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News



PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

November is always a quiet time at Pinheiros as we all make ready for the rush of events over the Christmas and New Year period, including of course the St Andrews day stableford, the final Social golf of the year, Christmas Turkey Flutter, Boxing day American Four- some's and our New Year's Eve celebration. Lots to look forward to so get your names down early.

Of course Friday 1st of November saw in memorial day at the club and as I looked back to those we have lost over the past few years I see the day as more of an opportunity to celebrate their lives and raise a glass to absent friends and I am pleased to say that is exactly what we did.

The Memorial Day golf was a very close-run thing with a single point covering the top three teams however in the end congratulations went to Chris Sutton, Hilary Jessup, Helen Mills and Neil Sutton, very well-done guys.

The Foursomes championship was held over two days during the month and speaking to the competitors as they came in, I really had the feeling that people had enjoyed the event and its format so I would like to recommend the competition to you next year.

The winners were Andy Wheeler and Tony Hickey from Tim and Susan Russell in second place, well done to all.

Oh before I forget and looking way ahead, on Thursday 23rd April 2020, we have included an additional event in the calendar. This will be St Georges day and as it will be run and organised by our current Vice Captain "St Andy Georges" himself, it promises to be a real joust with traditional English Fare for dinner. Remember to book the day in your diary, despite the traditional English Fare for dinner.

Changing tack for a moment I note that we have over one hundred signed up for the app which is great, but really the more the merrier.

I have it and it really is valuable containing all the dates for future events, plus results and newsletters and much more. Call in on Cristina or Christophe when you are around and get signed up.

OK that is my lot for this month and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the December club events

Finally, I would like to wish every-one of you and to all of your family members, a very happy Christmas and everything you would wish for your selves in the new year.



Memorial Day Winners Hilary Jessup, Chris Sutton, Helen Mills and Neil Sutton



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Foursomes Championship

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

November saw the usual Foursomes Championship played over 2 days of what must be the most difficult format to play. For once we managed to lovely days and a presentation outside on the terrace. This year's Champions were one of the lowest handicap team Andy Wheeler & Tony Hickey with scores of 69 & 72 nett. Congratulations to both of them! The runner up and also winner of the gross prize were Tim & Susan Russell proving that married couples can compete & succeed in the Foursomes. Congratulations to all participant for taking place in what is the most difficult format of Golf.

On 1st November we had our Memorial Day. It was nice to see a great turn out for all our friends who are no longer with us. The day was won by Neil Sutton and his Charlie's Angels Chris Sutton, Hilary Jessup & Helen Mills!

Lucy Pye won the November Medal with a net 71 in a medal dominated by ladies as the top 3 places were taken by the ladies contingent. Thank you to John Seabrook to save the honor in the November stableford winning with 37 points.

It is with great pleasure that I can confirm that David Markey has accepted to be nominated by the committee to run for another term of 3 years for Presidency of the Club at the next AGM in April 2020. Any other nomination should be sent in writing to the committee supported by 4 Principal Member a minimum of 30 days prior to the AGM on 9th April 2020.

The New Year's Eve Party is now all organized and you can sign in for the night with Cristina in the Golf Office. Make sure you put your names down as it is filling up very quickly.

On 30th November Pinheiros Altos Staff played the Algarve Golf Staff Trophy at Vale do Lobo and even that I played some of the worst golf ever, the team managed to take the Trophy with 88 points 3 ahead of the runners up. I believe that it has a lot to do with the Captain of the team which I am proud to be! The event next year will be organized in Pinheiros Altos for all the Staff from courses all over the Algarve.



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The Annual Subscription's requests have now gone out to Members and you will note that the fees for 2020 will remain the same as 2018 & 2019. We will have some members tournament played at San Lorenzo Golf Course during the year of 2020. The list of those tournaments is included in this newsletter.

The Members APP is becoming more & more active with more members signing in and if you have not yet joined make sure you do. This will allow you to receive all the updated news of your Club.

