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# Altos news



PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

December is finished and with it 2018. It has been a memorable year for me as Club Captain with many enjoyable times and I thank everyone for the support and charitable donations that have assisted Lisa and I with our nominated charities.

Personally December will be remembered sadly as my Mother-in-law Anne Brown passed away peacefully on the 21st. Anne was days short of her 92nd birthday. Her demise was no shock to the family and could be best described as a blessing. Anne and her husband Roland were resident on Pinheiros Altos since 1994 and Anne played with the ladies in the late 90s.

I must congratulate Tim Russell for his victory in the Christmas Turkey Flutter. His winning score of 41 points deserved to win the turkey that has been described to me as being closely related to an ostrich. I believe the whole day was memorable. I could not be present but our trusty Vice Captain Alan deputised magnificently. Captain Luis of the Salvation Army brought their musicians who entertained us regally. This was his way of showing their appreciation for all the donations made by PA members allowing their life to become a bit easier. May our support continue.

Tim had not finished with the winners rostrum and along with Susan won our Boxing Day event with 43 points. This relegated Vice Alan and his partner Pat Barrett into second place with a meagre 42 points. Well done everyone.

Our 2018 ended with a New Years dinner at the club. A large number attended and the decorations and entertainment were second to none. The effort put in by the Lady Captain and her Vice with others transformed the dining area into a beauty to behold. Congratulations to Renato and his staff and to all who made it such a wonderful event. It was a privilege to welcome in the New Year in such wonderful company and I hope that these events will continue to be supported.

We are now into 2019 and I am aware of another of our members who has passed away. Peter Chamberlain will have a special mention in our next newsletter.

Last month's quiz was won in record time by past Captain Ford.

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

1. Film and year of release?

*As good as it gets. 1997*

2. Actor uttering line and character played?

*Jack Nicholson as Melvin Udall*

3. Actress being spoke to and character played?

*Helen Hunt as Carol Connelly*

4. Name of dog in film?

*Verbally*

### This month's quiz.

## **“HOW CAN YOU BE SO OBTUSE?”**

1. Line from which film?
2. Year of film?
3. Actor and character speaking line?
4. Actor and character being spoke to?

Good luck!





*Christmas Turkey Flutter prize winners*





*Christmas Turkey Flutter*





*Christmas Turkey Flutter*





*Boxing Day Winners Tim and Susan Russell with Lady Captain Lisa Burns and Club vice-Captain Alan Bentley*



*Lady Captain and Boxing Day Runners up Alan Bentley and Pat Barrett*



*Boxing Day 3rd Place  
Hayden Brooke and Calvin Holmes*



*Boxing Day Nearest the pin ladies winner  
Susan Russell*



*Boxing Day Nearest the pin men winner  
Joey Miller Cheevers*





*New Year's Eve Celebrations*





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## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

December 2018 was as usually a busy month in the Members calendar with many Christmas competitions. I would like to thank Kenny & Roger for running the Turkey Flutter, the Boxing Day and Cristina for running the office to allow me to take some time off with the Family over Christmas.

The Turkey Flutter was won by Tim Russell who had a fantastic score of 41 points and apparently the turkeys were enormous and he also went on to win the Boxing Day with Susan Russell with 43 points. Tim is not here very often but he definitely cleaned up over Christmas.

The Eclectic competition sponsored by the Pinheiros Altos Academy Shop was won for the men by John Seabrook with a score of 62 and for the ladies by Sally Evans with a score of 70 which must now have a collection of new sets of clubs. The nett prizes for the Eclectic for the men was Peter Seabrook with a score of 56 and Stella Jeffrey for the ladies with a score 55. I am pleased to announce that the Pinheiros Altos Academy Shop will sponsor this competition through 2019 and that all the Monthly medals will count for the eclectic and the winners will win a Titleist golf sets & Titleist woods.



*Ladies Eclectic nett prize winner Stella Jeffrey receiving her new driver.*

PA January Newsletter photo 14 – Club Captain Michael Collins and Lady Captain Lisa Burns presenting the Ladies Eclectic winner Sally Evans with the new set of clubs.

PA January Newsletter photo 15 –Ladies Eclectic nett prize winner Stella Jeffrey receiving her new driver.

New Year's Day Scramble this year had a great turn out with 160 players on the day. The "Brian Evans New Year Scramble Trophy" was presented to the winning team Peter Seabrook, Gary & Jill Miller Cheevers, Christine Soden & Debbie Madgett.

Also notable was the number on New Year's Eve in the Clubhouse which was over 80 people and the atmosphere and the party went as good as ever with the disco & dance in the bar area.

Handicap revision will take place this month so all the bandits out there should be prepared to receive their new handicap for this golfing year!

