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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

January seems to have flown by. Most of the resolutions have been discarded and we are back to normal. New Years Day saw the passing of one of our members, Peter Chamberlain. He died on a trip to Thailand, where after a fall he was hospitalised, during which he succumbed to the complications that followed. His step daughter, Eva has been in contact and informed me of an intended memorial service to be arranged by the family. All will be invited to attend.

New Years Day saw the five man team Texas scramble. As usual it was very well attended and great fun. Some fabulous scores took the prizes.

Other competitions throughout the month included a pro-am event which proved very popular. Congratulations to the all female winners of the Winter medal and the January stableford. In the medal Amanda Stretton pipped Sally Evans with a better back nine. The stableford saw Lorraine Dunabin win with 40 points a massive five points over her nearest rival Diana Collins. Well done to you all.

On Tuesday 12th February people were invited to a cocktail hour in the Members Lounge. The purpose of this soirée was to give new members a chance to integrate with more established members and hopefully forge new golfing opportunities. I would advise that this event is for all members.

I would like tell all members that is my intention to celebrate St Patrick's Day, Sunday 17th March with a day of golf with prizes for a team event followed by a meal of Irish Stew and sweets that have utilised Baileys. This will be followed by a demonstration of Irish Dancing followed by the Six Irish Men. The poster will be displayed so and I would hope that the event will be well patronised. This is the last event that will benefit the Captains' charities.

Last month's quiz: **'HOW CAN YOU BE SO OBTUSE?'**
Shawshank Redemption; 1994; Tim Robbins playing Andy Dufresne; Bob Gunton playing Warden Norton

It was a tight race but one of our serial winners was tipped at the post by Brian Schofield. Well done Brian.

This month's quiz.

"IT WAS BEAUTY THAT KILLED THE BEAST"

Film

Year

Actor

Character



Christophe Rindlisbacher, Co-sponsor John Waters, 3rd Place Andrew Oldcorn, Winner Miguel Angel Martin, 2nd Place Michael Watson and Brian Evans



Algarvian Invitational Winner Miguel Angel Martin



Co-sponsor John Waters and Stephen East



Algarvian Charity Pro Am Pros' top winners



Algarvian Charity Pro Am Winners Simon Elkington, Trevor Newton, David Coupland and David Cartwright



Algarvian Charity Pro Am Runners up Stephen East, John Waters, Sumbaline Waters and Gordon Brand



Algarvian Charity Pro Am 3rd Place Anthony Flanagan, Tim Stanley, Mark Ashworth and Steve Hackers



Algarvian Charity Pro Am 4th Place John Farrell, Eric Nicoli, Sian Stonehill and Simon Brown



Algarvian Charity Pro Am 5th Place Andy Halsall, Howard Bilton, Bob Bilton and Bradley Smith



Cheque of €4000 being presented to Apatris

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The highlight of January 2019 after the New Year's day scramble was the Algarvian Invitational Senior tournament which was played for its 7th year running. It was once more organized as a joint venture with Laranjal and played over Pinheiros Altos Pines-Corks course and at Laranjal course over 3 competitive rounds of Golf. The turn-out for this tournament was the largest ever with 135 players and over 80 top senior professionals. The prize money was just over €35.000 which also was the highest ever for the Algarvian Invitational which would not have been possible without our 2 main Sponsors Pinheiros Altos member Mr. John Waters and owner of Quinta do Lago Mr. Denis O'Brian.

The weather over the 3 days was amazing and the sunshine was present every day even than a little bit cold in the mornings but all the players were amazed with the climate in January in the Algarve.

Yet another Spaniard took the trophy this year, Former Ryder Cup player Miguel Angel Martin won for the 2nd time in this tournament with scores of 68 on Laranjal and 68 & 70 on Pinheiros Altos to be 3 in the lead from Michael Watson followed himself by former Algarvian Invitational Winner

Andrew Oldcorn. Miguel Angel Martin took the winnings of €7.000.

