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PINHEIROS ALTOS
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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

Wow!! I cannot really believe that October has passed and the shops are beginning to stock up for Christmas, where is the year going.

October saw 92 players attending Pink day, the largest turnout in the history of the competition with a very large number looking resplendent in their pink outfits. Well done and thanks for making the effort

As you know Pink day is about supporting the Associação Oncológica do Algarve and in the auction and prize draw over € 7000 was raised for the Association.

A huge thank you to all those who donated prizes and auction items and also to those who placed generous bids in the auction.

Oh yes and many congratulations to the winning team with 88 points Dermot Hennessy, David Warnock, Jill Miller Cheevers and Eddie Moloney

Also during October we had the Wooden spoon which was as usual a calm, un-emotional and even-tempered event.

To be honest as I could not remember the last time the men won I was fully prepared to accept the spoon. However to my surprise after three recounts and a stewards enquiry, while the ladies had run us very close, the chaps had scored a famous victory 9 points to 8. Well done Gents.

Our lady captain had provided table gifts of booze and cherry brandy chocolates which I thought very generous, but what I had not realised until one of the chocolates came flashing through the air striking me on the end of the nose, was that they had in fact been provided not to eat but as ammunition.

Severely concuss from the heavy blow but still bravely standing my ground, the spoon was passed to our lady captain

By the way, very good shot Annie Oakley, or should that be Helen Mills!!

The Pinheiros Altos Cookery Book was launched in October and while I suggest that you all turn immediately to the excellent recipe on page 39 I am going to leave it to Debbie in her section to share the news on this really great initiative.

The Autumn medal and Rose bowl was held in October and while I was very pleased with my sixth place, congratulations to Peter Seabrook who took the title with a nett 72. Well done Peter.

More to look forward to next month which will see us playing on Memorial Day and competing in the Foursomes Championship.

Oh yes and don't forget to grab a ticket to New Year's Eve before they are all sold out.

Frank Ward

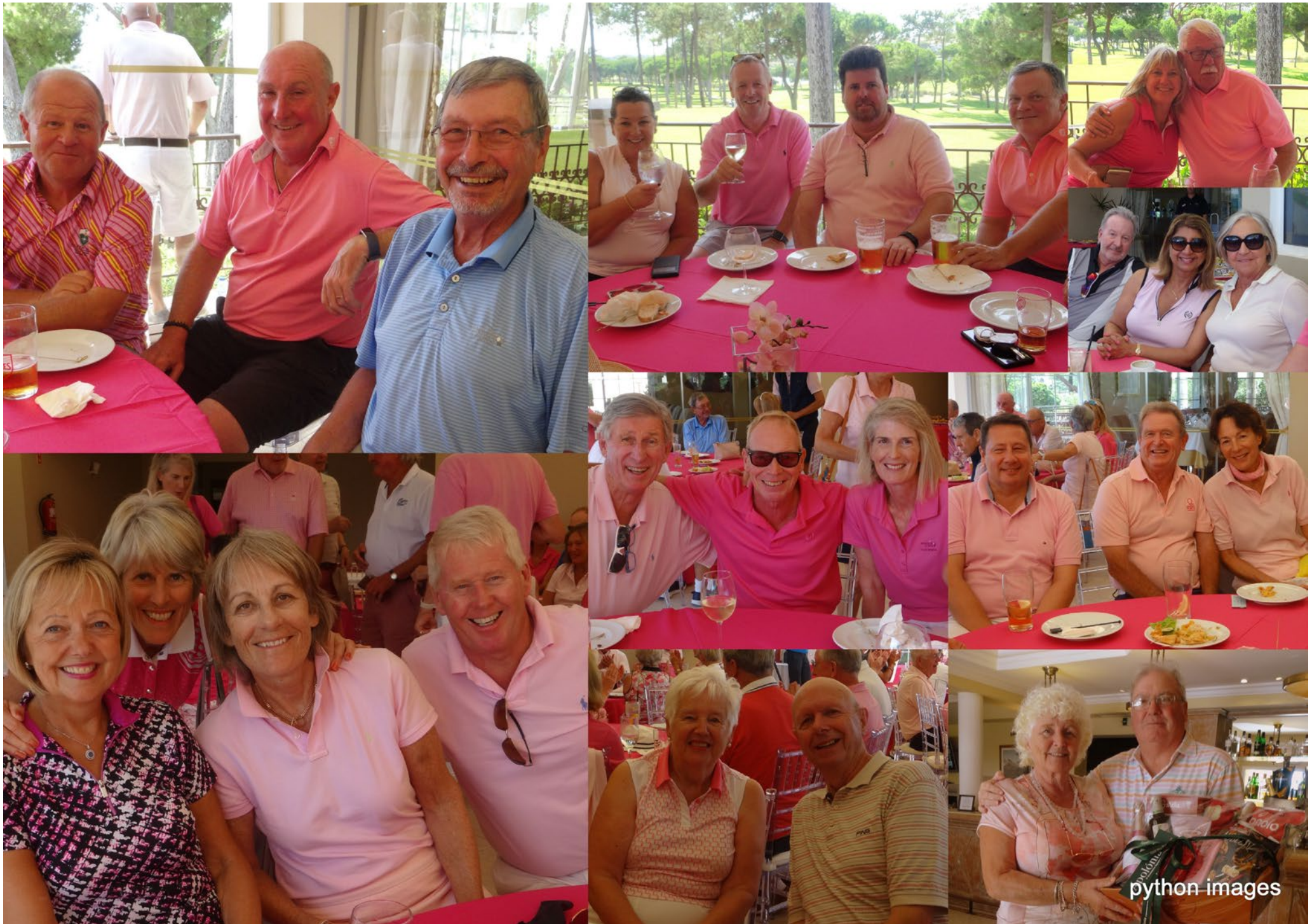
Just before the time of writing I learned of the passing of our friend and club member Frank Ward on the 23rd October in such tragic circumstances.

