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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

After a very hectic April, May found the Lady Captain and I selecting our teams by email and telephone for the Ben Hogan, me in Ireland and Debbie in Portugal.

I was in Ireland at the K Club at the invitation of our President with a number of P.A members, to play our now traditional annual away from Pinheiros tournament, which this year was won by Orlando Hill.

More importantly, Philip Hardie acted as our bookmaker for the event and his profits, plus some kind donations of winnings were collected and € 350 was given to the club's charities.

Many thanks guys!

It was 2016 since the Ben Hogan was last won by Pinheiros and this year on the 10th and 11th May it was hosted by Quinta do Lago. So we were up against it from the start.

However on the first day's play while the men's pairings achieved a half with 5.5 points each. The Pinheiros Ladies did us proud winning their matches 8 and 2 and sending us into day two at Quinta South with a six-point advantage.

At Quinta as the teams came in during the afternoon, it was becoming clear that they were pegging us back and in the end we needed a win in the very last match to gain victory.

We got that win and my congratulations go to all the Pinheiros team members, winners or not, for your part in bringing Ben home to Pinheiros Altos where he belongs.

We now lead the series 8 victories to Quinta's 7. Looking forward to making it 9 to 7 next year.

Just as a note to those on the greens committee and our staff out on the course, it is worth sharing that a number of Quinta do Lago members approached me to complement us on the presentation of the course, which they said was much improved

since the last time they had played at our club. Yes lots of work still to do, I know, but let's take the positive feedback when it comes.

This month saw the Mixed Pairs Match play and I would like to thank our Vice-Captain Andy Georges for standing in for me while I was away. Also I would like to extend my congratulations to Helen Mills and Keith Inman who narrowly defeated Susan Russell and Tony Hickey on the last hole for an outstanding victory. Well done.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to remind you about our upcoming Gala Week which will take place 21st to 27th July this year

All members have been sent application forms and an explanatory booklet describing the special events which will be taking place this the 25th year. However if for whatever reason you have not got yours, hard copies are available in the golf office.

I would ask you to get your applications in early this year as this will help us to plan better and prepare a really great event for you and your families.

I look forward to seeing you on the Sea shore.



Club Captain Alan Bentley and Lady Captain Debbie Madgett receiving the Ben Hogan Trophy from the Quinta do Lago Club Captains David Heel and Jane Beale.



Heavy win from the PA pink Ladies over the Quinta do Lago ladies dictated the overall win of the Ben Hogan.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

May started with a group of members at the K Club and for the first time I was able to see it with a fantastic Sunshine. Unfortunately that did not improve my golf as I was well down the leaderboard and was very poor at defending the Seve Trophy won in 2018. Orlando Hill managed to win it one shot clear of Brian Evans. Well done Landy!

As soon as we returned from the K Club The Ben Hogan Challenge was to be played and I must congratulate our Captain for winning the Trophy back for Pinheiros Altos however I should really congratulate the ladies as there 8-2 result on the first day dictated where the trophy was going!

Congratulations to Rainer Grimm in winning the Stableford with 38 points and to Paul Hanby taking the Medal with a fantastic score of 67. Congratulations to both and Handicaps will be adjusted!

Towards the end of May we had the visit of STRI our consultants for the golf course and their advice are being taken on-board and explained in more details in the always very accurate Greens Report below which I thank our Greens Committee Chairman Stewart Harper.

One of the things that will change during this Summer is the closing of the Driving Range which will now be shut on Mondays from 12pm until 4pm, Wednesdays & Fridays from 1.30pm until 2.30 pm to allow for more regular cuts of the tees.

Also be aware that during the Months of June, July & August the green-fees for Pinheiros Altos Member at San Lorenzo is €40 and therefore worth paying them a visit.

June will be our Maintenance month as usual and we will have each of the 9 holes closed for one week to carry out some important maintenance work which will mean the course will feel slightly busier as we will be fitting Members & Visitors on the same 18 holes. So please be patient as it will only last 3 weeks and is for a good cause.

