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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

I would like to say that Captains day was a 100 % success and by most measures it was with 86 players and 116 attending the function in the evening

All enjoyed the on-course Barbeque and although I failed to beat my previous record of 5 hot dogs, David and Mai Markey's grandson Nathan at least equalled it while assisting me as on course barman.

Many thanks to Knut Pedersen for the wraps he prepared for us all and to Andy Georges our Vice Captain for the on-course drinks.

I am pleased to report that one of our new members Heather Conroy won the Captains prize with 41 points, her first ever tournament win since taking up the game. Well done Heather, may there be many more.

From the feedback I received all enjoyed the music and the sounds of Mel Minue with her electric violin and the dancing went on till late which is always a good sign.

Another strong positive for the day was that through the silent auction, coupled with the € 10 donation built into the ticket price, we were able to raise € 7,570 for our charities. This includes € 100 from our Interclub team. A huge thankyou to all of you who have been so generous.

On the subject of Charity and for those who could not make Captains day if you are out on the course and you find a ball marked: **"Stolen from Alan Bentley"**

Please hand it in at golf reception and I will make a donation to our charities for each one found.

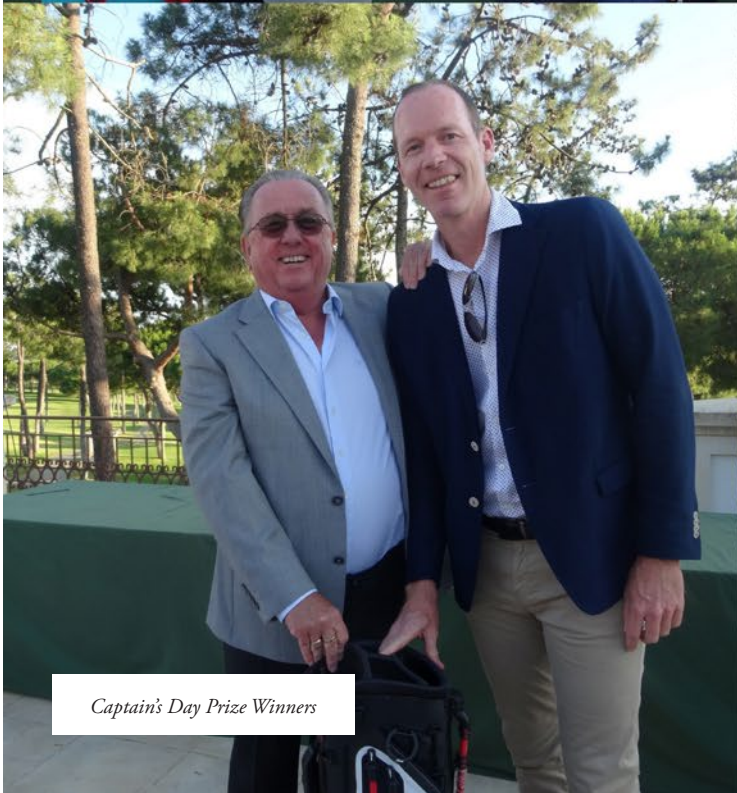
On the less positive side, a number of members expressed concerns about the very slow service at the Captains day dinner and some were also unhappy with the food quality.

To be honest, it would be impossible for me not to agree with the comments.

On a positive note at the last committee meeting a set of recommendations were agreed and both David our President and Christophe our Director of golf have taken steps, firstly to arrange compensation for the members who attended and secondly to ensure that quality standards will not be an issue for us at future events.

Finally by the time you read this, Gala week will be almost upon us so there is only a short time left to sign up. See you on the sea shore!





Captain's Day Prize Winners



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

June main event was of course the Captain's Day which was a great success and I must congratulate our Club Captain Alan Bentley for his great input into the day. The highlight was of course the sausages served at the half way house on the course which I saw many teams stop more than once.

We had great turn-out of 86 players and 116 attending on the day and unfortunately like the Captain mention the meal on the night was not to the standard we normally have experienced but as mention members have been compensated and a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to make sure the catering is back to 100% for Gala Week, having said that the band and the dancing made up for the less positive meals and everyone there enjoyed the night activities. The big winner of the day was Heather Conroy with a fantastic score of 41 points. Congratulations to Heather! (and enjoy your new handicap).

June is normally a quite month at the Golf Course and therefore it was time to do a lot of maintenance work on the golf course which will be explained more in details in the greens committee report below and it is already started to look a lot greener and

greens are looking as healthy as ever and are very true. Fairways have improved a lot in the last month and we look to play no preferred lies for the Gala Week as it should be.

Congratulations to Rainer Grimm who won the Monthly Stableford with the score of 41 points and Adrienne Buth who won the June Medal with a great score of 66. Both great scores and with well deserved handicap reduction!

Coming up is of course our gala Week and there are still few spaces left and I would emphasize to every member that you do not have to play every day and choose how much golf you wish to play and still take part in very fun week for all the family. You can as well come to the dinners only with the BBQ on Wednesday night with a lot of children's activities or the Gala Dinner on Saturday which theme for this year is the PA Cruise Ship. I am looking forward to have as many of you taking part in the week whether it is every day or even one of the optional day or just the dinners!

