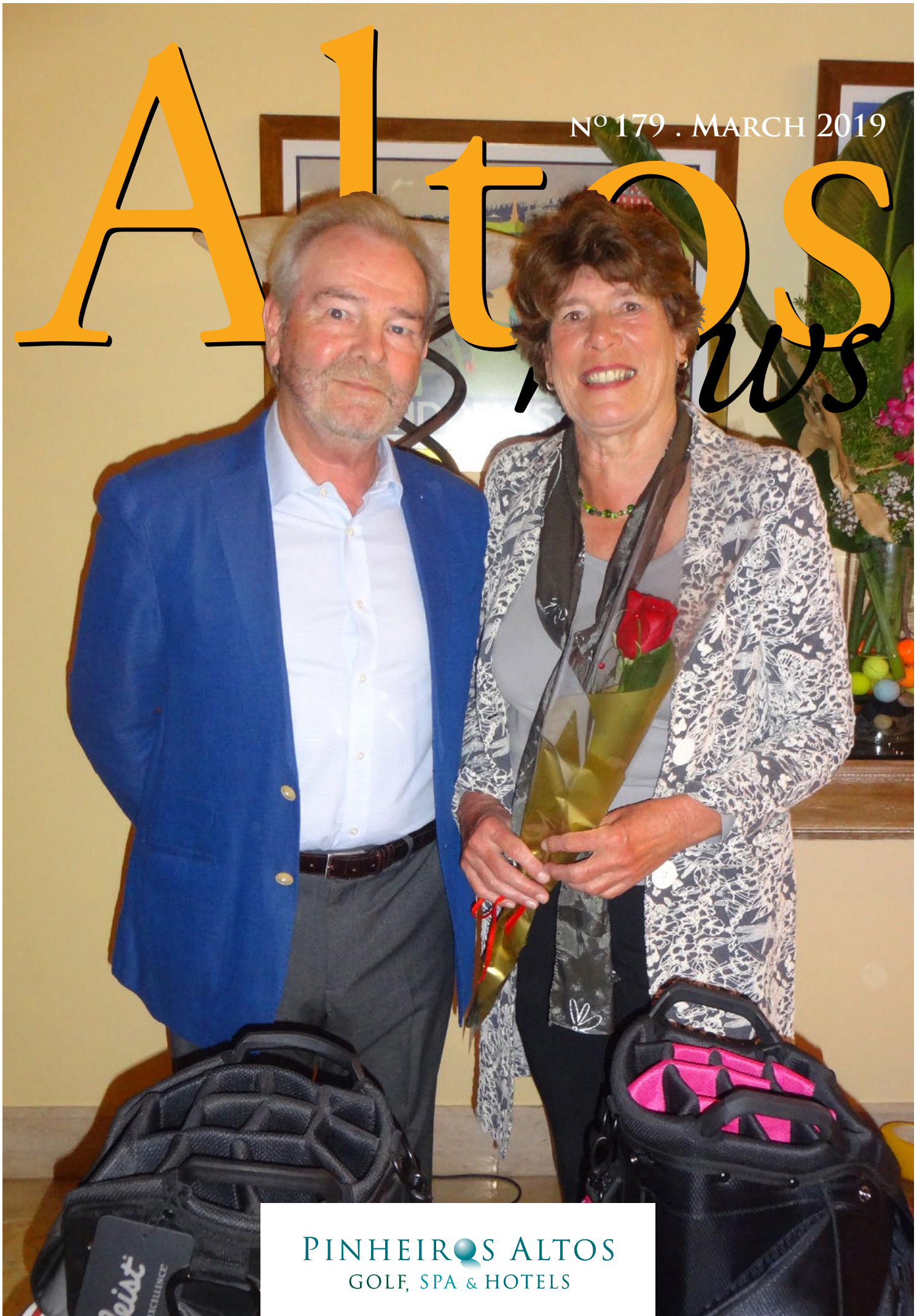


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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

February was a relatively quiet month.

Helen Mills winning the monthly stableford with David Pirret coming second. Later in the month Peter Seabrook won the medal with Phillipa Clancey in second.

The main event for the month was the St. Valentines Day competition which turned out to be a complete success with both days remaining rain free.

The evening of the Thursday soirée and the dinner on the Friday were well attended and most enjoyable. The dinner itself was preceded by a very extensive prize giving.

Our thoughts throughout the month went to Brian Scott and his family. A few weeks ago, with the help of Knut Pedersen he came to the club on his usual Wednesday and sat with his beloved Cloggies. Typically he greeted everyone with the grace and good humour we have all come to know.

My own personal journey as Club Captain is near its end but I will have a further newsletter to accomplish before that. I do hope also that shorts will be the rule as opposed to the exception from now on. My legs are looking quite anaemic at this time.

