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GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

This will be my last Newsletter. The next one by our new Captain Alan will probably bring a bit of sanity to this once respectable and serious monthly missive.

March was a busy month. With the Men's Pairs Matchplay being settled over four days with some very close matches resulting in David Ford and Rainer Grimm beating Stewart Harper and Sergey Naumov on the final hole. I was privileged to watch some of that match and could not help but be impressed with the standard being played in such a situation. Well done to all competitors for making it such a memorable event.

On the same Sunday as the conclusion of the matchplay the St David's Day Stableford was contested. The worthy winner with 38 points was a relatively new member, Neil Sutton with Adrienne Buth as runner up with 36 points. Shirley Griffiths presented the trophy that was closely associated with our first Welsh Captain Trevor Griffiths. Well done to you both.

Sergey managed to condole his defeat in the matchplay with victory in the March Medal with a 72 net and Stella Jeffrey runner up with 73 nett. Well done to both.

The final competition arranged to benefit the Captains Charities was St Patrick's Day which fell on Sunday 17th March. A fun competition was won by Shirley Griffiths, Adrienne Buth, Philippa and Byron Clancey with a wonderful score of 98 points. Runners up were Lady Captain, Ken Irving, Sue and Andy Georges with 95 points. The competition was followed by a lunch of Irish Stew with the lamb being sourced by our own John Stone from the Emerald Isle. The sweet followed the Irish theme having been laced with Baileys Irish Cream. What was not in the cake was drunk by the glass. Renato and his staff excelled again. The entertainment that followed did not disappoint what was already a day to remember. A local dance school had their students perform some superb Irish dancing. Upon completion the applause was loud and long showing the appreciation for a wonderful performance. Any suspicion that we had PEAKED at that point was very soon dismissed as

we were entertained by the SIX IRISH SINGERS. All six are Portuguese. Superlatives are an understatement to the show that they put on. I have never seen the dance floor fill so quickly and retain those dancers for what seemed like hours. The main culprits being Marna Edwards, Wendy Evans and Sue Georges. The day was complimented by Dermot Hennessy who provided Hats and Tee shirts to high light the day. The compliments have been many..... the words Best day ever and Can we do it again have been bountiful. We achieved what we had been trying to do for such fund raising events. Donations are forthcoming when people are enjoying themselves. €1500.00 was raised after Lisa added a small amount to reach that round figure. Thank you everyone for your support and we will inform you as to how the charity funds collected through this year 2018/19 have been distributed.

Last month's quiz was won again by serial winner Iain Callaghan. He answered correctly questions about the film LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

The author of the book of the same name was James Fenimore Cooper. The male and female leads were Daniel Day Lewis and Madeleine Stowe. The last of the Mohicans was UNCAS. The conflict was better known as THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR. The daughters of the colonel were called Cora and Alice. Hawk-eye as he was known to the Indians and the French. Nathaniel (Natty) Bumpoo or La Longue Carabine.

This month's final challenge

**ITS JUST A FLESH WOUND.
and TIS BUT A SCRATCH.**

Name of the film and year of release

Character and actor saying lines



Mens Pairs Matchplay and St David's Day



St David's Day Prize Winners



Club Captain Michael Collins and Lady Captain Lisa Burns presenting the Mens Pairs Matchplay Trophy to the Winners David Ford and Rainer Grimm



Mens Pairs Matchplay runners up Sergey Naumov and Stewart Harper



St Patricks Day Winners



St Patricks Day Runners up



St Patricks Day



Annette School of Dance



Annette School of Dance



Annette School of Dance



St Patricks Day



St Patricks Day

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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The month of March kicked off with the Mens Pairs Matchplay which was a 4 days marathon starting on Thursday with a match every day to make your way to the final on Sunday. David Ford & Rainer Grimm as it happen a last minute made up team were to become the Champions for 2019! Congratulations to both! And I guess that means good bye for next year to the original partners!

On this same Sunday the St David's Stableford was played and saw Shirley Griffiths present the trophy to Neil Sutton. Congratulations to Sergey who seems to be back in good form on winning the monthly Medal for March.

The highlight of March however was the last Captain Charity Day on St Patrick day. The atmosphere was amazing and it just show how special is Pinheiros Altos when members get together. Congratulations Captain on a great day and fund raising for the charity!