Wish you all great golfing in a warmer Summer weather!

Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Sally Evans	71 Nett	Helen Mills	72 Nett
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Lisa Burns	66 Nett	Heather Conroy	74 Nett
Sat 8th	Captain's Day	Overall Winner		Best Gross Pro	
		Heather Conroy	41 Pts	Ross Sutherland	32 Pts
		Best Gross Men		Best Nett Men	
		Dan Henderson	37 Pts	Andy Watkins	39 Pts
		Best Gross Ladies		Best Nett Ladies	
		Sally Evans	24 Pts	Amanda Stretton	38 Pts

Competition Results for June cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Mon 10th	Past Lady Captain's Day	Cathy Harper		Helen Mills	
Wed 12th	Ladies Day Team Waltz	Amanda Stretton Tracey Spokes Vera Watkins	72 Pts	Cathy Harper Maried Kooijmans Heather Conroy	67 Pts
Sun 16th	June Medal	Adrienne Buth	66 Nett	Paul Hanby	73 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Rosie Agnew 2nd Division Ilse Berg	35 Pts 29 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	1st Division Helen Mills 2nd Division Cathy Harper	31 Pts 29 Pts
Sun 23rd	June Stableford	Rainer Grimm	41 Pts	Christian Holst	34 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Best 2 scores to count	Kay Ford Lubna Cater Louise Baker		Sue Georges Angela Williams Lesley Avent	

Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

June has been a very busy but fulfilling month. We started with our Charity Fashion show at Capisce Restaurant on 4th June. Lunch was followed by a Fashion show by La Dolce Vita and Golfers Paradise. Thank you to our social Ladies who gave their support as this was their social outing for the month. Thank you also to the sponsors of the wine for the day who were Ian Hepworth, Alan Bentley and Christine Soden so thank you all very much and cheers!!! We had a raffle which many local

restaurants and beauty salons supported so thank you to them. Thank you to Christophe for supplying 120 chairs for the fashion show and Kenny for being a star model!!

Thank you to all of my committee for their help on the day - it was manic but fun and ended in being a very successful day for our charities ACCA and The Salvation Army raising around 4,500 Euros to be split between the Charities.



Charity
Fashion
Show



That was followed closely by our Captains Day which Alan and everyone enjoyed immensely (the food issue was raised and is being sorted!) More money was raised for our charities on that day so again a very successful day. Thank you Alan.

Past Lady Captains Day was won by Cathy Harper - 2nd was Helen Mills and 3rd Molly Wainwright. Well done Ladies. I have to add that Lisa Burns managed a hole-in-one on that special day. I had already arranged Champagne on the 10th tee not realising about the hole in one - then Ken provided more bubbles in the clubhouse - well done everyone - very enjoyable for all!

However, not to be outdone 2 days later Helen Mills also had a hole-in-one in a ladies competition, I hope it is catching!

The ladies golf team then had an away match at Boavista which is a lovely but challenging course - sadly we lost 4-1 but look forward to getting our revenge at the home match in September.

We are all looking forward to the next event which is Gala Week so sign up if you haven't already- brilliant fun and great golf to be enjoyed. Details and entry forms at PA reception.

We have many new members joining the Ladies section - both golf and social - I have met them all and I must say they will be a real asset to this already brilliant Ladies section - so a warm welcome to you all.

August will be a fairly quiet month with only the Medal and Stableford being played and no social outing - many people are away and Lady Captain having a holiday apart from the away day to Palmares on 28th when it all starts again for the golfing girls!! Details will be sent out shortly and sign up sheet on notice board in locker room.

All back to normal in September with a social outing TBA and the usual Golf competitions.

A quick notice re my Captains Day September 11th - We will be going to Alambique for dinner at 7pm after the competition so you can go home after golf and feed cats, dogs, kids and husbands before relaxing and putting on your posh frocks for dinner.

Enjoy this wonderful club ladies and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues. – Debbie xx





Charity Fashion Show

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Past Lady Captain's Day

Report from the Greens Committee

The full committee met on the 10th July and there was much discussion about the concerns expressed in our June report.

This report is far more optimistic and accurately reflects the substantial improvement in all areas of course condition.

Fairways

The planned verticutting and scarifying of the fairways took place as planned during June. The course has been treated with fertilizer, not just once but twice! The recovery of the grasses and improvement in both colour and grass sward is substantial and now is as good if not better than many of our neighbours. There are still some areas where poor irrigation has resulted in a thin coverage of grass and these require further treatment particularly if “placing” is likely to be lifted. The committee would like to see “placing” lifted but the decision is yet to be made.

There remain problems in irrigating “Olives “ and the club is budgeting for new controllers to be fitted on this nine hole next year at a substantial cost. Similar work has taken place at San Lourenco with we understand success.

Marco and his team have worked hard to bring the course to its present state and are to be congratulated.

Greens

Firm surfaces, good colour and reasonable speeds with much reduces dollar spot and other weed grasses is testament to the policy set up following the STRI reports and there is much to be pleased about! The additional sanding is showing results and the change to cutting schedules seems to be successful.

