saddles

2 1974

3 Alex Karras

QUIZ

“YOU MAKE ME WANT TO BE A BETTER MAN.”

1. Film and year of release?
2. Actor uttering line and character played?
3. Actress being spoke to and character played?
4. Name of dog in film?

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM WENDY, HANNAH, JOEL AND MYSELF.



Memorial Day Prize Winners



Memorial Day



Foursomes Championship Prize Winners





Director of Golf Christophe and Club Captains Michael Collins and Lisa Burns presenting the Mens Pairs Matchplay Trophy to the winners David Markey and Viv Lewis



Mens Pairs Matchplay Runner-up Nigel Collins



Mens Pairs Matchplay Winners David Markey and Viv Lewis

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

November saw the usual Foursomes Championship played over 2 days and once again what a fantastic results from one of the few Ladies pair by winning the Foursomes Championship with one of the same score at level PAR ! Congratulations to Paula Burke Hickey & Helen Mills on retaining their title. This should encourage more ladies team to play in Foursomes Championship. David Ford & Duncan Evans won the Gross also for the second year running. Congratulations to all participant for taking place in what is the most difficult format of Golf.

On 1st November we had our Memorial Day. It was nice to see a good turn out for all our friends who are no longer with us.

Tony Hickey won the November Medal with a net 73 while Gerry Naughton managed a fantastic score of 44 points in the monthly Stableford to claim the winning score and his handicap went from 10,2 to 8,6 and we will keep an eye on him.

It is with great pleasure that I can confirm that Andy Georges has been nominated to be the Vice Captain of Alan Bentley as from the next AGM and I am sure that with all his experience in golf he will make a great Captain.

As most of you are aware some new rules are coming into action from 1st January 2019 and our President David Markey will be organizing an early evening meeting for all the members to attend before the New Year to explain some of the main changes in the Rules of Golf.

The New Years Eve Party is now almost full with only 2 spaces left to fill in for a turn out of almost 90 people as many as we ever had on New Year's Eve.

In Early December we hosted 2 Pro Tournament from the Portugal Algarve Pro Tour which has started 3 years ago and will

be building up over the years to come. We had 40 players mainly pros and top amateurs playing and all were very impressed on how the course had progressed over the last 12 months.

The Golf course is now going to be quiet over the next few weeks and will allow for it to recover from a very heavy season and also continue to improve the areas which are in need. As you will be able to read in the greens committee report a lot of work is planned such as cleaning & cutting of trees to improve play but also maintenance.

The Christmas board is now up in the Clubhouse for all to sign in for the many forthcoming events and I hope to see as many of you around for these competitions and social activities.

The Captain & I will be away for the Turkey Flutter & Boxing day therefore the Vice Captain Alan Bentley & Kenny Fairbairn will be in charge for these 2 events. Members might not want us back once they experience the professionalism of them 2!

On behalf of all the staff at Pinheiros Altos I would like to wish all the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Director of Golf Christophe and Shirley Griffiths presenting the AOA representative the cheque for the sum of €6311

Pinheiros Altos Golf Club New Year's Eve Party

*In the Pinheiros Altos Clubhouse
from 7h00 for 7h30 p.m.*

Dress Code
Smart Casual (jacket preferred)

€120 per Person (including tip)

Please book at the Golf Office

DJ Entertainment and Saxophonist



Pinheiros Altos Golf Club New Year's Eve Menu

AMUSE-BOUCHE

Mushroom soup with parmesan cheese

STARTER

Duck pate served with toasts and wild berries sauce

or

Lobster cocktail with mango, papaya and pineapple

MAIN COURSE

*Wellington steak served with sautéed potatoes,
vegetables and gravy sauce*

or

*Trilogy of fish (monkfish, bass and salmon) served with
basmati rice, vegetables and white sauce*

DESSERT

Chocolate trilogy served with raspberry and wild berries

or

Strawberry soup

*Cheese buffet with camembert, brie, blue cheese and Portuguese
cheeses, bread, cream crackers, grissini's and grapes*

WINES

Esporão reserva red and Esporão white

Champagne at midnight

***If you have any food allergy or any special food
requirements please inform the Golf Office in advance***

Competition Results for November

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Thurs 1st	Pinheiros Altos Memorial Day	Nils Leffler Knut Ellingsen C. Sommerphal Anne Riddervold	86 Pts	David Pirret Zoë Pirret Tony Hickey Paula Burke	85 Pts (<i>by 39</i>)
Sat 3rd Sun 4th	Foursomes Championship	Paula Burke Helen Mills	144 Nett	Best Gross David Ford Duncan Evans	165 Gross
Wed 7th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Chris Sutton 2nd Division Lisa Burns	72 Nett 72 Nett	1st Division Sally Evans 2nd Division Mai Markey	76 Nett 74 Nett
Sun 11th	November Stableford	Gerry Naughton	44 Pts	Lisa Burns	41 Pts
Wed 14th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Amanda Stretton 2nd Division Wendy Evans	31 Pts 33 Pts	1st Division Zoë Pirret 2nd Division Barbara Fletcher	28 Pts 30 Pts
Wed 21st	Ladies Day Team Stableford	Sally Evans Sally Ward Pat Murrish	85 Pts	Helen Mills Fiona Hanby Shona Callaghan	81 Pts
Sun 25th	November Medal	Tony Hickey	73 Nett	Liam Edwards	74 Nett
Wed 28th	Ladies Day 4 Clubs and a Putter	Helen Mills Denise Reed Adrienne Buth Melody Cotterill	84 Pts	Cathy Harper Wendy Evans Marianne Wiren Pat Murrish	83 Pts

Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

November is traditionally a quiet month at PA and the first main golf competition of the month was Memorial Day on the 1st November, giving us the opportunity to remember all those members who are no longer with us.

Ladies have played two qualifying competitions and two fun ones this month – congratulations to all the winners. The highlight of the month though was Paula Burke and Helen Mills

retaining the Club Foursomes Championship! It was a great win as they only just pipped Tony Hickey and Andy Wheeler by one point! Congratulations Ladies – a fantastic result!

This month I have had the opportunity to pop home to the UK for a week to experience lots of rain and heavy traffic! I also had the opportunity, along with Sue Georges, to play for a Norwegian Ladies team in something called the Nations Trophy

played at Espiche. It was a three-day competition between the following Nations – Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Netherlands, Spain and Belgium. It was great fun, very competitive and we learnt a lot about Norwegian celebrations as the team won the Silver Medal!

On the social front several ladies enjoyed a trip to Porches potteries and a lovely lunch at the Biergarten. Thanks to Melody and Paula for organising it.

Christmas is only just around the corner and thank you to you all for contributing to the ACCA and Salvation Army ANGELS programme. Due to your generosity 80 presents have been bought and wrapped for children who would not receive anything without your generosity. Thank you so much.

And Merry Christmas to you and all your families.



Social Golf - by Stella Jeffrey

With very heavy rain the night before, floods in some areas of the Algarve, thunder and black clouds on Sunday morning very few imagined a round of golf could be played. In the event, apart from the odd shower, a bit of thunder and the most beautiful rainbows, we were blessed at PA, as Social Golf went ahead as planned on the 18th November.

The format was Traffic Lights. Everybody driving, in sequence, from the yellow tees, then the blues then the red and so on. Teams of 4, with 2 scores to count on each hole. Quite an interesting format and quite a different course when playing further back, or as in the men's case further forward and the ladies were given quite a lot more shots than normal too.

The scores were reasonable and the results were:

CORKS/OLIVES

1st - 87 pts

Helen Mills, Brian Schofield, Udo Berg, Stephen Leach (floater)

2nd - 79 pts

Stephen Leach, Bertil Wiren, Chris Sutton, Sandra Seddon

3rd - 75 pts

Paul Cotterill, Molly Wainwright, Helmut Schawe, Dawn Warnock

OLIVES/PINES

1st - 80 pts

Knut Ellingsen, Fiona Hanby, Melody Cotterill, Anders Tensjo

2nd - 75 points (bb9)

Tony Hickey, Graeme Thomson, Marianne Wiren, Ingrid Hollier

3rd - 75 pts

Ken Irving, Sue Georges, Ann Scholes (g), Gerry Naughton

We had 52 players (including 6 members new to social golf) and 2 floaters. Stephen Leach must have had a rush of blood to his head as he scored very well, hence he got 2 well deserved prizes. There were 7 extra guests for dinner, including Eva Lamaison, who was celebrating her birthday. Supper was a very tasty lasagne with a healthy salad followed by a delicious almond tart and ice-cream. There was a good atmosphere in the dining room, Renato was on holiday but his staff were excellent in his absence with the service. Many thanks also to Ken Irving, who played more than his share in helping to organise the event.

Next time will be our Christmas Social Golf on 9th December, players are encouraged to wear their colourful Christmas Jumpers. It will be organised by Iain, Sue and Knut.

Report from the Greens Committee

This month has been a difficult month for the committee due to absences of members which prevented our usual meeting as indeed the General Committee was forced to postpone its meeting to January.

However it was an important month as we had the second visit of the year from STRI whose advice we are following for the course improvement.

The report which has been considered by the committee is shorter than previous ones which is to be welcomed and makes the following comments which we will precis for ease of reading.

1. The greens

The surfaces are nearly all improved and have come through the playing season with improved bent grass dominance. Additional sanding and some tining will improve firmness. The dollar spot on some greens has been treated and the removal of early morning dew is essential to prevent fungus contamination (there is a chemical we can use). Overall therefore we are making good progress as we are sure members and visitors will attest to.

It is perhaps worth reporting that STRI say many of the marks on the greens arise from improper pitch repairs. This is always a contentious issue but put simply if unsure Google for advice. The repair is essentially to pull back the turf from around the pitch mark without tearing the turf in the process. A good pitch repair tool certainly helps.