Last month's quiz result.

Again serial winner Iain Callaghan was pipped to the post by Brian Schofield. The words "IT WAS BEAUTY KILLED THE BEAST"

Asking for

Film. King Kong

Year. 1933

Actor. Robert Armstrong

Character. Carl Denham

This month's quiz.

**THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS FILM was released in 1992. Be prepared to answer the following.**

1. The film was based on a book of the same name. Who was the author?
2. Who were the main male and female leads.
3. Who was the LAST OF THE MOHICANS
4. Based upon events in North America the conflict was better known as.....?
5. The daughters of the Colonel were called? And? (Character names only)
6. What was the name of Hawk-eye and how was he known to the Indians and the French?

Good luck.







St Valentine's Day Prize Winners





St Valentine's Day

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St Valentine's Day





*Member's Cocktails*

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## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

February has been relatively quiet on the course and tournaments in Pinheiros Altos. We did of course have our St Valentine day which this year managed to play it over 36 holes on Pinheiros Altos & San Lorenzo courses. The big winners with a score of 83 points in an aggregate format over both days were Tony Hickey & Adrienne Buth. It was a very enjoyable week-end and well attended.

We hosted a new Member's cocktail on 12th February 2019 and it was an opportunity for our committee to meet some of the many new members of Pinheiros Altos and hopefully will open some doors to the new members into the members roll up and get them to be aware of all the social activities on going during the year. We will be having another similar event later this year with a 9 holes competitions and hopefully many of the new members will be able to join us.

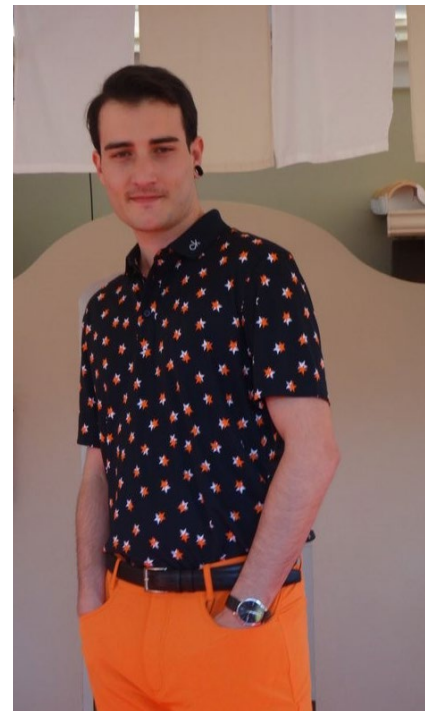
On the following day we had our first fashion show in Pinheiros Altos which was very well attended mainly by the ladies and we are looking to have some more during this year so that our members have a chance to see the new collections before they are out on the shelves.

All members should have received an email from me regarding the new Pinheiros Altos Club App that we are in the process to lounge and we require all the members Principal and associate to update their email address with Cristina in the Golf Office. The aim is to start the Club App at the AGM in April. More information will be send to you as we are progressing.

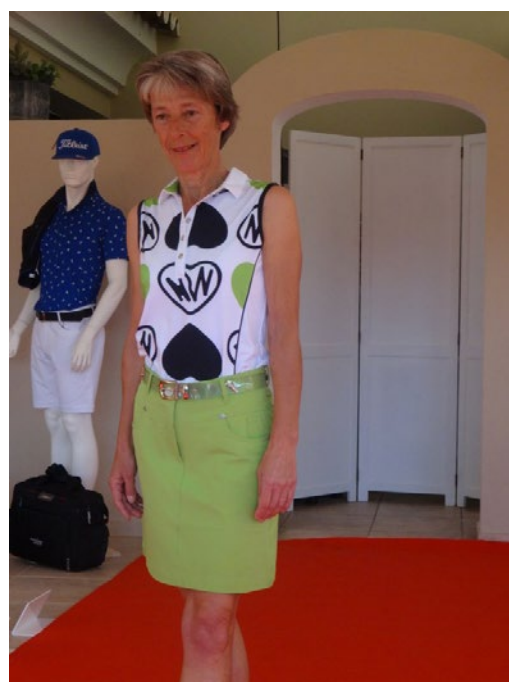
Congratulations to Helen Mills on winning the February Stableford with 36 points and to Peter Seabrook on winning the February Medal with a score of 73.

The next 3 months are looking very busy on the golf course and I would recommend members to play as much as possible in 4 balls as the pace of the golf course will be slower over the next few month.

I look forward to see many of you over the Easter break and enjoy all the golf and activities.