Tees

There is still work to be done both regarding condition and also changes to the ladies tee on hole 2 of Pines and expanding the tee of 8 on Corks. The tee on 1 of Pines is a good example of what can be achieved.

Bunkers

Duncan Evans has agreed to assist in improving some bunkers where the inclines are unfair. We cannot prevent some plugging but in the main excessive sand is much improved.

General issues

Calcada paths are being re-laid and the work on 1 of Pines is a good example of what can be achieved. It will take time!

The bridge on 9 of Olives is about to reopen thanks to Duncan and his team who have found an economical way in carrying out a complex and difficult reconstruction.

We head into gala week with a belief that members and visitors will enjoy good playing conditions and that the frustrations expressed in our last report are behind us and we remain optimistic for the future.

Stewart Harper Chairman,
David Ford,
Duncan Evans.

Social Golf - by Sue Georges

Texas Scramble was the “name of the game” for our social golf event on 2nd June, with 52 players and 11 guests for supper it was another noisy affair. 4 drives had to be taken by each player, but then only 3 to play the next shots, so some team thinking was required!

This was also the inaugural “9 Hole” Social and we were proud to present John Mullins, Shirley Griffiths, Knut Pedersen and Bente Meldgaard with a special prize of a packet of butter and a plastic cocktail stick, which I am sure they will enjoy on their toast and treasure respectively.

We had five new members playing, John and Heather Conroy, Jim & Carol Knight & Trisha Rowland, which, if not a record must be close for one Social event.

The guests list seems to become longer each month, which proves just how friendly our members are.

The excellent scores on both courses were rewarded with a total of 24 bottles of alcohol!

Pine Corks

1st – 61,8 – Dermot Hennessey, Chris Stretton, Cathy Harper & Diana Collins

2nd – 67,6 – Stewart Harper, Graeme Thomson, Susie Hardwick & Melody Cotterill

3rd – 68,1 – Orlando Hill, Paul Cotterill, Jill Miller Cheevers & Suzanne Davis

Olives Pines

1st – 62,8 – Trisha Rowland, Iain Callaghan, Nils Leffler, Mariëd Kooijmans

2nd – 64,8 – Andy Wheeler, Liam Edwards, Chris Gray & Fiona Thomson

3rd – 66,3 – Zoe Pirret, Andy Watkins, Cyril Griffith & Heather Conroy

The next social will be a “Yellow Ball” on Sunday 7th July run by Knut Pedersen and Adrienne Buth.

Don't forget the 9 Hole option, which tees off from approx 14:00 and then joins the 18 Holers for supper.

Please sign up for one or the other (not both!) in advance.
Happy Golfing!

Interclub - by Neil Bamber

We are currently lying second in the Division, which in itself is a great achievement, despite June and July being a little disappointing.

We won our away match against Palmares very convincingly, but have since lost away to Tavira and also to league leaders Boavista.

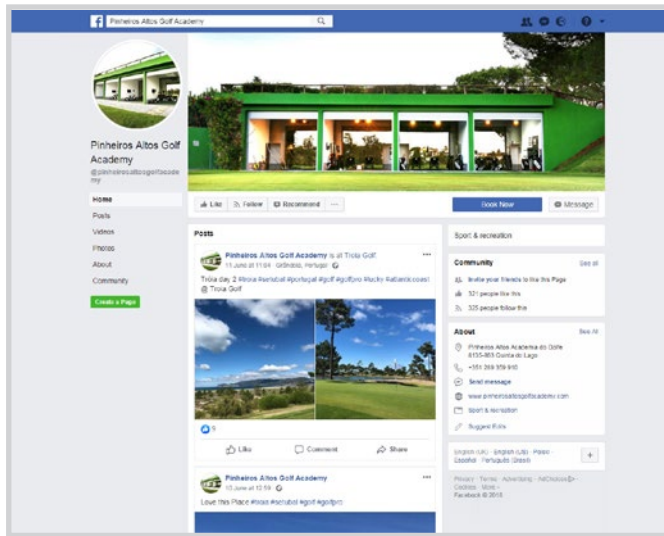
I have to say that matches have all been played in great spirit and long may this continue.

On July 6th we played our knock out semi final against Serra de Monchique at Silves GC, whilst the team lost, it was very close, and as always, the venue for lunch afterwards nearly made up for the result!

I wish all the members an enjoyable summer and I will report again in October, as we have no more matches now until September 12th, which is against Palmares at home.

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

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
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

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
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ELITE CAMP

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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

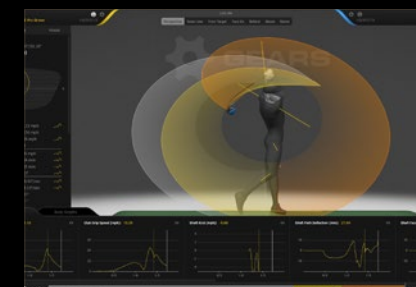
Athlete development

Golf improvement

Short game - 3D - Course

12 - 18 years

Minimum 36 hcp



225 € Subscription
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