Entries for Gala Week is now available at a reduced rate from previous years thank to a new sponsor for the Tournament through Waratah Real Estate which will allow us to re-enhance the Sunshine Classic Gala Week. I hope to see as many of you entering the all week or only a few days as the new format allows you to decide to play every day or just enter some of the days. If you need more information do not hesitate to ask myself or Cristina in the Golf Office.

I wish you all great golfing and look forward to see you in the Club.



Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Lucy Pye	71 Nett	Sally Ward	72 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Molly Wainwright	71 Nett	Joanna Young	76 Nett
Fri 10th Sat 11th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Pinheiros Altos	22	Quinta do Lago	20
Wed 15th	Ladies Invitation Day	Kay Ford		Sally Evans	
		Jo Smith		Jenny Burt	
Sun 19th	May Medal	Paul Hanby	67 Nett	Jill Miller-Cheevers	71 Nett
Wed 22nd	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division		1st Division	
		Susan Russell	33 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Sally Evans	33 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Joanna Young	33 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Bernadette Hardie	33 Pts
Thur 23rd - Sun 26th	Mixed Pairs Matchplay	Keith Inman Helen Mills		Tony Hickey Susan Russell	
Sun 26th	May Stableford	Rainer Grimm	38 Pts	Orlando Hill	36 Pts
Wed 29th	Ladies Day Texas Scramble	Pines/Corks		Pines/Corks	
		Diana Collins	70.9	Cathy Harper	73.1
		Suzanne Davis		Wendy Evans	
		Adrienne Buth		Shona Callaghan	
		Corks/Olives		Corks/Olives	
		Zoë Pirret	70.2	Sue Georges	74.0
		Josie Waddington		Fiona Thomson	
		Debbie Madgett		Heather Conroy	

Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

Dear Ladies

What great weather we have had this month - perfect for golf!

The Ben Hogan match v Quinta Do Lago was an amazing tournament with the ladies winning against the Quinta ladies 8-1 at home on the first day. This started the ball rolling and went a long way to Pinheiros winning the Ben Hogan Trophy. I am very proud of all our ladies as most matches went to the 18th! The whole match was indeed very close and played with a very generous spirit and we all enjoyed the hospitality at Quinta which was superb.

Lunch for held at Eduardos at the beach which was very successful and included social and golfing ladies who all had a great lunch and catch up with everyone.

The Ladies Invitation Day took place on Wednesday 15th May and was very well attended and everyone had a great day. Many ladies commented on the great condition of the course and the superb facilities that we enjoyed on the day. Renato and his team did a great job with a delicious lunch and rather a lot of lovely wine! A very special thank you to Cathy and Diana who did the most beautiful flower arrangements for the tables - all with flowers from their own gardens - I hope Stewart and Nigel are not reading this!!!! I would also like to thank the Titleist shop at PA and our own Pro shop and especially Sue Georges for donation raffle prizes which enabled us to make 840 Euros for The Salvation Army - a fantastic total - thank you Ladies.

The results were:

1st	Kay Ford and Jo Smith
2nd	Sally Evans and Jenny Burt (LC Val Do Lobo)
3rd	Dawn Warnock and Emma Dellicompagni
4th	Wendy Evans and Dee Garvin
NTP guest	Jane Beal (LC Quinta do Lago)
NTP member	Debbie Madgett

Thank you to everyone for participating in such a great day with your lovely guests.

The Ladies had a friendly match at home against Benamor and sadly Benamor could only field a team of 8 as they had their club Championship over the previous 2 days and everyone was very tired. The result was a 4-0 victory to PA but the Benamor ladies said they had a lovely day and yet again Renato and his team did a great job looking after us all. The next match is Boavista away 24th June and we need more names on the list please. A coach has been arranged so no worries about getting lost!

Lisa is in the process of updating the contact list to include our New Members and that will be sent out shortly.

Events for June

4th charity Fashion show
10th Past Lady Captains Day
12th Fun team competition
16th Club Medal
19th Ladies stableford
23rd Club Stableford
24th Away match Boavista
26th Fun team competition
2nd July social Ladies Tea Conrad hotel

This week I met with Captain Luis from Salvation Army to hand over 1380 Euros collected from my Drive- In (470) and Invitation Day raffle (840) and Amandas lovely home made cards (70)

He was delighted and explained it will go towards feeding children at day care centres during the school holidays.

