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Altos news



PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

The Matchplay Championship was held during the first week of September and it saw a very closely fought battle between the two finalists, with David Light running out winner and Champion defeating Sergey Naumov who put up a tremendous fight.

Many congratulations to David and commiserations to Sergey maybe next year.

I was very pleased to see the launch of the Pinheiros App. It has taken longer than we initially expected to roll out, but now it's there and already being used by a growing number of members, which is very encouraging. Do keep the feedback coming as we will try to make improvements as the opportunity arises.

Believe it or not I am now roughly half way through my Captains year and so both The Lady Captain and I felt it appropriate to give you all an update on the progress we have made in collecting funds for our nominated charities.

I said at the AGM that I was not going to rattle the tin box in front of people at every event as in my view PA members gave generously to our charities without that. Well although I say it myself I was absolutely correct.

Through Ladies Fashion show, Captains day and Presidents day plus numerous other events you our members have donated a staggering € 26,855 for A.C.C.A and the salvation Army

Debbie and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. These funds much of which has already been disbursed by our Lady Captain to the charities is doing a great deal of good.

This total does not include our cookery book which will be launched in October or Pink day which contributes to a third area of the clubs charity funding i.e. the Algarve Oncology Association, but more on that next month

Finally, I am impressed at how the standard of golf has improved over the past few months at the club, with so few people putting their ball in the water. At least this is my assessment based on the lack of coins being inserted into Jar on the bar and I said I wasn't going to rattle the tin under your noses.

Have a great month see you on the fairways, in the pink and wooden spoon just to name a couple of the up coming events

Pinheiros Altos Golf Club **New Year's Eve Party**

In the Pinheiros Altos Clubhouse from 7h30 for 8h00 p.m.

€120 per Person (including tip)

Please book at the Golf Office
Live Music • Dress Code Smart Casual (jacket preferred)



Matchplay Championship Prize Winners

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

September started with the usual Match-play Championship which had 10 entries for the men and 7 entries for the ladies. Again a very short entry probably due to the amount of golf played over what could have been 5 days but ended up being 4 days for the men and 3 days for the ladies of the back tees therefore it was decided that next year the Match-play will start with a qualifier round and one round per day until Sunday but starting on Thursday to avoid having to play 36 holes in any one day and no more than 4 days of play which hopefully will help having more entries Congratulations to David Light winner for the 3rd time of the Men's Matchplay & Amanda Stretton putting her mark in the ladies section in the Matchplay Championship and became the 2019 Champion.

The Monthly Stableford was won by Graham Lee while the September Medal was won by Thomas Copp who had also won the August Medal and therefore is now on the handicap radar for a revision.

September was a busy month however October and November are even busier month on the Golf Course therefore I would

recommend all members playing during this month as much as possible to play in 4 balls as the pace of the golf course will be slower and will be more enjoyable as 4 balls group.

Some important Buggy path repairing work has been taking place around the Clubhouse and will be on-going to repair other areas like behind the 9th Pines, the bag drop area as well as behind the 8th green on corks where the big tree will be removed to help with the maintenance and safety of the path.

Many of you may have spotted that the wooden house adjacent to the driving range is being renewed and these will be the new offices for En-Quinta who is managing some properties on Pinheiros Altos as well as the condominiums.

Upcoming events is the Memorial day on 1st November which is a day to remember members & friends which are no longer with us and on 9th & 10th of November the Foursomes Championship.

I wish all of you good golfing in a continuous sunny Algarve!

Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 1st	President's Day Incorporating Seniors Championship	<i>Presidents Putter Winner</i>		<i>Best Nett Ladies</i>	
		Gordon Davidson	40 Pts	Amanda Stretton	35 Pts
				<i>Best Nett Men</i>	
				Kieran Nagle	35 Pts
		<i>Senior Champion</i>		<i>Best Nett Senior</i>	
		Stephen Quail	26 Pts Gross	Noel Kelly	34 Pts
				<i>Best over 70's</i>	
				Diana Collins	34 Pts

Competition Results for September cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Amanda Stretton	71 Nett	Helen Mills	76 Nett
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Heather Conroy	75 Nett	Liz Carver	77 Nett
Wed 4th - Sun 8th	Matchplay Championship	Men		Men	
		David Light		Sergey Naumov	
		Ladies		Ladies	
		Amanda Stretton		Hilary Jessup	
	September Stableford	Graham Lee	40 Pts	Sally Evans	39 Pts
Wed 11th	Ladies' Captain's Day Rose Bowl Competition	Overall Winner – Marian Hill - 37 Pts			
		1st Division		1st Division	
		Sally Evans	36 Pts	Zoë Pirret	33 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Heather Conroy	35 Pts	Anne Davidson	32 Pts
Sun 15th	September Medal	Thomas Copp	67 Nett	Peter Seabrook	70 Nett (bb9)
Wed 18th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division		1st Division	
		Zoë Pirret	34 Pts (bb9)	Sue Georges	34 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Marian Hill	32 Pts	Vera Watkins	30 Pts
Wed 25th	Ladies Day Captain's Choice (Waltz)	Pines/Corks		Pines/Corks	
		Kay Ford	75 Pts	Marian Hill	67 Pts
		Wendy Collins		Adrienne Buth	
		Suzanne Davis		Melody Cotterill	
		Corks/Olives			
		Pat Murrish	71 Pts		
		Lucy Pye			
		Louise Baker			

Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

August was fairly quiet with usual Medal and Stableford competitions and an away trip for the golfing ladies to Palmares which was a huge success especially the lunch at The Beach house Restaurant which was great value and delicious.