I would like to take this opportunity of offering my sincere and personal condolences to Mary and family. A terrible and untimely loss, he will be greatly missed.



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Pink Day Prize Winners



Pink Day



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Wooden Spoon





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Cookery Book Launch



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

October started with the Pink Day and I would like to thank all the members for their great support in raising €7.550 which is yet another record. A big Thank you to the Captains & the President for their important input in the event. The fact that Dermot Hennessy won his own voucher for his victory on the day helped us to auction his prize and Eddy Moloney prize to raise even more money for the Charity. A big thank you to all the sponsors.

The Wooden Spoon this year was played on 4th October and after some very tight matches our Captain Alan Bentley led the men to a 9-8 victory which was well celebrated mainly due to the drinks our Lady Captain Debbie Madgett brought in to celebrate! The Club Captain Alan Bentley had the pleasure to hand in the wooden spoon to our Lady Captain Debbie Madgett in a hostile atmosphere as he mentioned in his report. After that I do not remember very well but Karaoke seems to ring a bell!

On 10th October our Club sponsor Blevins Franks had their annual Golf Day at Pinheiros Altos which was well attended with 64 players in a shot gun start followed by lunch in the Clubhouse.



The Pinheiros Altos Cookery book was lounged in October and again raised a fantastic amount of over €7.000 for the Captains Charity. Congratulations to all members involved and a big thank you to Waratah and all other sponsors involved in making the book happen.

The October Stableford was won by Uwe Bindseil with 36 points and the Autumn Rosebowl saw Peter Seabrook winning the trophy with a net 72.

I would like to congratulate the Interclub team who finished in second place of the first division this year which maintains the team in the first league. Some of the matches for next year are already posted on the Fixture list for next year on the Pinheiros Altos APP.

More than 100 members have already signed in on the APP but there are still many more to sign so please make sure you follow us on the APP which is more & more complete and allow members to follow the activities of the Club even when not in Portugal.

It has been decided that next year the President's Day & the Seniors Championship will be split and the dates are still to be announced so that both board competition are played on different occasions.

The Golf Course will remain busy for most of November quieting down towards the end of the month which will allow us to carry some heavier work like buggy paths repairs.

Our course consultant Conor Nolan from STRI will be visiting Pinheiros Altos and give us their 7th report and opinions on how to go forward and continuing in improving the quality of the golf course. The results are there to be seen and we know that more improvement can be made but we cannot relax as it is an on-going task to improve the Golf Course.



The Annual Subscription request will be sent during the month of November by email for payment until 31st December 2019. The Annual Subscription for 2020 will remain at the same value as it was for 2019 and there will be some innovation on the offer.

Be aware of the Christmas board which will soon be up in the Clubhouse to sign up for the many tournaments during the festive times. Also, do not miss our New Year Eve party at the Clubhouse with the usual live band which I am sure will be yet another success!