The tournament was a huge success and all players were very compliment on the condition of both courses and also many mention on the improvement of the Pinheiros Altos greens which were up to 11 on the steam meter and that without rolling them.

We are already planning with Quinta do Lago the tournament for next year which will be played in the same format over 3 rounds over Pinheiros Altos & Laranjal.

Following the Algarvian Invitational we also organized in Partnership with Quinta do Lago, San Lorenzo & Dona Filipa hotel the fourth Algarvian Charity Pro Am which was played over Quinta do Lago South & North, San Lorenzo & Pinheiros Altos. Again another record was broken and I am not only talking about the scores but about the attendance as the Pro Am had 50 teams and 200 players enjoying another fantastic week while the weather did not let us down as it was probably the best climate week during January. The Pro Am was played over the 4 courses every day and Brian Evans, Mario Vitoria, Roger Calço

and myself each had their course to look after. The team worked very hard and the week went very smoothly.

The winners were David Coupland team with Simon Elkington, Trevor Newton & David Cartwright as his 3 amateurs with a score of 56 under par for the 4 days which might sound a lot but was only 2 points clear from last year's winner who finished in 2nd place Gordon Brand's team with John & Sumbaline Waters and Stephen East. I do think their secret weapon is Sumbaline!

As last year we had 2 different prize money, one for the 50 years old and over and the other for the players under 50 years old as well as Ladies Pro Prize if they get into the top 4 which Rebecca Hudson did finish in third spot. The individual Pro score was won for the seniors by Simon Brown shooting 9 under par for the 4 rounds and the youngsters prize money was for the third year running for David Coupland who shot 16 under par for the 4 days and an outstanding 64 on Quinta do Lago North.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the staff involved from Pinheiros Altos & Quinta do Lago in organizing both tournaments and specially the green staff as well as all the golf staff as & the hotel staff who looked after the players off the course.

Also a big thank you on my behalf for the continued support from John Waters in both tournaments as well as all his input to lounge an amateur senior mini tour which I am sure will see the light in 2020 and I will have more information to come soon.

Winter Medal was won by Amanda Stretton with a score of 68 beating Sally Evans with a better back nine and Lady Captain Lisa Burns was 3rd with a 69.

The January Stableford again was dominated by ladies as Lorraine Dunabin took the 1st spot with 40 points followed by Diana Collins with 35 points and thanks to Hayden Brooke with 34 points in third to save the honor for the men in January.

I would like to remind every member who play in competitive golf that you should make sure your handicap is active

meaning having 4 qualifying scores over the last 12 months in order to claim victory in board competition. Any member whose handicap is not active will not be eligible to win board competitions. The 4 qualifying scores can be played in regular tournaments or extra day scores handed in the Golf Office for recording.

Also do not forget if you are not able to play the Stablefords on Sundays you can now arrange your own game on the Saturday (day before the Monthly Stableford) and have your score counting for the competition. Make sure you play the same course as the competition is booked for on the Sunday.

I am delighted that Andy Georges has accepted to be the candidate nominated by the committee to be the future Vice-Captain as from the next AGM while his wife Sue Georges will be the Lady Vice Captain. I am sure that both of them will be a great credit to the Golf Committee and their experience of many years in the Golf Industry will bring a lot to the Club and I look forward to be able to work with them in developing the Golf Club over the next few years.

Alan Bentley & Debbie Madgett will be taking over their roles of Captains in April and I can assure you we are looking at a very active and fun year ahead as they are already planning many activities on the Golf Course as well as off the Golf course.

Please keep an eye open for the special day on 17th March to celebrate St Patrick's Day which will be the last Charity event for Captain Michael Collins and also the Mens Pairs Matchplay to be played from 28th February 2019 while we are at the door step of the St Valentine Week end which looks like for once we will get 2 days of good weather and should manage both rounds!

Also a reminder that the Golf Club AGM is on April 18th 2019 and we look forward to see as many of you there.

I wish you all a great start to the Golf Season and look forward to see many of you in the next few weeks!