The Committee has finally agreed with the company a corkage fee of €15 per bottle for bringing your own wine into the Clubhouse and this fee is reduced to €5 a bottle when bringing your own wine at a function which already includes wine.



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The Golf course is now going to be quieter over the next few weeks and will allow for it to recover from a very heavy season and also continue to improve the areas which are in need.

The Christmas board is now up in the Clubhouse for all to sign in for the many forthcoming events and I hope to see as many of you around for these competitions and social activities.

I will be away for the Turkey Flutter & Boxing day therefore Ross Sutherland & Kenny Fairbairn will be in charge for these 2 events. I am sure they will do a great job probably a better job that I do!

On behalf of all the staff at Pinheiros Altos I would like to wish all the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pinheiros Altos Golf Club New Year's Eve Party

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

€120 per Person (including tip)

Please book at the Golf Office

Live Music • Dress Code Smart Casual (jacket preferred)

Pinheiros Altos Golf Club New Year's Eve Menu

Bread, butter selection and tapas on the table

STARTER

Cream of peas, tuna muxama and croutons of homemade bread

MAIN COURSE

Fish

Turbot confit in dried fruit olive oil, roasted mini courgette
with Salicornia and crispy celery

Side dish – Green beans and red onion confit in olive oil

Sauces – Butter and lemon and spicy soy

Meat

Filet mignon with pepper sauce, chip of orange sweet potato
and asparagus with micro herbs

*Side dish – Ratatouille with basil and celery and
sautéed potatoes with truffle oil*

Sauces – Pepper sauce and Port wine sauce

DESSERT

Tiramisu with caramel ice cream

Cheese buffet, crackers selection, bread and cornbread selection,
dry fruits, homemade jam and grapes

WINES

Herdade das Servas Red and White

Champagne at midnight

If you have any food allergy or any special food
requirements please inform the Golf Office in advance

Competition Results for November

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Fri 1st	Memorial Day	Chris Sutton Neil Sutton Hilary Jessup Helen Mills	86 Pts	Tim Russell Susan Russell Stella Jeffrey Qaiser	85 Pts (<i>B9 42</i>)
Sun 3rd	November Medal	Lucy Pye	71 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)	Susan Russell	71 Nett
Wed 6th	Ladies Day	1st Division		1st Division	
	Monthly Medal	Zoë Pirret	68 Nett	Susan Russell	72 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Majida Lester	75 Nett	Fiona Hanby	76 Nett
Sat 9th - Sun 10th	Foursomes Championship	Andy Wheeler Tony Hickey	141 Nett	Tim Russell Susan Russell	146 Nett
Wed 13th	Ladies Day Captain's Choice Waltz	Zoë Pirret Carol Knight Jill M Cheevers	80 Pts	Sally Evans Fiona Hanby Melody Cotterill	77 Pts
Sun 17th	November Stableford	John Seabrook	37 Pts	John Ken Irving	35 Pts
Wed 20th	Ladies Day	1st Division		1st Division	
	Monthly Stableford	Helen Mills	36 Pts	Sally Evans	35 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Adrienne Buth	36 Pts	Louise Baker	32 Pts
Wed 27th	Ladies Day Captain's Choice Sixes	Louise Baker Philippa Clancey Wendy Evans	74 Pts	Chris Sutton Stella Jeffrey Jill M Cheevers	71 Pts

Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

November was a fairly quiet Month for Ladies golf - however congratulations to the Ladies who featured in November Monthly Medal taking the three top spots - Lucy Pye, Susan Russell and Slaney Mullen - well done to you all.

The Foursomes Championship 2019 also featured the ladies with their husbands in 2nd place Susan and Tim Russell, 3rd place Fiona and Paul Hanby and in 4th place - previous winners Paula Burke and Helen Mills. Congratulations to Andy Wheeler and Tony Hickey overall Foursomes winners.