Thank you again to everyone for your support and Happy Golfing - its only a game!!!

Debbie x







Report from the Greens Committee

In our last report we reported that the committee were disappointed at the condition of the course. This was a result of a failure to follow the programme which had been agreed early in the New Year and which reflected the advice we had received from STRI (Sports Turf Research Institute) and which the committee fully supported with some small amendments.

The STRI visited the course (at the end of May) and as expected their report reflects similar concerns. (The course has now been fertilized).

The committee now believe that if the ambitions expressed in our earlier reports are to be achieved the owners have to be prepared to fund both the feeding and sanding recommendations as well as the provision of necessary new course equipment and additional man power.

We believe the course with the improvements achieved, was well on its way to being the course of choice for both new members and visitors alike. The reasons we say that are not difficult to find.

Firstly the layout of the 27 holes is challenging and set in very beautiful country side.

Golf at PA is played at a good pace with most rounds for four balls being completed in 4 hours, unlike the 4/5 hours on most other courses!

There are excellent practise facilities and excellent teaching professionals on site.

The greens remain firm and true and quite fast unlike many over watered and soft greens found on other Algarve courses.

The extensive pruning of trees in the early part of the year is a good illustration of our desire to provide a more open and sun filled course.

Most importantly we believe golfers can see that the club wants to improve its condition and is not “standing on its laurels”.

The course can and should attract golfers who are willing to pay the sort of premium which Quinta and other courses are able to sustain. Management has said they do not necessarily want many more visitors but ideally we will attract more golfing members to sustain profitability and therefore more investment.

The achievements of the last 2/3 years will be lost unless therefore we endorse the STRI plans.

Our course manager Marco is ambitious but he cannot work without resources. Christophe is working hard to meet the challenges we now face. We are assured that new machinery and manpower and the provision of sand and liquid fertilisers will “pickup” in the coming months.

The heavy programme of verticutting all fairways are under way as will additional sanding and feeding. All three nine holes will be shut for one week at a time during this month.

Duncan Evans hopes to complete the bridge repairs on 9 of Olives in the next 2 months.

Greens will in future be cut early Wednesday mornings to allow for more sanding at the beginning of the week (greens have not recently been cut on Wednesdays). As the course is busy on Wednesdays this is on balance a good decision to give faster putting surfaces!

The committee remain resolved to move the course forward and with the support of the management we hope that the last 6 months is just a “hiccup”.

The committee, as always are available to respond to members concerns regarding course issues.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

Social Golf - by Cathy Harper

On May 5th the Social Competition was Traffic Lights. All participants played off the yellow tees, blue tees and red tees consecutively. There were mixed views as to the success of this competition but most players enjoyed the day and there were not too many complaints!

We had 55 players and 3 extra guests for supper which was a meal of salmon, salad and chips followed by fresh fruit salad and ice cream.

Nigel Spokes had brought along seven guests who all integrated well with our members and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks go to Nigel, who kindly donated 12 bottles of wine for the prize table

7 Groups played Corks to Olives and the other 7 Olives to Pines.

The next Social golf will be held on June 2nd. It will be a Texas Scramble run by Sue Georges and Liam Edwards.

Olives to Pines

1st Place - 86 Pts

Liam Edwards, Ineke Goossens, Lucy Pye and Stephen Leach

2nd Place - 84 Pts

Marian Hill, Jill M Cheevers, David Warnock and Stuart Anthony (Guest)

3rd Place - 82 Pts

Zoë Pirret, Brendon Spokes (Guest), Marijke Venker and Hayden Brooke

Corks to Olives

1st Place - 81 Pts

Stewart Harper, Philippa Clancey, Bertil Wiren and Nigel Spokes

2nd Place - 80 Pts

Adrienne Buth, Warren Spokes (Guest), Fiona Hanby and Chris Stretton

3rd Place - 78 Pts

Mai Markey, David Ford, Remo Cherubini and Alberto Nicoletti

Interclub - by Neil Bamber

Firstly I'd like to thank the commitment and effort of everyone who has not only played but also given support to the team.