In February our main event is of course the St Valentine Trophy and I look forward to see as many of you signing in for this event played over 2 days, one round at Pinheiros Altos and another round at San Lorenzo. There will be a welcome cocktails on



*Club Captain Michael Collins and Lady Captain Lisa Burns presenting the Ladies Eclectic winner Sally Evans with the new set of clubs.*



14th February 2019 and the golf will be played on 15th & 16th February followed by the usual dinner at Pinheiros Altos.

I have been made aware that quite a few members find it difficult to play the competition (Stableford & Medals) on the Sunday and therefore are not able to put in scores to keep their handicap active. With this in mind the committee has decided to allow members to play their Stableford round for the monthly Stableford on the Saturday prior to the scheduled Sunday Monthly Stableford. Members will have to arrange their own group and book their own starting time on the same course as the Stableford played on the following day. The members willing to take this option will have to sign in the Stableford book before the play on the Saturday. I hope that this measure will help us increasing the number of entries in the Monthly Stableford.

I am very sad to inform the passing away of former Pinheiros Altos Member Mr. Peter Chamberlain who was one of the first member of the Club. He will be dearly missed as he was one character to remember and made us laugh over the years. Rest in peace Peter.

The Club committee has decided that players which are not present at Prize Presentation made on the day of play for individual events will not be presented with their prize so please make sure that if there is a presentation following an individual tournament you attend the ceremony. That should be even if you know you have not won a prize. In the case of team events it will be to the discretion of the tournament committee to decide if the prize is presented to the team or not.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the maintenance staff on the progress made on the Golf course especially on the greens and a lot of the pros that have played recently the golf course have given us a lot of positive feed-back from the progress the course has made over the last 12 months.

Many of you may already be aware but on payment of your annual Subscription the principal Member will receive a credit of €200 to be used in food & beverage in the Clubhouse during 2019 so make sure you pick up your membership cards with Cristina in the Golf Office.

I together with all the staff at Pinheiros Altos would like to wish all of you and families a great golfing year!

## Competition Results for December

| Date     | Competition                                       | Winner  | Score                  | Runner Up  | Score                 |
|----------|---|---|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Sun 2nd  | St Andrews<br>Day Stableford                      | Lisa Burns  | 36 Pts                 | Tony Hickey  | 34 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> ) |
| Wed 5th  | Ladies Day<br>Monthly Medal                       | <b>1st Division</b><br>Zoë Pirret<br><b>2nd Division</b><br>Wendy Evans | 72 Nett<br><br>79 Nett |  |                       |
| Wed 12th | Ladies Christmas<br>Competition Santa<br>Scramble | Sally Evans<br>Cathy Harper<br>Molly Wainwright<br>Adrienne Buth        | 66.8 Nett              | Zoë Pirret<br>Amanda Stretton<br>Wendy Evans<br>Melody Cotterill | 70.5 Nett             |
| Sun 16th | December Medal                                    | Adrienne Buth   | 75 Net ( <i>bb9</i> )  | Tony Hickey  | 75 Nett               |



## Competition Results for December cont.

| Date         | Competition                      | Winner  | Score        | Runner Up   | Score                    |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------|---|--------------------------|
| Wed 19th     | Ladies Day<br>Monthly Stableford | <b>1st Division</b><br>Cathy Harper                                     | 32 Pts (bb6) | <b>1st Division</b><br>Amanda Stretton                      | 32 Pts                   |
|              |                                  | <b>2nd Division</b><br>Lisa Burns                                       | 33 Pts       | <b>2nd Division</b><br>Molly Wainwright                     | 31 Pts                   |
| Sun 23rd     | Christmas Turkey Flutter         | Tim Russell   | 41 Pts       | Knut Ellingsen  | 34 Pts ( <i>bb6 13</i> ) |
| Wed 26th     | Boxing Day                       | Tim Russell   | 43 Pts       | Alan Bentley  | 42 Pts ( <i>bb9 20</i> ) |
|              |                                  | Susan Russell   |              | Pat Barrett   |                          |
| Tues 1st Jan | New Year's<br>Day Scramble       | Peter Seabrook  | -8,5         | Chris Goode   |                          |
|              |                                  | Gary M Cheevers<br>Jill M Cheevers<br>Christine Soden<br>Debbie Madgett |              | Ken Dulieu<br>Trevor Goode<br>Chris Hughes<br>Roger Brandão |                          |
|              |                                  | <b>Pros</b>   |              |   |                          |
|              |                                  | Ross Sutherland   | -12,5        |   |                          |
|              |                                  | Rhys Ford   |              |   |                          |
|              |                                  | Calvin Holmes   |              |   |                          |
|              |                                  | Steve Coull   |              |   |                          |
|              |                                  | Paul Greenhalph   |              |   |                          |

## Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

My first experience of spending December in the Algarve has been memorable - bucket loads of sunshine, reams and reams of wrapping paper and party, party, party! Thank goodness for a quiet January!