The Angels Christmas programme was set up by Lisa and Jenny - an annual event to provide a Christmas present for all children in the Bom Samaritano Home and other under privileged children elsewhere supported by ACCA and The Salvation Army. Many members went shopping to buy a gift for the children - others gave donations which were very much appreciated. Over 80 gifts were purchased and will be distributed next week by Jenny and Philippa and myself. Thank you all so much for making a Happy Christmas for those children. The Salvation Army Band will be coming on the 22nd (Turkey Trot) to assist with your Carol singing as a thank you for your fabulous support.

Forthcoming Events

- December 11th** Ladies Christmas Meeting - Golfers and social Lady Members welcome - please join us for drinks and nibbles after golf (12.30 ish) sign up sheet in locker room.
- December 12th** Golf Clinic with Kenny or Ross 1.30 start
- December 15th** Social golf Christmas Edition - come and join the fun -Christmas attire!
- December 18th** Ladies Stableford (San Lorenzo)
- December 22nd** Turkey flutter - more Christmas golf and outfits!!
- December 26th** American Foursomes

- January 1st** New Years Scramble
- January 5th** Monthly Medal
- January 7th** social Ladies event
- January 8th** Ladies Medal
- January 9th** Ladies golf clinic
- February 6th** Ladies golf clinic
- February 7th/8th** Ladies away golf trip - please email me if you need information
- March 12th** Ladies golf clinic

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP ONTO YOUR SMARTPHONE - CHRISTOPHE AND CRISTINA WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU. THERE ARE NO DIARIES FOR 2020 SO THE APP IS ESSENTIAL!!!

Finally I would like to wish all those flying away for the festive season a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year. To all other elves, reindeer, fairies and other helpers I look forward to seeing you over the festive season.

Debbie x





Social Golf - by Adrienne Buth

Sunday the 24th of November, we played a Waltz. Nice and quick format and great scores on the cards. A few new members decided to join and we did our very best to welcome them. Our lady captain Debbie Madgett was a floater for Tom Copp's team and they were happy with her good scores. Only one lady registered for the nine hole competition and she withdrew.

There were 59 players and 6 extras for dinner: Salmon, baked potatoes and vegetables followed by cheese cake. Thank you Renato and the staff for a lovely meal and prompt service.

Pines to Corks

1st - 84 pts

Paul Hanby, Denise Reed, Debbie Madgett and Remo Cherubini

2nd - 82 pts

Colin Glennon, Peter Mills, Majida Lester and Heather Conroy

3rd - 75 pts

Zoë Pirret, Katalin von Hofsten, Ron Goossens and Nils Ieffler

4th - 75 pts

Tom Copp, Sue Georges, Pauline Naughton, and Debbie Madgett (F)

Corks to Olives

1st - 84 pts

Knut Ellingsen, Lucy Pye, Suzanne Davis and Bob Seddon

2nd - 79 pts

John Conroy, Nigel Collins, Gabriele Koch and Marianne Wiren

3rd - 76 pts

Mark Pye, David Pirret, Philippa Clancey and Meg Black

4th - 72 pts

Christian Holst, Anders Tensjo, Adrienne Buth and Bruno Pouezat

The next Social Golf will be "Four clubs and a putter" on Sunday 15th of December by Knut Pedersen, Stella and Andy Georges. After dinner (probably turkey) we will sing Christmas carols. Don't forget you Christmas jumper!

Again, there will be an option to play the 9 Holes competition, which tees off from approx. 14 hours and finishes in time to join the other players for supper.

Happy golfing!

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee have only just had the opportunity of considering the report from STRI who visited the course in the last few days. It is a long and detailed report!

This report is therefore our preliminary comments on what is a complex and technical analysis of how the course is performing and the necessary actions they recommend for future improvement.

It needs to be stressed that STRI are aware of the strains and stresses of running a golf course open for 12 months of the year. They know it has to show a profit from both members and visitors fees. Even so they set out their ideal in both labour requirements equipment and the application of fertilizers and course maintenance generally.