September began with a hugely successful Presidents Day with great golf and huge fun evening dancing the night away. An auction was held for the Captains Charities and Mr President managed to extort 14,000 euros by auctioning a beautiful holiday home in Mauritius – thank you to everyone involved on behalf of ACCA and the Salvation Army.

The social Ladies had a walking tour of Faro and lunch at The Eva Hotel by the Marina which again, we can all thoroughly recommend.

The Ladies Matchplay took place which resulted in Amanda Stretton winning the trophy on the last hole from Hilary Jessup. Well done to you both and to everyone who took part.

The charity cookbook team were busy collecting and cooking recipes from the Members ready to be photographed by professional food photographer Mark who was flown over especially by Michel Sohier and his photography company. Between us we collected, cooked and photographed around 18 recipes a day for 3 days so my sincerest thanks to the team Knut and Bente, Mark, Mai Markey, Chris and Amanda Stretton, and Barbara Fletcher. A very exhausting but rewarding time - thanks to everyone who contributed and see you all at the launch on Thursday 10th October in Members Lounge 5-7pm. Wine provided by our sponsor Wines and Co - Books only 25 euros -Christmas is coming!!!!!!

Lady Captains Day followed all this action and I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Ladies play on the 5th of corks having refreshed them with nibbles and Champagne on the tee. Thank you to everyone who played on the day and joined us in the evening at Alambique for a superb dinner and prizegiving.

I would like to thank 10 of my Wentworth Friends for coming out to join us and support my day. Huge congratulations to Marian Hill who won the trophy and Sally Evans, Zoe Pirret and Heather Conroy for their magnificent efforts.

Golfing Ladies had a very enjoyable friendly against Vila sol which we won 3 ½ to 1 ½ played in excellent spirits and the we all enjoyed the excellent buffet provided by Renato and his team.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Social Ladies trip to Olive Oil factory and farm 10th October (contact Lisa or myself)

Cookery Book Launch Oct 10th 5-7 pm Members Lounge

Ladies Annual dinner 7pm Alambique

Friendly golf Matches 14th October and 21st October both at home please contact Adrienne Buth (adriennebuth@gmail.com)

Bridge

Amanda Stretton (amandastretton@me.com) and Phillipa Clancey (clanceys@hotmail.com) are kindly offering bridge lessons for anyone interested so please contact them direct – their fee may be a contribution to the Captains Charity but please discuss directly with them.

I will do an update on the Captains charity for newsletter next month with a total and expenditure so far.

Meanwhile happy golfing and happy life whatever you are up to. Any queries always contact me debbiemadgett@gmail.com .

Debbie (Lady Captain) x



Lady Captain's Day

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Report from the Greens Committee

The course for the first time in many years is starting to reflect the improved investment in both resources and expertise. It has always been the ambition of the committee and management that by the end of 2019 we could present to the members and visitors alike a course which competes with the courses of our neighbours in both presentation and golfing conditions.

In summary therefore:-

The greens

The seasonal weed grasses of digitaria which normally disappear in September have stayed rather longer due to unseasonal warm days and nights. However the recent cool nights should see a return to both the fine bent grasses and the disappearance of the weed grass. The chemicals which were available to treat the digitaria are no longer legal like many of the changes away from chemicals for course maintenance. We would like to see a little more speed when temperatures return to normal and the risk of scorching is avoided. We are pleased with the firmness of surfaces and good colour. Repairing pitch marks remains a concern.

Tees

There remains room for improvement and we hope that over the winter Marco and his team will be available to find time to repair tees which show excessive wear and also we can complete the changes to the ladies tee on 2 of Pines and the men's tee on 8 of Corks.

Fairways

This is an area where there has been the greatest improvement and the growth on all fairways justifies the lifting of the preferred lie rule. It is interesting to reflect on the improvement of the course which has remained open

throughout the year whilst courses in parts of the UK have seen record closures due to excessive rain!

Marco is planning further feeding of the fairways to consolidate the improvement and the planned introduction of a new management of the sprinkler system on Olives will accelerate improvement on this nine holes.

Overall we must congratulate Marco and his team for a virtual transformation of many of the fairways!