Sign up for the New Year Eve party can be confirmed with Cristina. Make sure you book your table early with the office. One important note from the publisher of the Newsletter is that all the photos used are copyright and should not be copied for publishing on social media or other public sites.

I look forward to see many of you playing Pinheiros Altos in November.

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)

Competition Results for October

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Pink Day	Dermot Hennessy David Warnock Jill Miller Cheevers Eddie Moloney	88 Pts	Helen Mills Denise Reed Chris Sutton Neil Sutton	86 Pts
Fri 4th	Wooden Spoon	Men	9	Ladies	8
Sun 6th	Autumn Medal Rosebowl	Peter Seabrook	72 Nett	Noel Kelly	73 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 9th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Zoë Pirret 2nd Division Louise Baker	71 Nett 71 Nett	1st Division Sally Evans 2nd Division Marna Edwards	74 Nett 72 Nett
Fri 11th	Ladies Annual Dinner Competition Who Stole the Par 4's	Zoë Pirret Lucy Pye Brigitta Sohler Jenny Harrison	90 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Chris Sutton Denise Reed Josie Waddington Maried Kooijmans	90 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)
Sun 13th	October Stableford	Uwe Bindseil	36 Pts	Neil Bamber	35 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Florence D'Algue 2nd Division Bernadette Hardie	40 Pts 35 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	1st Division Zoë Pirret 2nd Division Molly Wainwright	37 Pts 35 Pts
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Captain's Choice Merry-Go-Round	Pines/Corks Debbie Madgett Denise Reed Cathy Harper Marna Edwards Olives/Pines Fiona Hanby Jill Miller-Cheevers Lucy Pye Wendy Evans			

Competition Results for October

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 30th	Ladies Day	<i>Pines/Corks</i>		<i>Pines/Corks</i>	
	Captain's Choice	Zoë Pirret	BB9	Lucy Pye	
	4 Clubs and a Putter	Sally Ward		Dawn Warnock	
		Jenny Harrison		Jill Miller-Cheevers	
		Vera Watkins		Ilse Berg	
		<i>Corks/Olives</i>		<i>Corks/Olives</i>	
		Molly Wainwright	BB9	Helen Mills	
		Chie Crowdey		Melody Cotterill	
		Denise Reed		Diana Collins	
		Sandra Little		Louise Baker	

Ladies Eclectic Competition 2019 Results - Cards up to 2nd October 2019

1st Division (Exact playing handicap 1 – 18.0)

1st Gross	Sally Evans	69 c/b
2nd Gross	Helen Mills	69
3rd Gross	Christine Soden	73
1st Nett	Elouise Renouard	58
2nd Nett	Kay Ford	59 c/b
3rd Nett	Dawn Warnock	59
Best Gross Score Front 9	Zoë Pirret	36 c/b
Best Gross Score Back 9	Sue Georges	38 c/b

2nd Division (Exact playing handicap 18.1 – 36.0)

1st Gross	Joanna Young	78
2nd Gross	Adrienne Buth	81 c/b
3rd Gross	Fiona Thomson	81
1st Nett	Melody Cotterill	57
2nd Nett	Maried Kooijmans	60 c/b
3rd Nett	Debbie Madgett	60
Best Gross Score Front 9	Cathy Harper	41 c/b
Best Gross Score Back 9	Molly Wainwright	44 c/b

Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

Hi Everyone

The Ladies Section has been very busy in October with many Members returning to the Algarve to enjoy the warm weather and various events at the Golf club. We have many new and pro active Members which is fantastic as well as our usual pro active Members, however we have come to realise that with the increased activity we need to re-structure the Ladies Committee and spread the workload - so watch this space and the notice board in the locker room for details.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE PINHEIROS ALTOS APP - CHRISTOPHE AND CRISTINA IN THE OFFICE CAN HELP YOU - JUST POP IN AND SEE THEM. ALL RESULTS AND DRAWS GO ON THE APP AS WELL AS FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Annual Pink Day was very well supported and, as Alan has reported, you raised over 7000 euros so well done to everyone and thank you.

The Wooden Spoon was another matter - I did not prepare a speech as I did not expect to receive the spoon!!! However great fun was had by all and thank you to the wonderful team of ladies who were so narrowly beaten by the Bandits - oh sorry – Men !!!