As there are a few board competitions coming up I would like to remind all members that in order to qualify for board competition your handicap with the Portuguese Golf Federation must be active meaning you have to have at least 4 qualifying scores in the last 12 months. Anyone non active will not be entitle to win the board competitions. Also a reminder that records from playing qualifying round in other courses should be reported so that your handicap is updated. And last but not least any member playing of a lower handicap elsewhere should report it to the Golf Club so that the handicap committee can re-assess the PA handicap accordingly.

As I am writing this newsletter we are now one week away from the AGM. It is very hard to believe how quick the year go past. There is plenty coming up with the Ladies AGM on 15th, the Club AGM on 18th followed by the drive in for both the Club Captain & the Lady Captain. No pressure Alan! On 20th The Spring Medal as well as the past Captains day and on the

following day the Easter Scramble where we expect to have 150 players and great atmosphere as usual. The owners association AGM, competition & dinner will be held on 23rd April and the Club Championship the following week-end on 27 & 28th April. So as you can see there is plenty for you to choose from. Make sure you sign in on the boards in the clubhouse or contact me or Cristina in the Golf office.

The course will be busy over the next few weeks mainly with members and as usual I would like to remind members that the pace of play will be slower therefore always recommend to play in 4 balls.

I look forward to see many of you around for the Club AGM and on behalf of the staff & myself wish you all a Happy Easter hopefully on Pinheiros Altos Golf course.



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 March

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Thur 28th - Sun 3rd	Mens Pairs Matchplay	David Ford Rainer Grimm Stewart Harper Sergey Naumov			
Sun 3rd	St David's Day Stableford	Neil Sutton	38 Pts	Adrienne Buth	36 Pts
Wed 6th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Sue Georges 2nd Division Shirley Lamb	75 Nett 68 Nett	1st Division Lorraine Dunabin 2nd Division Wendy Evans	76 Nett 76 Nett
Wed 13th	Madrinha Trophy	Zoë Pirret Diana Collins	39 Pts	Helen Mills Barbara Fletcher	38 Pts
Sun 17th	St Patricks Day	Shirley Griffiths Adrienne Buth Philippa Clancey Byron Clancey	98 Pts	Lisa Burns Ken Irving Sue Georges Andy Georges	95 Pts
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Sue Georges 2nd Division Adrienne Buth	36 Pts 35 Pts (bb9)	1st Division Helen Mills 2nd Division Sally Ward	34 Pts 35 Pts
Wed 27th	Ladies' V The Cloggies	Ladies	9	Cloggies	5
Sun 31st	March Medal	Sergey Naumov	72 Nett	Stella Jeffrey	73 Nett (bb9)

Ladies Section - by Lisa Burns

Well March has provided another wonderful month of gorgeous weather! I have been enjoying the sunshine and Ken, who is currently in the UK, keeps advising me that snow and rain is forecast at home!!!! But he does tell me that I am missing all the Spring flowers!

March has witnessed some excellent golfing results amongst the Ladies and none more so than Shirley Lamb winning the

2nd Division Medal with a fantastic nett 68. Congratulations Shirley, who was presented with her Medal glass by Debbie.

The Madrinha Trophy played on the 13th March was won by Zoe Pirret and Diana Collins with a brilliant score of 39 pts. Helen Mills and Barbara Fletcher who had a great 38pts were in second place and Lorraine Dunabin and Meg Black in third with 36 pts. All very close! Everyone helped the winners



Madrinha Trophy Prize Winners



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Ladies V The Cloggies

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celebrate with wine and nibbles provided by the Ladies section. Well done Ladies!

The final “fun” competition of the month was the Ladies v The Cloggies on the 27th March. Fourteen flights battled it out for the honour of presenting the Clog! And thanks to brilliant golfing by the Ladies I was (yet again!) able to present it to Knut as the Ladies beat the Cloggies 9/5. As Zoe missed out last year playing with me against Knut due to her detached retina, we partnered each other against Knut and the Captain! It was a very tough match as Zoe was giving loads of shots and we were very soon two down! You can imagine the banter, but that just

galvanised us and with responding banter we battled on and just managed a win! We all enjoyed more banter, chicken and chips with copious amounts of alcohol afterwards!!!! A huge thanks to the Cloggies for sponsoring all the drinks. On behalf of the Ladies we served them with Port and chocolates which was much appreciated. This is now a very special day in the Club calendar and one that everyone looks forward to as it’s a clear demonstration of the fantastic camaraderie between two large sections within the Club.