2. The Fairways

There is a need to feed before winter (this has taken place) Sanding is to continue particularly where there is disease and weed etc. Verticutting will take place in the spring and attempts to improve kikuyu spread will continue. Ball support on fairways has improved (we agree it can and should get better) the fairways were always going to be a "challenge" but we are aiming to see further improvement

throughout the coming year. We cannot control the weather and it has been particularly challenging this year! The greatest improvement has been on Olives where the problem is irrigation and feeding. Marco and his team have done a very good job!

3. Tees

STRI were impressed by the improvement to the tees. There were one or two where more work is needed. Sanding will continue throughout the winter and fertilising to tees will continue now and after the winter. We believe that good tees give a strong message that the course is being "looked after".

4. Green approaches and bunker sand / fairway sand.

STRI want some aprons to have further amounts of sand to remove excessive softness. This will be done every 3 to 4 weeks until April. The STRI are taking samples of our sand to be sure we are using the correct chemical content for both spreading and possible best bunker play. The bunkers are in our view much improved following the rain and removal of excessive sand. We remain concerned at the amount of sand in Corks 2 new bunker (keep out of it!)

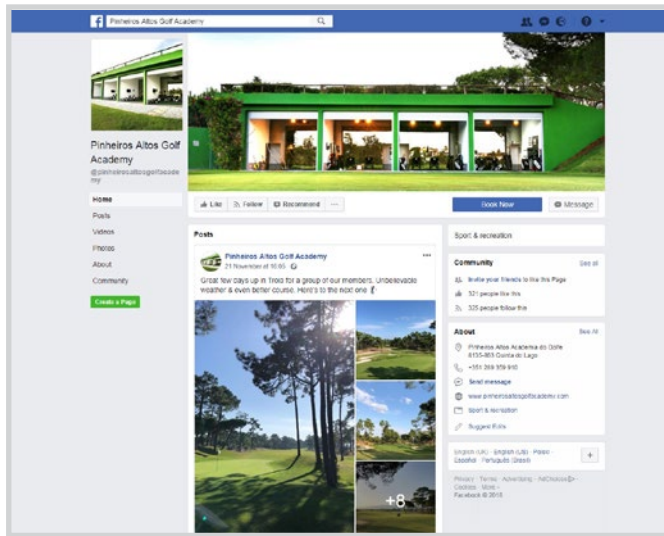
Overall there is much to be pleased about from the report. The Committee feel we are on the "right" road but have not yet reached our destination.

Our Director has budgeted for 2019 for addition equipment for the course and possible more man power. Our reputation for quicker golf than many other courses and improved course quality is getting known across the Algarve.

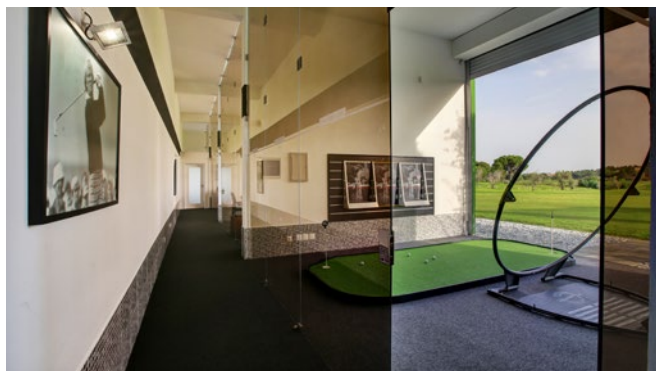
We wish you all a good Christmas and golf under a blue sunny sky.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

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

December 2018 & January 2019

Sat 1st December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2nd December	St Andrews Day Stableford
Wed 5th December	Ladies Day
Sat 8th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9th December	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 12th December	Ladies Christmas Competition
Sat 15th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 16th December	December Medal
Wed 19th December	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd December	Christmas Turkey Flutter
Wed 26th December	Boxing Day American Foursomes
Sat 29th December	Mens Roll Up
Tues 1st January	New Year's Scramble
Wed 2nd January	Ladies Day
Sat 5th January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th January	Winter Medal
Tues 8th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Wed 9th January	Ladies Day
Thurs 10th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Fri 11th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 12th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 12th January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 13th January	January Stableford
Mon 14th January	Algarvian Pro Am
Tues 15th January	Algarvian Pro Am
Wed 16th January	Algarvian Pro Am
Wed 16th January	Ladies Day
Fri 18th January	Algarvian Pro Am
Sat 19th January	Algarvian Pro Am
Sat 19th January	Mens Roll Up
Wed 23rd January	Ladies Day
Sat 26th January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th January	Social Golf with QDL at QDL
Wed 30th January	Ladies Day

PINHEIROS ALTOS

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: _____

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Email: _____

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Club: _____ H'cap: _____

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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

Entries should be sent by email to **Christophe Rindlisbacher** on crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com
or to **Cristina Fernandes** on cfernandes@jjwhotels.com