The launch of the Cookery Book a few days later was a great evening with wines provided by one of the book sponsors - Wines and Co and nibbles provided by the Ladies Section - thank you Kay, Wendy C, Mai and Jenny. We had such great support that the first run of 250 books sold out that night and so another run has been ordered but after this there will be no more books available. We have not yet done the sums after costs but, think, we have made around 7000 Euros for The Salvation Army and ACCA.

We were very lucky with fantastic sponsors such as Wines and Co, Waratah, Vila Joya Restaurant, Alambique Restaurant, Julius Beach Bar and la Piazza Restaurant - without this support we would not have been able to raise that amount - so huge thanks to our special sponsors.

The Ladies Team had two home matches this month Boavista and Levante and won them both so well done ladies and thank you Adrienne for running those whilst I was away in UK. We have yet to play the away match at Levante and are looking forward to doing so later in the month.

The Ladies Annual Dinner was a huge success with 46 Ladies dining at Alambique Restaurant - the meal and service was amazing so thank you to our great friends at Alambique yet again for your support. We had many prizes to give out that night and all went very smoothly - thank you to my lovely committee for all their help on the night - Paula, Amanda, Maried, Lisa, Adrienne and Molly and huge thanks to Shirley for taking the photos yet again - great job!

The social ladies had a lovely trip to the Monterosa Olive Oil Farm in Moncarapacho followed by lunch at Restaurant Antonio. A very interesting and fun tour enjoyed by everyone - thank you to Lisa for Organising.

BRIDGE

We now have a thriving Bridge section and Philippa has offered to do Bridge lessons for beginners do please contact her if you wish to join in - Wednesdays 2-4pm.(clanceys@hotmail.com)

Dates for your diary

Golf clinics

Kenny and Ross will be offering golf clinics once a month to the ladies and a sign up sheet is in the ladies locker room for November 14th so please sign up and have fun and improve your golf. If you sign up and cannot play please let Kenny ross or the Pro shop know or e mail me and I will let them know.

Other dates are as follows –

December 12th; January 9th; February 6th

Kenny - kennygolf@hotmail.com

Ross - rosssutherland@sapo.pt

You can also book private lessons so please support our golf Pros and improve our golf.



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Monday 25th November Ladies Away Match with Levante - notice in Ladies locker room to sign up.

Tuesday 3rd December Social Ladies walking tour of Loulé and lunch - Lisa will be in touch to sign up.

Wednesday 11th December Ladies Golf Christmas competition and lunch (social Ladies invited). There will be a secret Santa (15 Euros) and ladies will be asked to bring nibbles - list will go up in locker room shortly. Wine and champagne will be provided. Christmas attire is the order of the day!!

There will be the usual dinner and party (with a fantastic live band) at Pinheiros to celebrate New Year - a list will be up shortly outside Golf Reception so sign up quickly - limited places for this awesome event!

Thank you all for your continued support - it is really appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you all around the club and enjoying the golf and social events.

Debbie x

Social Golf

Merry - Go -Round

What a great turnout for the social golf on Sunday 20th October with 59 players and 63 for supper. Was great to see everyone return after the summer break.

The weather threatened rain but turned out to be a lovely day after all. The competition was a very interesting format with most teams struggling with 3 to score on the Par 5's, but great fun never the less.

Big big thank you to everyone who made the effort to be there and for speed of play.

This was a big field, we had to get 3 extra tee times, and getting round in good time made it so much better for everyone.

As always many thanks to Renato and his staff for the meal and service. it was great!!

Congratulations to all the winners listed below:

NTP Ladies - Paula Burke

NTP Men - Byron Clancey

Pines / Corks

1st - 78 points

Paula Burke, Colin Glennon, Marna Edwards, Cyril Griffith

2nd - 73 points

Denise Reed, David Warnock, Wallace Forde, Nigel Baker

3rd - 71 Points

Chris Sutton, Gabriele Koch, Liam Edwards, Dirk Blaesing

Corks / Olives

1st - 78 points

Tony Hickey, Louise baker, Mai Markey, Andy Watkins

2nd - 76 points

Barry O'Brien, Fiona Hanby, Cathy Harper, Graeme Thomson

3rd - 71 points

Paul Hanby, Adrienne Buth, Brian Schofield, Udo Berg

Next Social is on 24th November. The organisers are Sue Georges and Adriene Buth and competition will be a Waltz.

Liam Edwards and Ken Irving

Report from the Greens Committee

The whole committee met on the 1st November including Marco and course Director Christophe. It needs to be said that for many reasons it has proved difficult to have a full attendance on some occasions because of other commitments. Indeed this meeting was squeezed in before the full committee meeting an hour later! It is always better to have a "full house" for discussion.