The Ladies Friendlies matches for 2019 have commenced and Debbie organised our first outing to Benamor. We were given a very warm welcome by June and her team which will reciprocate in May. All our ladies were on form as we won 4 and half to a half. Congratulations Ladies!

On the social front twenty three ladies enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Eva Hotel in Faro. Thanks to Melody for organising the event which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks also go to Amanda who has got the “bit between her teeth” and set up a Ladies Bridge section. We meet on a Wednesday after golf and now have three tables playing on a regular basis!

My time to stand down as Lady Captain is “nigh” – I cannot believe that thirteen months has flown by so fast and that this is my final newsletter!

Interclub - by Neil Bamber

Hi Everyone

As returning captain and having seen our first four fixtures, being honest I felt some trepidation but, isn't it strange how things turn out. Obviously I am sure that team selection is key, but also I simply hope everyone enjoys their matches, having played their best.

Now, the results have been amazing, an away win in the knockout match against Levante, then a home win against the current champions, followed by another more convincing win against last year's runners up. Even better, an away draw against, yes Vila Sol

Quite a start really and looking forward to our busy calendar in May, which for those interested in making themselves available the dates are May 2nd away @ Silves, May 7th away @ Parque da Floresta, May 16th Home to Tavira (league match), May 30th Home to Tavira (knockout)

Have a great month

Neil Bamber

Interclub Skipper

Any member willing to follow Interclub progress please log onto <http://www.interclubalgarve.com>

Report from the Greens Committee

The full committee met on Tuesday the 9 April with Marco the course manager, Christophe the club Director and Ana the environment manager. A course inspection took place together with a discussion on course improvements.

Greens:-

The greens are in excellent condition and mainly free from any fungal disease. They are running at approximately 9 on the “stimp” meter which is sufficient for the contours of our greens. “Dollar spot” has been recognised on some greens but is being treated and is rare. The bent grasses have proved to be the best solution over other grass varieties for both resisting disease and giving fast firm surfaces.

Tees:-

Further work with tining and feeding is still to take place as is added sand application to improve fertility. The Committee believe the appearance of the tees is an important factor in members and visitors perception of the course condition.

Fairways:-

There is concern at the extent of fungal disease on certain fairways and in particular 1&2 of Corks.

The unusual weather conditions over the last few months with both mild night temperatures and more recently unseasonal cold nights is the perfect breeding ground for fungal disease.

Chemical treatment has been applied to the worst areas and the course is due to receive fertilizer very shortly (the previous planned fertilizer application has been delayed). Additional sand application is to be applied which will improve drainage and prevent the wet surfaces which hold the disease on the grass on cold nights with low levels of light first thing in the morning. The massive pruning of the pines on all the courses will improve light and air to the fairways.

The committee are conscious that members have been told this year will show much improvement to fairways and our intention is to see improved growth and the need for “placing” will only be necessary in very adverse weather conditions. As always this is the most difficult challenge for Marco and his staff but he remains confident.

The committee have questioned the need for “ringing” poor areas of turf. When placing is lifted this may occur. There is an area on 3 of corks short of the green (left) when herbicide to kill weeds has left bare ground. Relief will be taken from this area.

Bunkers:-

Bunkers are a hazard but should be playable. They have improved but more work is still ongoing!

Plugged balls are seen on even the best manicured courses and although no one likes them it is impossible to prevent them entirely!

Course improvements:-

The committee are trying to bring about with the approval of the Director and Marco certain improvement in the “playability” of the course. This is a sensitive area and we will not be able to satisfy all sections of the members. The following is a list of achievements and future ambitions. Whenever possible trees have not been cut down.

Work done:-

1. Improved shot access to the 8 of corks green
2. New tee for ladies on 3 of Pines, tree removal /lobbing of trees to ladies driving off 4 of Pines.
3. To all member shots to green on 8 of Pines.
4. Removing tree canopies in all areas which prevent balls being lost.
5. Removal of pot bunkers on 7 of Olives and to 3 of corks.
6. Improved tees on 2 of pines for men and 3 of pines for ladies
7. Enlarged tee on 9 of corks. Tree removal to left of fairway and green on 9 of corks.