## 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 February

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 3rd	February Stableford	Helen Mills	36 Pts (bb6)	David Pirret	36 Pts
Wed 6th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Zoë Pirret	71 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Chris Sutton	74 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Sally Ward	74 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Pat Murrish	80 Nett (bb6)
Wed 13th	Ladies Foursomes Championship	Susan Russell Debbie Madgett	36 Pts	Wendy Evans Vera Watkins	32 Pts
Fri 15th Sat 16th	St Valentine's Day	<b>Overall Winners`</b> Tony Hickey Adrienne Buth <b>Best Gross</b> Alan Snowball Janet Snowball	42 + 41 = 83 Pts (B9 at SL 21 Pts)  27 + 32 = 59 Pts	<b>Runners Up</b> Andy Georges Sue Georges	42 + 41 = 83 Pts
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Kay Ford	34 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans	30 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Adrienne Buth	34 Pts	<b>2nd Division</b> Diana Collins	32 Pts (bb6)
Sun 24th	February Medal	Peter Seabrook	73 Nett	Philippa Clancey	75 Nett
Wed 27th	Ladies' Captain V Ladies' Vice-Captain	Ladies' Captain Team		Ladies' Vice-Captain Team	

## Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

Where has the month of February disappeared to?!! The Ladies of PA have been so busy golfing, socialising or doing both that the month has flown by!

This month we have had the Ladies Foursome Championship which was won by Susan Russell and Debbie Madgett with 36 pts. Congratulations Ladies. Sue and I had the pleasure of playing with them on the day and there was some magnificent golf on display!

Following the presentation there was a golf fashion show by the Club displaying the new ranges available in the shop. Thanks

to Sue Georges and Lucy Pye for entering into the spirit of the event by being two of the models on the day – there was plenty of cheering for them!

The Ladies' Captain vs the Ladies' Vice Captain was another fun filled day as well rounded off by fizz and pizza with the match being won by the Ladies' Captains team. Debs and I were both carrying wrist injuries on the day and proudly had a photo taken showing off our "accessories" for the day! All legal!!!





On the social front 20 Ladies visited Rizwana Bakht's home in Goldra for an Indian cooking lesson and lunch. The best Indian food I have ever tasted and exquisite onion bhajis. I learnt so much and came away armed with the recipes, spices and lots of good intensions which will materialise later in the Year!

Who said wishful thinking!!!! A great photo of us enjoying our lunch.



On the 22nd and 23rd of February 20 of us went on a Ladies Section golfing trip playing Quinta da Ria and Monte Rei with an overnight stay at the Praia Verde Boutique Hotel which was fantastic. As well as great weather, there was some great golf on display, some adventures, lots of laughter, high fives, dancing – oh and wine!!! Congratulations to all the winners over the two days and a big thank you to Sue Georges for organising the trip.



If you thought that March was going to be a restful month, I am going to disappoint you as it is equally busy with some major / fun competitions and exciting social events on offer. I hope you can make them.

See you soon.





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# Report from the Greens Committee

The full committee met on the 4th March with the Director of golf, the course manager Marco and Ana our environment manager.

The committee believe the course is well presented with extensive work being done over the last few months and this year we believe we will see real improvement to the fairways.

## **The Greens:-**

Weekly sanding and feeding monthly has improved the grasses to give a greater percentage of bent grasses (STRI advise these should be at 85% similar to the Open courses in UK).

They were very fast over January and February but with added feed and some warmer weather and rain are presently running at 8/8.5 on the “stimp meter”. They are however very firm and true and show very few pitch marks.

## **Tees:-**

Marco hopes to complete the new ladies tee on Pines 2 and expand the tee on 8 of corks in the next few months. Improvements need to be made to several tees which show wear from the extensive play over the last few months. The committee believe tees are improving and generally reflect the course improvements.

## **Bunkers:-**

Duncan Evans has agreed to work with Marco in improving some of the bunkers where the sand slopes too severely from the front to the centre of the bunker. A ball entering the bunker should come to rest on a reasonably flat area of sand unless it has plugged in the face.

The water leak on 2 of Pines front bunker is being looked at. In the main the excessive sand has been compacted or reduced in most bunkers.

The long bunker on 6 of Olives will be split so all the sand on the left of fairway will be designated as “waste ground” and a stretch of new turf will designate the bunker area to the left of the green.

## **Fairways:-**

The fairways were fed and verticut earlier this year. The colour has improved but as yet the growth needed on many holes has not started. Marco will be feeding again this month and with warmer weather and more rain growth should start. The nine holes of Pines, Corks and Olives will be shut in 3 consecutive weeks in June to carry out further extensive maintenance. The kikuya grasses are to be encouraged and the very substantial improvement to Olives fairways shows what can be achieved.

## **General:-**

The tree lopping and tree removal is complete apart from one branch to be removed on the corner pine of 8 of Pines. The canopy on 8 of Pines now shows full light and we expect the grasses to start growing in this area. Extra light to all areas of the course were desperately needed and will improve growth and health of the grasses.