Due to the way Christmas fell the Ladies only had three competitions in December: Medal, Stableford and the Christmas competition and lunch. This got the festive season rolling! We played a Santa Scramble which was followed by drinks and nibbles in the Members' lounge. Thanks to Vera for sponsoring the mulled wine and to Barbara, Cathy, Molly, Amanda, Zoe, Adrienne, Vera and Helen for providing the delicious selection of savoury and sweet nibbles. Everyone looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers etc and congratulations to all the winners of the scramble.

Following Secret Santa Debbie put all the gossip to bed and announced the name of the Ladies' Vice Captain for 2019/20 - Sue Georges. Congratulations Sue – you and Debbie will be a great team and will have a fabulous year.

The early part of the month was spent buying and wrapping Christmas presents with Zoe and Jenny. I am putting Zoe forward as a contestant for "Supermarket Sweep" as she is a formidable lady with a list and a shopping trolley! She would win that show! The final number of presents provided by members of PA was huge 90 – thanks to you all for your generosity and for making many children's Christmas special.

As a "thank you" from the Salvation Army for all the support Members of PA have provided this year, the Salvation Army





*Santa Scramble*





*Santa Scramble*



Band came to play at the Turkey Flutter lunch. Congratulations to all the winners on the day – I have never seen such large turkeys in my life – they were enormous!

The year ended with a great New Year's Eve party at the Club. Thanks to everyone who attended and made it a very memorable night. I would just like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2019. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Social Golf - by Iain Callaghan

Christmas festivities are contrived to start with the December Social Golf and this was no exception though the weather, over 20° the equivalent of a UK Summer's day, belied the onset of the Festive season. Furthermore, the appearance of most of the men sporting shorts matched up with warm wooly Xmas sweaters was an incongruous sight - thanks to everyone who made the special effort, wearing colourful Xmas gear.

The scheduled competition was 4 Clubs and a Putter but Zoe had made an impassioned plea, a few days beforehand, for the inclusion of a sand iron (reckon she'd been in quite a few bunkers in a similar event earlier in the month) - so in the spirit of goodwill toward all, 4 Clubs plus a Sand-wedge & Putter was the amended competition of the day, with two better scores to count.

Regardless of the implied impediment of access to a restricted number of clubs, it always amazes me that the winning scores stack up very well compared to other competitions played with a full set, as you'll read in the results below ..... somewhere there's a lesson there!

A good turnout of 42 players took part enjoying the warm sunshine and were joined by 8 guests for supper which, for most, was the first of many seasonal helpings of roast turkey, with all the trimmings. The Christmas Fayre was very good indeed, Renato and his team well deserving of the praise, for food and good service, expressed on the day. It was pleasing also to welcome Tom Copp, Neal & Lesley Avent along with Dermot & Brogna Hennessy as first-timers to Social Golf.

The results and prize-winning scores were:-

### CORKS/OLIVES

1st - 86 pts

Alan Bentley, Nils Leffler, Ingrid Hollier plus Sue George (floater)

2nd - 80 pts

Andy Wheeler, Nigel Collins, Lesley Avent & Shona Callaghan

3rd - 71 pts

David Markey, Liam Edwards, Melody Cotterill & Vera Watkins

### OLIVES/PINES

1st - 82 pts

Neil Sutton, Iain Callaghan, Diana Collins plus Stella Jeffrey (floater)

2nd - 78 pts

Dermot Hennessy, Brian Schofield, Molly Wainwright & Marna Edwards

3rd - 75 pts

Neal Avent, Per Anton Kleppa, Andy Georges & Cathy Harper

After the prizes had been awarded, we all enjoyed an informal "sing-along" of popular Christmas Carols led by David Markey - it was all good fun if not in total harmony and the finale of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" with gents and ladies singing alternate verses (standing up /sitting down) was absolutely hilarious! Just a group of people, relaxed having fun enjoying the company in a slightly tipsy atmosphere..... and that's what Social Golf at P.A. is all about.

Finally, my thanks to everyone for their participation during the year and to DM, et al for making the year's final event such good fun and on behalf of the Social Golf Committee, Best Wishes for a happy and healthy 2019.

The first Social Golf event of the new year will be the combined Social with Quinta do Lago (hosted by them) on Sunday 27th January.



# Report from the Greens Committee

The committee met on Friday the 11th of January with the course manager, Marco, Ana the environment representative, and the club Director.

This week saw the senior professionals and some amateurs playing for cash prizes in what is the first event of the senior season.

The course was well presented and the players played on some of the fastest greens they will encounter all season. The greens were running at 12 on the stimp meter which is very fast! Very few players were able to beat par despite excellent playing conditions.

We are entering our second year of major work on the course and the following is what the members can expect in the next 12 months.

