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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

## Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

With generous sponsorship by Waratah Properties, who not only helped to finance the event but provided a gift for all participants at registration, this month saw the 25th running of Gala week.

Sometimes known as the sunshine classic, the sun did indeed shine on us all and it really was a classic year for the event.

Planning started months ago and my thanks go particularly to the Gala week committee members Christophe Rindlisbacher, David Markey, Lisa Burns, Debbie Madgett, Susan Russell and David Ford for their inputs, ideas and flexibility all of which have contributed so much to the success of the event.

The Barbecue saw families and youngsters back in force, enjoying the bouncy castle, face painting and candy floss along and some of the best and most creatively decorated buggies and fancy-dress outfits I have seen in my 15 years of participation. Really fantastic!!

Both the Barbecue and the Gala dinner were very well attended and Christophe advised me that the numbers for the Gala dinner were the highest for over a decade. With the club and staff dressed to give us white star line service, a great band and excellent food, I can safely say a good time was had by all, many still dancing at 1 am

Oh yes I nearly forgot we also played golf and while Ken Irving my partner and I surged up the leader board to 25th place it was Rosie Agnew and Ted Magowan that swept the board, winning first the shoot out on Wednesday and then the overall competition to become Gala week champions with 120 points over Jordan Markey and James Porter with 118 points. Congratulations and well done to all those who won a prize.

Next year Andy Georges will be looking after us at Gala Week and Andy's theme is "Children's Television Classics" so who will you be in 2020?

August is traditionally a quiet month at the club when people really do head for the sea and the seashore, rather than the golf club. However on 1st September it all starts again with Presidents day, Seniors and Matchplay Championships and this year at the end of September Sand dancers v Hillbillies which is always a fun event, so keep an eye out for the sign-up sheets and put the plans in your diaries

Finally I am pleased to report that there were no cases to my knowledge of dental problems related to the consumption of the sea side rock candy.

Have a great summer

### Sea and the Seashore Shoot Out



*Shoot out finalists*



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## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

July was all about the Sunshine Classic Gala Week which was the 25th Edition and thank to our partnership with Waratah we were able to deliver a fantastic week at a reduced rate from previous years.

The turn-out was a great success and we had a fantastic number of 46 teams playing but more importantly 190 for the BBQ and 130 for the Gala Dinner. We have to go back at least a decade to have numbers as high as that and also the numbers of family attending the BBQ was amazing and exactly what we aimed at.

The format allows for players to participate without having to play all week. The week saw Rosie Agnew and her brother Ted Magowan take the trophy for a second year running and they managed to beat Jordan Markey & James Porter who won the best gross for the week as well as Susan Russell & Geoff Mortimer who were right up there and took second place overall.

On the Wednesday of the Gala week we had our usual fancy dress shoot out and this year's theme was "Sea & The Seashore" and everyone there made a real effort to come dressed and made the day a huge success. Rosie Agnew & Ted also managed to win the shoot out and according to my memory it was the first time that the same team won both the Shoot out & the Gala Week.

Also we had the usual brunch on the Thursday morning with a blind draw being drawn in public for a scramble competition. 52 players took part in the event. Everyone there seemed to really enjoy the format and the winners on the day were John Conroy, Kay Ford, Andrew Pirret & Adrienne Buth.

The BBQ & Gala dinner were a great success and once more the meal provided was excellent and I must congratulate our catering staff for 2 great nights as well as our new Chef Daniel who has shown a very good presentation as well as good quality food.

I can honestly say that since my promotion to Director of Golf this has been the most successful and well attended Gala Week and it really felt like the old days!

I would finally like to thank all the Members of Pinheiros Altos who took part in the event and allowed us to make it so much fun. I would also like to thank Cristina and all my staff, Renato & the bar staff, the catering staff and the golf maintenance staff to make the week possible to run so smoothly.

Also a big thank you to Shirley Griffiths who did most of the photos as she has been doing at every single events during the year.



*Golf Professional Peter Ashdown presenting the Junior Open Trophy to the winner Evan McGuirk*



*Junior Open participants*

The Summer Medal was won by Gary Miller Cheevers with a great score of 66 and Rory Dunn won the July Stableford with 39 points.

On 30th July, we had our annual Junior Open organized by our Pro Peter Ashdown, also with the help of the President, some past Captains & members on the day. The Champion was Evan McGuirk and the best net of the day went to Freddy Waters. Congratulations to both of them and thank you to the helpers.

August is normally a quiet month as far as golf is concerned and I know many of the members try to be away to avoid the usual crowds that invade the Algarve for Summer Holiday.

The works on the golf course are continuous and I would like to ask all the members for their patience and the good news is that the bridge on the 9th of Olives is finally repaired thanks to Duncan Evans help.

I wish everyone a great Summer whether it is on the Golf Course or on the beach!