The committee have considered several concerns relating to course improvements. In no particular order these are:-

1. The removal of the bunkers at 3 of Corks is satisfactory but we believe the grass should be cut down to stop balls holding near the front edge of the green. The intention was that balls slightly short of the green should roll back to the grassy hollow.
2. The bunker to left of Pines 9 we believe should be filled and made into a grassy hollow. At present there is a “double jeopardy” in landing in the bunker as the large Pine prevents a shot to most of the green area and lessening this difficulty is preferred to removing the pine.



3. The 3 pine trees protecting the left side of 4 of Pines green have become a difficult obstacle for some ladies for their shot to the green. The committee whilst sympathetic do not want to remove this hazard to this short par 5 as there is ample space to hit a shot to the green from the main fairway. However it has been agreed that the oleander bushes should be “thinned” as a ball in this area cannot be either found or even when dropped under penalty be played with the bushes so thickly packed.

4. Finally members will be pleased to learn that the owners have agreed to employ a full time calcada repairer who is due to start work soon. He has a lot to do!

The committee believe we are making progress with the support of Marco his staff and our Director who has supported the increased investment in the course which has been approved by JJW.

We hope to make a further report prior to the AGM in late April.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

## Social Golf - by Stella Jeffrey

Social Golf was held on 10 February this month. The weather was glorious and the event was very well attended. We had 55 players and my fellow organizer Paula Hickey joined us for supper and the presentation. Supper was a very tasty veal stroganoff followed by apple pie and ice-cream and judging by the empty plates, enjoyed by all. We had 6 new members joining us, social golf is a great venue to get to know new members in a relaxed informal environment.

Playing in teams of 4, the format was “sixes”. Three stableford scores to count on the first 6 holes, 2 scores to count on the next 6, finishing with just one score to count on the last 6 holes.



The winners were:

### ***Pines to Corks***

1st (84 points)

Trudie Tensjo, Peter Mills, Malcolm Hollier, Fiona Thomson

2nd (77 points bb9)

Amanda Stretton, David Pirret, Mai Markey, Shona Callaghan

3rd (77 points)

Sue Georges, Per Anton Kleppa, Paul Cotterill, Meg Black

### ***Olives to Pines***

1st (79 points)

Bernd Gorger, Dawn Warnock, Nils Leffler, Bernadette Hardie

2nd (78 points)

David Markey, Chris Stretton, Adrienne Buth, Melody Cotterill

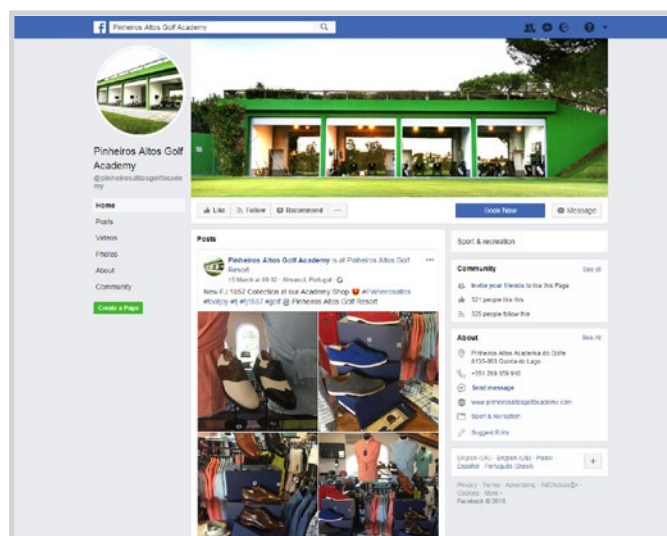
3rd (75 points)

Zoe Pirret, Paul Black, Andy Georges, Tracey Spokes

Next social golf is on 24 March and will be organised by Iain Callaghan and Nils Leffler. The format will be “who stole the par 4s” everybody welcome so look out for the sign-up sheet.



## 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

### March & April 2019

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
Tues 2nd April	Interclub – Vilasol (Away)
Wed 3rd April	Ladies Day
Sat 6th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th April	April Stableford
Wed 10th April	Ladies Day
Sat 13th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th April	18 Holes Social Golf
Mon 15th April	Ladies' AGM
Wed 17th April	Ladies Day
Thurs 18th April	Golf AGM & Captain's Drive In
Sat 20th April	Spring Medal & Past Captains Day (NO ROLL UP)
Sun 21st April	Easter Scramble
Tues 23rd April	APPA AGM and Competition
Wed 24th April	Ladies Day
Sat 27th April	Strokeplay Championship (NO ROLL UP)
Sun 28th April	Strokeplay Championship

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