AGM

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 18th April 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Questions for the Director of Golf at the A.G.M. should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Thursday 4th April 2019.

Only questions made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered by the Director of Golf at the A.G.M.

If any principal member would like to stand for election as Incoming Vice-Captain they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by four principal members in writing on or before Thursday 4th April 2019.

It is my pleasure to present a photo gallery of the present Captains and incoming Captains, Lady Vice-Captain and proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain.

Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. Michael Collins
3. Mr. Michael Collins summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. Alan Bentley.
4. The Captains acceptance speech.
5. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
6. The Chairman closes the meeting.



Michael Collins – Club Captain



Alan Bentley – Incoming Club Captain



Andy Georges - Proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain



Lisa Burns – Lady Captain



Debbie Madgett – Incoming Lady Captain



Sue Georges - Incoming Lady Vice Captain

Competition Results for January

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Zoë Pirret	67 Nett	Amanda Stretton	74 Nett
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Lorraine Dunabin	77 Nett	Lisa Burns	79 Nett
Sun 6th	Winter Medal	Amanda Stretton	68 Nett (bb9)	Sally Evans	68 Nett
Wed 9th	Ladies Day	Susan Russell	39 Pts	Amanda Stretton	37 Pts
	American Foursomes	Stella Jeffrey		Marna Edwards	
Sun 13th	January Stableford	Lorraine Dunabin	40 Pts	Diana Collins	35 Pts
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division		1st Division	
		Lisa Burns	33 Pts	Lorraine Dunabin	29 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Molly Wainwright	32 Pts	Sally Ward	30 Pts
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Non Qualifying Par Competition	Molly Wainwright	- 4 c/b	Dawn Warnock	- 4
Wed 30th	Ladies Day	Sally Evans	18 Pts	Zoë Pirret	10 Pts
	Throw Mama from the Train	Lorraine Dunabin		Philippa Clancey	
		Josie Waddington		Marna Edwards	

Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

There will be many of you that I have not seen in 2019 so Happy New Year to you – may this be a healthy and prosperous one for you all.

January has come and gone in a flash and what a glorious month it has been – extremely pleasant golfing conditions which has witnessed some great scoring by the Ladies. Congratulations to Zoe who won the January Ladies medal with a magnificent 67 nett. And the Ladies had a clean sweep in the Club Medal in January – 1st Amanda Stretton 68 (BB9), 2nd Sally Evans 68, 3rd me with a 69 and we all had large cuts!!

We also had the opportunity to play a new fun game entitled Throw Mama from the Train introduced to me by Susan Russell.

I was delighted that Susan was here to join in on the day that I ran this competition. We played in teams of three and just one member of the team must score a net par or better to score a team point. The point is then carried forward to the next hole and if one-member scores the points build up, however if no one scores then all the team points are lost, and you must start earning points again! Here are the results:

- 1st Sally Evans, Lorraine Dunabin, Josie Waddington
– 18 points the maximum that can be scored! Well done!
- 2nd Zoe Pirret, Philippa Clancy, Marna Edwards
– 10 points
- 3rd Denise Reed, Melody Cotterill, Isle Berg
– 5 points

The 5 other teams had either accumulated 1 or 2 points! My own team had 14 points after the 14th hole, but as no one scored on the 15th we lost them all!!!

On the social front Melody Cotterill organised on the 8th January for 25 ladies to have a healthy lunch at Danos (The Campus) and a tour of the facilities. It was a great success and my thanks go to Melody for dealing with all the arrangements.

On the 30th January 8 Ladies enjoyed an evening at the cinema at Mar watching La Traviata streamed live from the Royal Opera House London – it was brilliant and fantastic value for money!

February looks to equally busy!

Interclub - by Neil Bamber

ALGARVE INTERCLUB LEAGUE

Well here we go again, another season of Interclub and a familiar face in charge!

Firstly, though just a quick mention of last year's skipper, Geoff, who is sidelined for the next few months with Achilles issues. His captaincy has led us back into the 1st division and my first aim is to keep us there.