## 1. Greens

The quicker surfaces and excellent colour is a testament to the spread of the bent grasses which are more resistant to disease and weather variations. It may not be possible to keep such fast surfaces all season but we hope speeds of 8/10 on the stimp will be normal.

## 2. Tees

The tees are improving and work is about to start to enlarge the third of Pines tee and also the 8th of corks. There are some poor areas on some tees but we expect an overall improvement in what the committee feel to be an important presentation aspect of the course.

## 3. Fairways.

We are conscious that the introduction of sand on all fairways has meant members and all players have difficult lies and placing will remain in place until growth starts.

Marco is going to start to feed the fairways later this month. The application of sand is rather less than STRI

were recommending but it was felt so much sand would make the course unplayable over a short period. As it is some 13 tons of sand per hectare is being applied to the fairways!

The fairways are being verti drained and treated where necessary for fungal damage. We believe that when fertility reaches the correct level in the soil the grasses will be more resistant to diseases.

Where trees have been removed in the rough, the stumps are to be "ground out." In the meantime Marco will circle them with ground under repair lines.

## 4. Tree lobbing

Several hundred trees are being lobbed/pruned to allow more air to the course and to provide better "playability" This is ongoing over the next 2/3 months with substantial work on the trees left of 8 of Pines approaching the green. We hope to stop balls being held in tree canopies.

## 5. Bunkers

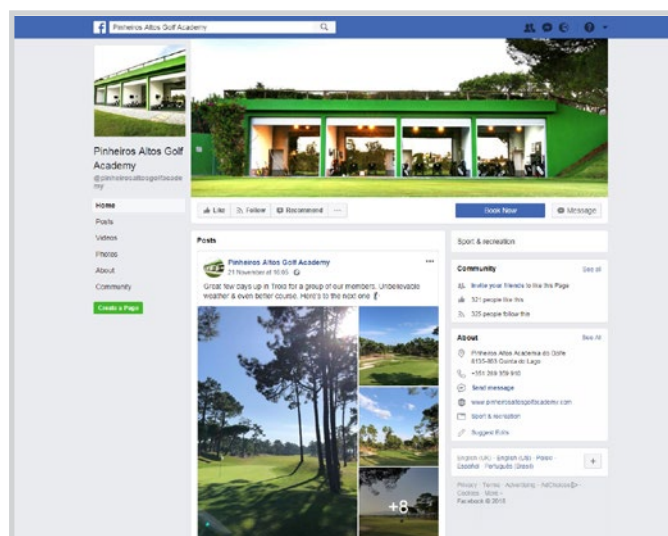
The dry weather and reduced irrigation has caused some sand to build up in some bunkers which makes plugged balls more common. We have not added any more sand to any bunkers but more careful raking is needed to improve playability. Members must do their best in this respect when raking!

Marco remains confident that we will see substantial improvements to all aspects of the course in 2019. That is the target set by the Committee!

Members should feel free to bring any issues they are unhappy about relating to course presentation to any of the committee members who in turn will raise those issues with the course manager.



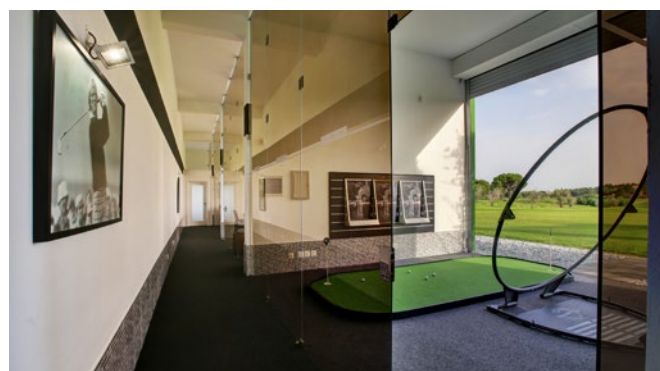
## Academy News



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

### January & February 2019

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 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                             |
| Sat 2nd February    | Mens Roll Up                           |
| Sun 3rd February    | February Stableford                    |
| Wed 6th February    | Ladies Day                             |
| Sat 9th February    | Mens Roll Up                           |
| Sun 10th February   | 18 Holes Social Golf                   |
| Wed 13th February   | Ladies' Foursomes Championship         |
| Fri 15th February   | St Valentine's Day                     |
| Sat 16th February   | St Valentine's Day (No Roll Up)        |
| Wed 20th February   | Ladies Day                             |
| Sat 23rd February   | Mens Roll Up                           |
| Sun 24th February   | February Medal                         |
| Wed 27th February   | Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain       |
| Thurs 28th February | Men Pairs Matchplay                    |
| Fri 1st March       | Men Pairs Matchplay                    |
| Sat 2nd March       | Men Pairs Matchplay                    |
| Sun 3rd March       | Men Pairs Matchplay & March Stableford |