The view of this committee is that under the regime of Marcos and his team with support from Christophe, and additional funding from JJW the course is close in presenting itself to our ideal. Our ambition in having a course where “placing” should not be required except in very wet conditions is just about “there”.

JJW will however be faced with the challenge of substantial expenditure if we are to fulfil the STRI recommendations in full and we suspect that compromises will have to be made.

The committee know that the R&A do follow very strict regimes set by STRI when preparing for the Open events but the returns for clubs who host these events is very substantial and beneficial to the clubs members. In an ideal world we should close our course far more often for maintenance but that would make the club having to break long standing contracts!

Having said the above there are some very serious concerns for the committee with regard to future commitment of the owners and which we believe the members can justifiably expect to be fulfilled.

Equipment

Marcos has managed with very old and limited course equipment but STRI have said the machinery fleet is “a real worry”. The committee agree and the members will be aware that poor areas of the course arise in the main from irrigation problems and the need for better machinery. We look to JJW to begin at the very least a programme of replacement as soon as possible and to add to our resources in providing the additional equipment required to move the course forward and to protect it from deteriorating. Members will have seen the fleet of new machinery that Quinta acquired in the last few months which allows them to present a course which allows them to charge visitors fees well above those of PA!

Conclusions

The “quid per pro” is that over the last 12 months we believe the owners have seen substantial improvements in both new member numbers and visitor fees. The committee is not privy to this information but we do see full car parks, increases in new members entry fees (about to increase further) and “social golf events” attracting record numbers approaching 70 players and more!

The course is the most precious asset of PA and we must maintain it to protect members investments and the value of PA real estate.

This is rather a “holding” note and we hope to be positive and more informative in our next report. We should be thankful that under Marcos as course superintendent and with Christophe committed to improvements we are seeing a course which is attracting favourable comments from both new and old members alike and we believe every good golfer should have PA in his golfing itinerary!

We wish all members a very happy Christmas and New Year and good golfing conditions.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

Academy News



Looking for that last minute stocking filler or looking to star the new golf season off the right way?

Drop into the office or the Academy and pick up your xmas golf lesson vouchers! Available in 1 hr or ½ hour options, packages are also available if you speak to Ross directly on ross@sutherland.sapo.pt & +351 963 118 041.

Have a great Xmas & start the new decade off the right way.



Forthcoming Events

December 2019 & January 2020

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
Thur 26th December	Boxing Day American Foursomes
Sat 28th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 29th December	December Medal
Wed 1st January	New Year's Scramble
Sat 4th January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th January	Winter Medal
Wed 8th January	Ladies Day
Thur 9th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Fri 10th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 11th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 11th January	Mens Roll Up at San Lorenzo (sign up)
Sun 12th January	January Stableford at San Lorenzo
Tues 14th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Wed 15th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Wed 15th January	Ladies Day
Fri 17th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Sat 18th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Sat 18th January	Mens Roll Up
Wed 22nd January	Ladies Day
Sat 25th January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26th January	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 29th January	Ladies Day at San Lorenzo



2020 Tournaments
To be held at
San Lorenzo



7th December 2019	Mens Roll up
18th December 2019	Ladies Day
11th January 2020	Mens Roll up
12th January 2020	January Stableford
29th January 2020	Ladies Day
14th February 2020	St Valentine
15th February 2020	St Valentine
23rd February 2020	February Stableford
20th June 2020	Mens Roll up
28th June 2020	June Stableford
8th July 2020	Ladies Day
12th July 2020	July Stableford
21st July 2020	GALA Week
9th August 2020	August Stableford
22nd August 2020	Mens Roll up
26th August 2020	Ladies Day
30th August 2020	Social Golf
5th December 2020	Mens Roll up
16th December 2020	Ladies Day
27 December 2020	December Stableford

15% discount in Food & Beverage for Pinheiros Altos
Members at San Lorenzo on Tournaments days.

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