Bunkers

We are not yet where we would like to be. Whilst we accept they are "hazards" some of the sand is compacted and still uneven making a challenge perhaps "too great" for average players. It is a problem which all but the very best courses face and Marco is aware of our views but it is very labour intensive and requires skills from our course staff. We think best to avoid them!

In conclusion we believe the money being spend on the course is showing real improvement and we hope this can only get better with the guidance of Marco and a team who understand the demands of producing excellent golfing surfaces.

The members we know are concerned at the poor condition of the calcada and this still remains a serious challenge for management as buggies will deteriorate as will trolleys. The risk of tripping and injury is also very real!

We remain optimistic and as always are happy to hear member's views for improvement.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans

Social Golf - by Knut Pedersen

22nd of September 35 players gathered to play September Social. There were 32 players on the 18 hole and 3 players for the 9-hole, competition. It was lovely weather and a great day for golf.

The format was Foxtrot, that mean 4 to score on every fourth hole. After the game we got complains that the format is not friendly for social golf. We decided that this format will not be on the agenda in future social events.

The supper after was Chicken and Chips with a Salad and Ice cream with fruits for dessert. Food and service was again great. Sadly Cathy had a bad back, so I advise her to stay home, and Nils Leffler stepped in, as an old veteran in the game, and helped out with the organizing.

We hope that more people that find 18 hole difficult to play joins us for the 9 hole game in the future.

Thanks for everyone attending the day!!

The results:

Pines / Corks

1st - 86 points

Paul Hanby, Maried Kooijmans, Molly Wainwright, Remo Cherubini

2nd - 79 points

Zoe Pirret, Bob Seddon, Diana Collins, Helmuth Schawe

Olives / Pines

1st - 86 points

Knut Ellingsen, Marian Hill, Nigel Baker, Nils Leffler

2nd - 83 points

Sue Georges, John Carver, Adrienne Buth, Hans Aberson

The Next Social golf will be played on 20th of October and playing format is Merry – Go – Around. The day will be run by Ken Irving and Liam Edwards.

Interclub - by Neil Bamber

I know a number of members have been following our Interclub performance this year and I would like to thank them for their support.

The season has been unreal in many ways, newly promoted in 2018, to finish as runners up in a very tough league to Boavista is exceptional, I would like to think it is all down to shrewd captaincy or good luck, but the reality is everyone who played this year has done their best, which is all any Captain can ask. We also reached the semi final of the knockout, only to lose to the ultimate winners, who were Serra de Monchique.

The ladies team of Zoe Pirret & Lisa Burns won all of their matches as did the partnership of myself & David Ford.

Victories away from home are rare, but we managed 2 in the league and another in the first round of the knockout.

I must mention my vice captain, Geoff Stott, who whilst not playing many matches, has been the rock on the admin side, thanks Geoff.

All that remains is to thank all the players again and with luck, next season we will try to win the league.

Enjoy the rest of the year everyone and I will now sign off until 2020.

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

October & November 2019

Wed 2nd October	Pink Day
Thurs 3rd October	Interclub Parque da Floresta (Home)
Fri 4th October	Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies
Sat 5th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th October	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Wed 9th October	Ladies Day
Fri 11th October	Ladies Competition & Ladies Annual Dinner
Sat 12th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 13th October	October Stableford
Wed 16th October	Ladies Day
Sat 19th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th October	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 23rd October	Ladies Day
Sat 26th October	Mens Roll Up
Wed 30th October	Ladies Day
Fri 1st November	Pinheiros Altos Memorial Day
Sat 2nd November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 3rd November	November Medal
Wed 6th November	Ladies Day
Sat 9th November	Foursomes Championship (No Roll Up)
Sun 10th November	Foursomes Championship
Wed 13th November	Ladies Day
Sat 16th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th November	November Stableford
Wed 20th November	Ladies Day
Sat 23rd November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th November	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 27th November	Ladies Day
Sat 30th November	Roll Up (Hillbillies V Sanddancers)

Pinheiros Altos Club
Member's APP
Please download the
APP and follow
activities of your club



Dear Members,

I wrote to you some months ago regarding the launch of our new App.

We are now ready to go live, however to comply with data protection, we need you to do the following:

- A. Please supply us with a unique email address for title holders and associate members attached to your title. Most of you have already supplied this information. However we are looking at having all Pinheiros members registered, so please come back to me if you have not done it yet.
- B. Download the App by typing the internet address "pagc.eryr.club".
- C. Go to my profile and set up your profile. Please use the access code 1234, and enter your name and email address.

If you are happy to have your name, email & Telephone number visible in the members list, press YES and if not press NO.

If you wish to only display your name or email, please contact Cristina to set your profile with the details you only want to show.

Once you have sign up, you will have access to the club diary, competitions and other useful information.

In the coming weeks, we will be offering tuition in the management and operation of the app.

In the meantime, if you have any issues you wish to raise, please don't hesitate to contact Cristina or myself.

Christophe Rindlisbacher

Director of Golf