The writer had received several comments from members since our last meeting and these were as follows

1. Greens are very true but slow.
2. The holes seem to be raised on some greens, is this poor cutting of the hole?
3. The bunkers appear to have had more sand in some cases.
4. The fairways are the best for many years but there are some dry spots on Pines and Corks.

In answer to number 1 Marco and the writer took the Stimp reading from the practice putting green. We chose as flat an area as possible and measured in two directions. It was of some surprise to us both that in one direction the reading was just over 10 (fast) but in the opposing direction just under 7 (slow). This would therefore be 8.5. This can only be accounted for by grain which we didn't expect!

Marco is however aware of the issues and trying for an overall speed of 8.5 plus to 10. We have in the past achieved 11.5 but even the professions thought this was too fast!

2. The committee were told that wherever possible the plate is used to cut new holes but sometimes using the cutter without the plate is a better and cleaner operation particularly where the ground is soft?

3. Some new sand has been introduced but very little. We aim to have the sand condition as close as possible to the bunker to the left of the green on 2 of Corks. The members of the committee seem to have had more success in this bunker and we hope it is not just good luck but better sand control!

Finally 4, yes we have some dry patches often on fairways where the elevation and slope causes the irrigation to be less successful. We have also had problems with two main pumps which provide water to some sprinklers. Marco will see how we can improve this situation.

The committee and management believe that the new team of green staff (two new men are being recruited) have settled well to the challenges which they faced over the last few months and the course is well presented from tees to green. Stripes on the fairways and second cuts give a profession appearance. The few brown patches on some greens where the weed grass has died back should recover very quickly.

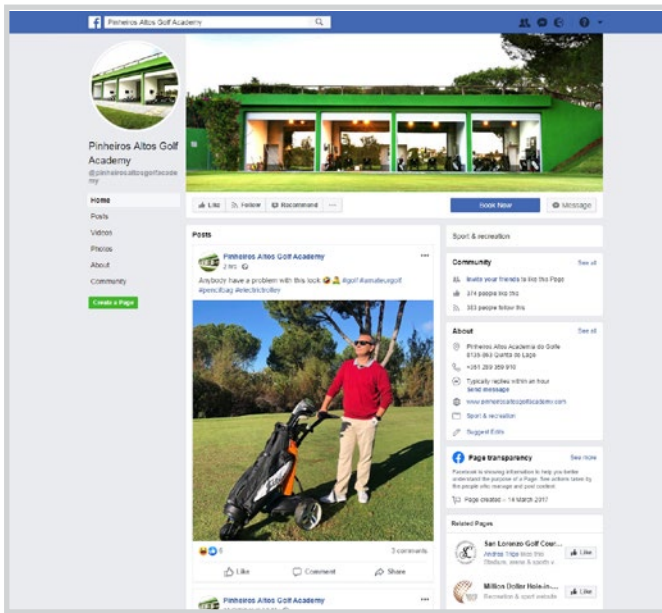
The course is being fed once more this month and we should see further improvement.

Lastly the committee have asked management for a new tractor which Marco says we need. Also we have repeated our concerns relating to the state of the calcada.

We are seeing firm evidence of overall improvement but we are not complacent. Still some way to go!

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 and also allow you to book your lessons online.



We look forward to seeing you in the Academy!
Kenny and Ross

Forthcoming Events November & December 2019

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)
Sun 1st December	St Andrews Day Stableford
Wed 4th December	Ladies Day
Sat 7th December	Mens Roll Up
Wed 11th December	Ladies Christmas Competition
Sat 14th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15th December	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 18th December	Ladies Day
Sat 21st December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd December	Christmas Turkey Flutter
Wed 25th December	Ladies Day
Thurs 26th December	Boxing Day American Foursomes
Sat 28th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 29th December	December Medal

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Seminar

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Our local Partner, Dan Henderson, is giving a talk for club members and friends. His presentation will cover the following topics, followed by Q&As:

- Estate planning for Portugal and UK
- Trusts
- UK pensions for expatriates
- Capital gains tax in Portugal and UK

The topics may be serious, but afterwards we can all relax and enjoy mince pies, mulled wine, and a Santa sack of goodies!

PINHEIROS ALTOS CLUBHOUSE
Tuesday 10 December
11am to 1pm

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Pinheiros Altos Club
Member's APP
Please download the
APP and follow
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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