The season begins with an away knockout match against Levante (aka) Quinta da Cima on March 18 then two

home games against the current champions Vila Sol and Boavista We have a number of new members who have put their names forward but there is always room for more.

The ladies section so far this year has won everything but not all winners have put their names forward, so now is their chance.

My email address is neilbamber@hotmail.com so if interested, please get in touch.

That is it for now

Neil Bamber Interclub Skipper

Social Golf - by Knut Pedersen

Sunday the 27th of January we had our annual social event with Quinta at Quinta do Lago.

PA had 29 players attending and the early start did not deter our enthusiasm.

Mixed teams comprising two PA members and two CGQL members, each played a modified AM-AM (2 to score on Par 4 and 5 – 3 to score on the Par 3) over a windy and cold North Course.

After the game, we were welcomed to their clubhouse for a lunch with their famous chicken pie, modified with the crust on the side. The event was a success with great atmosphere and a friendly game. I would like to thank Mark Foot, Diana Mucklow (Lady Captain) and Brian Murphy (Captain) for a great day.

The winners of the day was the team of David Hess & Zandra Hogan, paired with Andy Wheeler & Fiona Hanby with a score of 93 points. 2nd Place went to Sue Georges & Malcolm Hollier with Gerald & Catriona Porter, and 3rd Place to Lisa Burns & Byron Clancy with Rupert & Diana Mucklow. I also congratulate Paul Hanby for winning men's closest to the pin, well played.

I am sorry not everyone could play the game, but we were limited to their pairings and numbers of players.

The next social events will be on the 10th February, when the competition will be Sixes, followed on 24th March playing the mysterious game of "Who stole the Par 4's".

I hope as many as possible can join in both events.

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee has not met this month due to difficulties of member's availability and the extent of competitive play on the course. However informal discussions have taken place and we hope to be able to have a more detailed report on progress for next month and in particular before the AGM in April.

Members will have seen that extensive pruning of the pines has taken place on "Pines" and over the entire course which will allow both better sighting of the greens and fairways from the tree areas and allow more light onto the course.

The planting over approximately 1000 pines over 10 years ago and the loss of so few of the trees whilst on the one hand shows good husbandry had also made the course too restrictive for many shots from the rough!

There is still some major pruning to be done on the left of 8 of Pines and the committee have been asked to look at some specific tree removal by some ladies relating to the three pines to the left of the green of 4 of Pines. The committee is also waiting for some specific tree pruning of trees to the left of 4 of Pines for shots from the tee and the left and right of the fairway on 7 of Corks for the third shot to the green.

The weather proves to be typical of this time of the year with intermittent cold nights but frequent warm sunny days. Night temperatures need to improve and more rain is needed to encourage growth. Sanding of fairways and greens continues. Feeding is due to take place very shortly.

The extensive fungus disease in particular on the fairway of 2 of Corks is unsightly and is being treated. The Committee very much hope that this problem can be overcome in the future with better growth and more resistant grasses.

The greens remain outstanding being firm and fast and testament to the better bent grasses which have now become more established. Members seem to like the challenge of fast greens but professional opinion is that over 10 on the stimp meter for greens with our strong contours maybe too challenging for a resort course? Perhaps members will indicate their views?

Warmer nights and feeding of the course should start to show in improved fairways as long as we have more rain!

We are making slow but positive progress and the greens staff understand what we all hope for and now seems within reach with better management and increased funding.

The AGM starts the beginning of a very active golf season and we wish all members good golfing and welcome comments on course improvement.

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 February & March 2019

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
Wed 6th March	Ladies Day
Sat 9th March	Mens Roll Up
Wed 13th March	Madrinha Trophy
Sat 16th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th March	St Patricks Day
Wed 20th March	Ladies Day
Thurs 21st March	Interclub – Vila Sol (Home)
Sat 23rd March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th March	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 27th March	Ladies V Cloggies
Thurs 28th March	Interclub – Boavista (Home)
Sat 30th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 31st March	March Medal