## Competition Results for July

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b>		<b>1st Division</b>	
		Susan Russell	72 Nett	Zoë Pirret	74 Nett (bb9)
		<b>2nd Division</b>		<b>2nd Division</b>	
		Wendy Evans	72 Nett	Debbie Madgett	78 Nett
Wed 10th	Ladies Day Fun Competition Best 2 scores	<b>Olives / Pines</b>		<b>Olives / Pines</b>	
		Kay Ford	75 Pts	Dawn Warnock	70 Pts
		Wendy Collins		Leslie Shearer	
		Josie Waddington		Stella Jeffrey	
		<b>Corks / Olives</b>		<b>Corks / Olives</b>	
		Denise Reed	83 Pts	Mai Markey	69 Pts
		Wendy Collins		Ineke Goossens	
		Sandra Little		Diana Collins	
Sun 14th	July Stableford	Rory Dunn	39 Pts	Melaura Parker	38 Pts
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b>		<b>1st Division</b>	
		Slaney Mullen	32 Pts	Kay Ford	31 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b>		<b>2nd Division</b>	
		Joanna Young	36 Pts (bb9)	Diana Collins	36 Pts
Sat 20th	Summer Medal	Gary M Cheevers	66 Nett	Peter Young	72 Nett
		<b>Junior</b>		<b>Junior</b>	
		Oliver Scriven	67 Nett	Harry Scriven	68 Nett

## Competition Results for July cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 21st to Sat 27th	Gala Week	Rosie Agnew	120 Pts	Susan Russell	118 Pts
		Ted Magowan		Geoff Mortimer	
				James Porter	97 Gross
		Jordan Markey			
Tues 30th	Junior Open	<i>Best Gross</i>		<i>Best Nett</i>	
		Evan McGuirk	26 Pts Gross	Freddy Waters	34 Pts (bb9)
Wed 31st	Ladies Day	Adrienne Buth	86 Pts (bb9)	Sue Georges	86 Pts
	Foxtrot Competition	Wendy Evans		Heather Conroy	
		Ann T Brown		Melody Cotterill	
		Vera Watkins		Molly Wainwright	

## Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

July started with afternoon tea at The Conrad Hotel organised by Lisa to include the social Ladies - it was so lovely to see everyone and sit in cool air conditioning and enjoy delicious delicate sandwiches and cakes.

The ladies golf section then took a team to Vila Sol for the annual away friendly - this was very enjoyable despite losing 4-1 - we look forward to our revenge at home on 30th September. I would like to thank Wendy Collins for stepping in at the last minute as I had sprained my ankle - thanks again Wendy.

Gala Week became the focus in the lead up to the event - there were ladies sewing and shopping to ensure costumes and buggies were suitably attired - my goodness - the costumes and buggies were superb - every year Gala Week becomes more of a spectacle. Well done everyone! Especially well done to Christophe and his wonderful team for all their efforts in ensuring a great week. The golf was competitive and enjoyable - congratulations to

Rosie and Ted for winning overall especially having won last year - well played.

### Forthcoming events for your diary

Wednesday August 7th Medal

Wednesday August 14th Seattle Scramble (team game)

Wednesday August 21st Stableford

Wednesday August 28th Ladies Day Trip to Palmares. This is an annual event and great fun.

The cost is 85 euros each and includes the cost of the coach, green fees and buggies. After golf we have lunch at a local restaurant which is an extra cost. The sign up sheet is on the Ladies notice board or e mail myself and I can put your name down. The coach will leave at 8am and returning from Palmares at 5.00pm.

## Monday September 2nd Away match at Levante.

Tuesday September 3rd Ladies event - walking tour of Faro (2 hours) followed by lunch at Eva hotel - please contact Lisa if you wish to join us -both golfers and social ladies most welcome.

## Lady Captains Day

Wednesday September 11th - the golf competition will be at usual tee times but then time to go home and relax or walk dogs etc before dinner at Alambique at 7pm. Sign up sheet will be available shortly with food choices. There will be a 9 hole competition and social ladies very welcome to join for dinner.

## Charity News

ACCA and The Salvation Army were in receipt of funds from Captains Day and Captain Luis said the timing was perfect for

setting up day camps during the school holidays with activities and food for the children attending. Thank you again to all those members who bid on the items and enable us to support these worthwhile charities.

Currently Mai Markey, Chris Stretton, Amanda Stretton and myself are working on a Pinheiros Altos Members Cookery book. We have a few great sponsors and recipes galore so watch this space for a wine and cheese evening date to launch the book. Thank you Kay and Lubna for your ideas and advice - it will all be coming together soon!

Happy golfing everyone - enjoy your summer breaks wherever you are and see you all soon.

Debbie

## Social Golf - by Adrienne Buth

Sunday the 7th of July we played "The yellow ball" It was a tough format because not only the score of the yellow ball was doubled, but we also had to put 2 other scores on the card. Colin Glennon played for the first time in Social Golf and when he heard that he could win 2 bottles of wine he didn't mind being a floater.