This month, we have won an away match, sadly we lost one too, but as I write this, I'm proud to say we are in 2nd place, with a game in hand in the league.

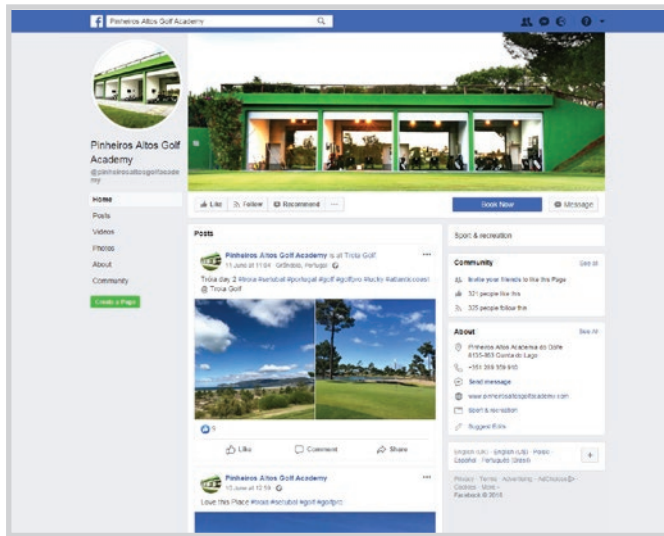
We are also in the semi final of the knockout competition.

We play our next three matches away, and most certainly the outcome of these matches will determine the final placings.

Have a great summer

Neil Bamber
Interclub Captain

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 June & July 2019

Sat 1st June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2nd June	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 5th June	Ladies Day
Sat 8th June	Captain's Day (No Roll Up)
Mon 10th June	Ladies Past Captain's Day
Wed 12th June	Ladies Day
Sat 15th June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 16th June	June Medal
Mon 17th June	Interclub – Palmares (Away)
Wed 19th June	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd June	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd June	June Stableford
Wed 26th June	Ladies Day
Wed 26th June	Interclub – Tavira (Away)
Sat 29th June	Mens Roll Up
Wed 3rd July	Ladies Day
Thurs 4th July	Interclub – Boavista (Away)
Sat 6th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 10th July	Ladies Day
Sat 13th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th July	July Stableford
Wed 17th July	Ladies Day
Sat 20th July	Summer Medal (No Roll Up)
Sun 21st July	Member's Gala Week
Mon 22nd July	Member's Gala Week
Tues 23rd July	Member's Gala Week
Wed 24th July	Member's Gala Week
Thurs 25th July	Member's Gala Week
Fri 26th July	Member's Gala Week
Sat 27th July	Member's Gala Week
Tues 30th July	Junior Open

Pinheiros Altos Summer Junior activities & camps 2019

DAILY JUNIOR CLINIC

With PGA Pro Peter Ashdown

1 ST JULY - 30 TH AUGUST //
MON - FRIDAY
10 h - 11h30

Min 4 years - Max 15 years

All Levels

Unlimited balls and clubs
provided

Limited to 10 children

Fun !



15 € Subscription
Entry @ Clubhouse Pinheiros
Altos
Tel. 289 359 910

MULTI SKILLZ CAMPS

With PGA Pro Laurent Machiels

3RD JULY - 5TH OF JULY
9 h - 11 h 30

19TH JULY - 21 TH OF JULY
9 h - 11 h 30

8TH AUGUST - 10TH AUGUST
9 h - 11 h 30

Fun

Introduction to golf

Basic movement skills

4 - 8 years old

Small groups



125 € Subscription
Entry @ Clubhouse PA
Tel 289 359 910 or
laurent@pitch-wedge.be

YOUNG GOLFER CAMP

With PGA Pro Laurent Machiels

16TH JULY - 18TH OF JULY
9 h - 12 h 30

5TH AUGUST - 7TH AUGUST
9 h - 12 h 30

3RD JULY - 5TH OF JULY
9 h - 12 h 30

Fun

Golf improvement

Course work

8 - 12 years old

Small groups



175 € Subscription
Entry @ Clubhouse PA
Tel 289 359 910 or
laurent@pitch-wedge.be