Future Ambitions:-

1. An improved and enlarged tee for ladies on 2 of Pines.
2. The removal of excessive Oleander bushes to rear of Pines 4 green (not all!)
3. Filling bunker to left of green on 9 of Pines in to grass hollow.
4. The removal of some trees on 2 of corks (mainly on right side).
5. Allowing more growth on 5 of corks bank to prevent balls easily running into water.

6. Thinning of trees to right of 7 of corks (tree lobbing has already taken place on edge of fairway on this hole)
7. Enlarged men's tee on 8 of Corks.
8. Repaired bridge on 9 of Olives and making long bunker on 7 of Olives waste area.
9. Removal/lobbing of trees on tee of 9 of corks which shade tee and canopy on right of fairway needs cleaning.

There is still plenty to do in addition to ensuring course condition improve!

Apologies for the length of this report but with the AGM looming we hope it will give members scope to ask questions and to make their own suggestions for future course management.

Here's hoping for good weather for Easter as there plenty of golf!

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

Social Golf - by Iain Callaghan

Who Stole the Par 4's? Fun Team Competition

THERE ARE NO PAR 4'S!

Par 4's are played as Par 5's - Men play off the White Tees & Ladies play off the Yellow Tees.

Par 3's and Par 5's are played as normal - Men off the Yellow Tees & Ladies off the Red Tees.

Who Stole the Par 4's: a new game to Social Golf, something a bit out of the ordinary, great fun and a little special for my last time involved in organising social golf events. At first glance it seems a little daunting but we all got the hang of it quite quickly, sometimes having to remember to walk back to the white tees and I think everyone of the 51 players enjoyed it.

All credit goes to Zoe Pirret who not only invented the game but also designed the special score cards for this par 82 competition and recommended the basis of the slope handicaps (men off blue and the ladies off red) all of which went down well - many thanks and well done Zoe I suggest you get your copyright application in quickly!

On the day, we had 51 players made up of 31 men but only 21 ladies so come on girls we need you to sign up and sort out the imbalance! We were joined by 6 guests for an enjoyable supper and it was especially pleasing to welcome seven first timers to Social Golf, Matt & Marijke Venker, Albert Crowley, Gerald & Alison Jones, and Martin & Jane Jones - I hope it's the first of many.

The day's results and prize-winning scores were:-

Corks/Olives

1st place - 95 points (BB9)

Per Anton Kleppa, Nigel Collins, Zoe Pirret & Diana Collins (floater)

2nd place - 95 points:

Paul Cotterill, Peter Mills, Denise Reed & Ingrid Hollier

3rd place - 91 points:

Knut Ellingsen, Malcolm Hollier, Philippa Clancey & Stella Jeffrey

Olives/Pines

1st place - 94 points:

Byron Clancey, John Bayston, Molly Wainwright & Melody Cotterill

2nd place - 86 points (BB9):

Andy Wheeler, Cyril Griffith, Udo Berg & Nils Leffler

3rd place - (BB3):

Iain Callaghan, Remo Cherubini, Knut Pedersen, Martin Robinson

Social Golf Committee Structure:

Following six years as the Members' Representative (Social Golf) on the Golf Club Committee, Nils has decided to stand down at the forthcoming AGM, as will I simultaneously, from the Social Committee. Knut Pedersen has been appointed to succeed as the Members' Representative until the 2020 AGM elections and he will also take over as the chairman of the Social Committee which comprises of Paula Burke Hickey, Sue Georges, Stella Jeffrey & Ken Irving as existing members, joined by new members, Adrienne Buth, Cathy Harper, Liam Edwards & Andy Georges.

Finally, the next Social Golf event will be on the 14th April - A Waltz, organised by Sue Georges and Ken Irving.

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 April & May 2019

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
Wed 1st May	Ladies Day
Thurs 2nd May	Interclub – Serra de Monchique (Away)
Sat 4th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th May	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 7th May	Interclub – Parque da Floresta (Away)
Wed 8th May	Ladies Day
Fri 10th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA
Sat 11th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA
Sat 11th May	Mens Roll up
Wed 15th May	Ladies Invitation Day
Thurs 16th May	Interclub – Tavira (Home)
Sat 18th May	Mens Roll Up
Sun 19th May	May Medal
Wed 22nd May	Ladies Day
Thurs 23rd May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Fri 24th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sat 25th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sun 26th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay & May Stableford
Wed 29th May	Ladies Day
Thurs 30th May	Interclub – Serra de Monchique (Home)