There were 39 players including David and Dawn's guests and 5 extra for dinner: chicken and chips followed by ice cream. After the prize presentation Knut Pedersen had a few kind words for Lorna Scott. We wish her all the best in the UK.

### *Pines to Corks*

#### **1st - 143 pts**

Ken Irving, John Conroy, Denise Reed, Debbie Madgett

#### **2nd - 137 pts**

Tony Hickey, James Cotterill, Suzanne Davis, Mai Markey

#### **3rd - 128 pts**

Knut Pedersen, Nils Leffler, Dirk Bleasing, Jill Miller Cheevers

### *Corks to Olives*

#### **1st - 149 pts**

David Warnock, Leslie Shearer, Margaret Mc Clean, Colin Glennon (F)

#### **2nd - 135 pts**

Collin Glennon, Andy Georges, Melody Cotterill, Christine Sutton

#### **3rd - 125 pts**

Ron Goossens, Wallace Forde, Lisa Burns, Amanda Stretton

The next Social Golf will be "Who stole the par 4's" on Sunday 25th of August by Paula Hickey and Andy Georges.

Don't forget the 9 Holes option, which tees off from approx. 1400 hours and join the other players for supper.

Happy golfing!

# Report from the Greens Committee

Our report in July was optimistic following a critical report in June. We are pleased to say that our optimism was not misplaced and Gala week found members and visitors enjoying excellent playing conditions.

## Tees

There is general improvement but we have yet to move the tee for ladies on Pines 2 and to enlarge the men's tee on 8 of Corks. Marco our course manager has his hands full but we hope to complete this work before end of the year. We believe that tees are the first impression of course maintenance for golfers and often neglected whilst good tees are an omen of good maintenance.

## Greens

The greens are excellent in respect of colour, firmness and grasses. The committee would prefer slightly faster surfaces but understand the need to have a balance and healthy sward outweighs speed. It is difficult in hot conditions to cut the greens low enough for 9+ stimp speed without risking scorching. Members will know that in January we often see the fastest speeds of 9/10 on the stimp!

## Fairways

At last we are seeing real growth and good colour! The application of two applications of fertilizer following the June maintenance on all holes is clearly visible. There are one or two dry patches on 6 of Corks and more so, on Olives where the irrigation system is to be up graded. We are hopeful that "placing" will only be necessary after poor weather conditions. The STRI programme is difficult to follow but does work!

New machinery has allowed a first cut of rough and gives the course a more professional appearance. We like it!

## Bunkers

They are improving but members must be vigilant and rake the sand whenever necessary and reminding their playing partners to do so!

## General

The calçada paths remain a problem! The course and its owners are vulnerable in two very obvious ways. Firstly member's trolleys and buggies will suffer accelerated wear and tear and secondly walking on many of the paths is "hazardous". An ageing membership is at risk on many of our paths and it is foreseeable that injury could occur! Please feel free to report any obvious holes or tripping points to management.

The bridge on Olives 9 has been repaired and Duncan (our committee member) is to be congratulated at both the speed and economy of the work.

We are aware that August has a reputation for the course regressing as a result of staff holidays and "post Gala week blues" we believe that Marco will ensure the progress made in the last two months will continue.

The writer is disappearing to a rain sodden Cheshire in August but we wish you all good golfing and feel free to speak to my fellow committee members if you feel the need. (I haven't told them)!

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](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 July & August 2019

Sat 3rd August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 4th August	August Stableford
Wed 7th August	Ladies Day
Sat 10th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 11th August	August Medal
Wed 14th August	Ladies Day
Sat 17th August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 21st August	Ladies Day
Sat 24th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th August	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 28th August	Ladies Day
Sat 31st August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 1st September	President's Day & Seniors Championship
Wed 4th September	Ladies Day
Wed 4th September	Matchplay Championship
Thurs 5th September	Matchplay Championship
Fri 6th September	Matchplay Championship
Sat 7th September	Matchplay Championship
Sun 8th September	Matchplay Championship & Stableford
Wed 11th September	Lady Captain's Day
Thurs 12th September	Interclub Palmares (Home)
Sat 14th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15th September	September Medal
Wed 18th September	Ladies Day
Sat 21st September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd September	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 25th September	Ladies Day
Sat 28th September	Hillbillies V Sanddancers

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

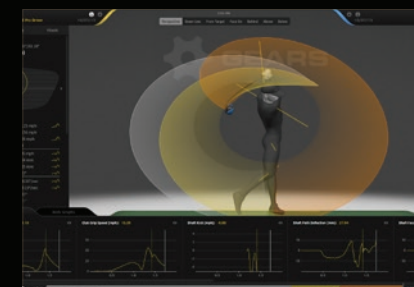
Athlete development

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](mailto:laurent@pitch-wedge.be)