ELITE CAMP

With PGA Pro Laurent Machiels

3RD JULY - 5TH OF JULY
14 h - 18 30 h

16TH JULY - 18TH OF JULY
14 h - 18 30 h

5TH AUGUST - 7TH AUGUST
14 h - 18 30 h

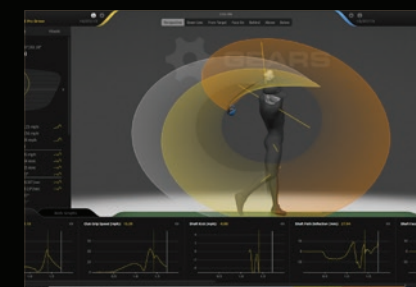
Athlete development

Golf improvement

Short game - 3D - Course

12 - 18 years

Minimum 36 hcp



225 € Subscription
Entry @ Clubhouse PA
Tel 289 359 910 or
laurent@pitch-wedge.be

HELLO EVERYONE!

Our Lady Captain and I wanted the opportunity of inviting you and your family to participate with us in this, our 25th Gala Week at Pinheiros Altos Golf Club.

The golf committee and club management have listened and responded to members feedback over the year and have planned and designed a very special event, to celebrate this, a very special year in the history of our club.

With the support of our new sponsors Waratah Properties we are able to offer a flexible, value for money and fun program of events, which is laid out in this our offering to you.

Our theme this year is *"The Sea and The Seashore"* and so we invite you all to dip a toe into the warm waters of our Gala week celebrations.

SEE YOU ON THE SEASHORE!

Alan Bentley
CLUB CAPTAIN

Debbie Madgett
LADY CAPTAIN

ENTERTAINMENT AT GALA WEEK

- Music
- Face painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Popcorn & Candy floss machine
- Arts & crafts
- Magic tricks
- Balloon modelling

PINHEIROS ALTOS
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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GALA WEEK
JULY 21ST - 27TH 2019

**SEA
AND THE
SEASHORE**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



MEMBERS GALA WEEK + SUNSHINE CLASSIC CHALLENGE

JULY 21ST - 27TH 2019

ENTRY FORM

PLAYER 1: _____ PLAYER 2: _____
 PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____ EMAIL: _____
 H'CP: _____ H'CP: _____

(Handicap certificate required upon registration)

ENTRY FEE

SUNSHINE CLASSIC PAIRS EVENT

MEMBER: **€95** | GUEST: **€250**

Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd & Friday 26th July, 2019

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES

B.B.Q & Shoot-Out on Wednesday 24th July, Brunch on Thursday 25th July, Gala Dinner on Saturday 27th July and fantastic daily and overall prizes!

Players of the Pairs Event may enter any of the events during Gala Week at no extra cost



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DATE (JULY)	EVENTS	
Sun, 21 st	REGISTRATION & PRACTICE DAY from 9am until 2pm	
Mon, 22 nd	AMERICAN 4-SOMES AT PA (Individual day entry fee €10/pax - Guests €40)	AM: _____
		PM: _____
Tues, 23 rd	2 BALL BETTER BALL AT SL (Individual day entry fee €10/pax - Guests €90)	AM: _____
		PM: _____
Wed, 24 th	FANCY DRESS SHOOT OUT AT 4PM	ATTENDING _____
	INDIVIDUAL DAY ENTRY FEE & BBQ €50 - GUESTS €60 (Extra Tickets for BBQ €35 / under 14 €20)	
Thur, 25 th	SCRAMBLE 1PM SHOT GUN START (blind draw)	ATTENDING _____
	(Individual day entry fee & Brunch €20 - Guest €50)	
Fri, 26 th	2 BALL BETTER BALL AT PA (Individual day entry fee €10/pax - Guest €40)	AM: _____
		PM: _____
Sat, 27 th	GALA DINNER AT PA , 7PM (€65 per extra guests.)	

Payment by cheque, bank transfer in Euros to Clube de Golfe dos Pinheiros or by cash at the Golf Club Office

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED

***For each tournament round there will be morning and afternoon starts. Please tick your preference. Enter early to avoid disappointment, first come first serve.**



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