



PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

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## Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

I arrived back in the Algarve on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> my aircraft leaving from gate 13 at Bristol so it's a good job I am not superstitious.

Any way all went well except I was greeted by wind and rain, in fact rather similar to the UK but a lot warmer. I really thought our Christmas events would be under threat, but just in time on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> there was a break in the weather and we were able to play the full 18 at the last Social golf of the year, well attended and great fun as usual.

More rain came but just prior to the Turkey flutter on 22<sup>ND</sup> December, out came the sun and it stayed out for the whole of the Christmas and New year festivities.

The Turkey flutter saw good participation rates and was won with 40 points by Tim Russell with Barbara Kyne and Tim Moores second and third respectively, both with 34 points. So it's a big well done to all three of them.

Boxing days competition saw us on the terrace in our shorts (well I was) doing the presentations and its congratulations to our winners Duncan Evans and Katie Bond with 41 points and Andy Wheeler and Stella Jeffrey second with 40 points.

The New Year eve celebrations at the club were not the best attended with just under 60 people purchasing tickets, including a high ratio of guests which was a little disappointing after the success and 80 plus attendance of the previous year.

The evening itself however went very well and a great time was had by all, with good food a super band and lots of dancing and the odd glass of wine thrown in of course.

I recognise that many people want to celebrate the beginning of a new year in their own way, but I really do commend this event to you all, so see you next time, I hope.

Our start was not too early at 11am on New Year's Day for the competition, and I was very pleased to see 140 players turning up to Scramble and scramble we did, my team falling just below the prizes due to my argument with a tree on the last of Corks. In my view this tree has it in for me, its now personal and I will be recommending to committee that it gets the chop.

Oh yes nearly forgot, well done to Majida and Robert Lester, Chris and Amanda Stretton and Colin Glennon who ran out the clear winners 11.5 under par.

January will see the Algarve international seniors and The Algarve Charity Pro AM, also in February don't forget the Valentines competition 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Only remains to wish you all a very happy New Year.

See you out on the fairways







Christmas Turkey Flutter Prize Winners

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*Christmas Turkey Flutter*









*Boxing Day Prize Winners*





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*New Year's Eve Celebrations*





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*New Year's Eve Celebrations*





*New Year's Scramble Prize Winners*

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# Director of Golf - Monthly Report

December 2019 was as usually a busy month in the Members calendar with many Christmas competitions. I would like to thank Kenny & Ross for running the Turkey Flutter, the Boxing day and Cristina for running the office to allow me to take some time off with the Family over Christmas which was very much enjoyed as some of you witnessed on facebook.

The Turkey Flutter was once more won by Tim Russell who had a fantastic score of 40 points and the boxing day was won by Duncan Evans & Katie Bond with 41 points.

The Eclectic competition sponsored by the Pinheiros Altos Academy Shop was won for the men by Tim Russell with a score of 62 gross beating Brian Evans on the back 6 holes of 20 and for the ladies by Sally Evans with a score of 65.

The nett prizes for the Eclectic for the men was Paul Hanby with a score of 54 and Adrienne Buth for the ladies with a score 55. I am pleased to announce that the Pinheiros altos Academy Shop will sponsor this competition through 2020 and that all the Monthly medals will count for the eclectic and the winners will win a Titleist golf sets & Titleist woods.

PA January Newsletter photo 9 – Club Captain Alan Bentley and Lady Captain Debbie Madgett presenting the Eclectic winners Sally Evans and Tim Russell with new sets of clubs and the Nett Prize winners Adrienne Buth and Paul Hanby and new drivers.

New Year's Day Scramble this year had a great turn out with 135 players on the day. The "Brian Evans New Year Scramble Trophy" was presented to the winning team Majida & Robert Lester, Chris & Amanda Stretton & Colin Glennon.

New Year's Eve in the Clubhouse which was just under 60 people but nevertheless the atmosphere and the party was as its best and all involved seem to have enjoyed the food and the entertainment!

Handicap revision will take place this month so all the bandits out there should be prepared to receive their new handicap for this golfing year and you will probably get another cut when the WHC comes into action later during the year!

In February our main event is of course the St Valentine Trophy and I look forward to see as many of you signing in for this event played over 2 days, one round at Pinheiros Altos and another round at San Lorenzo. The golf will be played on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February followed by the usual dinner at Pinheiros Altos.

Please note that we will have a series of tournament at San Lorenzo during the year of 2020 and also be aware that Mens Roll up at San Lorenzo will have a sign-up sheet and Stableford will be played in 4 balls when the field is extensive as it was in January 2020.

I am very sad to inform the passing away of former Pinheiros Altos Member Mr. Martin Robinson who was one of the newest member of the Club. Our condolences go to the family on behalf of all the Pinheiros Altos staff.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the maintenance staff on the progress made on the Golf course especially on the greens and a lot of the pros that have played recently the golf course have given us a lot of positive feed-back from the progress the course has made over the last 12 months.

Many of you may already be aware but on payment of your annual Subscription the principal Member will receive a credit of €200 to be used in food & beverage in the Clubhouse during 2020 so make sure you pick up your membership cards with Cristina in the Golf Office. This credit will only be allowed to be used for consumption in the Clubhouse.

I together with all the staff at Pinheiros Altos would like to wish all of you and families a great golfing year!





*Club Captain Alan Bentley and Lady Captain Debbie Madgett presenting the Eclectic winners Sally Evans and Tim Russell with new sets of clubs and the Nett Prize winners Adrienne Buth and Paul Hanby and new drivers*





Captains, President and Golf Director presenting the amount of €7,550.00 to the President of Associação Oncológica do Algarve



# Competition Results for December

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Andrews Day Stableford	Noel Kelly	34 Pts (bb9)	Christian Holst	34 Pts (bb9)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Lucy Pye	71 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Zoë Pirret	73 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Louise Baker	70 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Meg Black	73 Nett
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Christmas Santa Scramble	Sue Georges Sally Ward Louise Baker Ingrid Hollier		Sally Evans Heather Conroy Fiona Hanby Gabriele Koch	
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Turkey Flutter	Tim Russell	40 Pts	Barbara Kyne	34 Pts (bb9)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Boxing Day	Duncan Evans Katie Bond	41 Pts	Andy Wheeler Stella Jeffrey	40 Pts
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	December Medal	Majida Lester	71 Net	David Dixon	74 Nett (bb9)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Year's Day Scramble	Majida Lester Robert Lester Amanda Stretton Chris Stretton Colin Glennon	-11,5	Jill M Cheevers Gary M Cheevers John Conroy Heather Conroy Peter Seabrook	-9,5 BN -4,75
		<b>PROS</b> Neil Moye Dan Henderson Bernard Dempsey Tim Moores Dave Eddy	-11,5		



# Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

Hi Everyone - Happy New Year.

December was a fun Month starting with the Ladies Christmas Meeting when many of Santa's Elves and fairies came out to play – even Mrs Santa turned up! The golf game was a Texas Scramble – the winners score was very good considering the amount of Champagne consumed on the first tee at 9am!

The winners were Sue Georges, Sally Ward, Louise Baker and Ingrid Hollier – Well done Ladies or should I say Elves! The golf was followed by nibbles, drinks and prize giving - good start to the festive season.

Captain Luis came to see us and to confirm he had received 16,000 euros via The Salvation Army bank account. Thank you to everyone who bid on the Mauritius trip to make this amount.

Alan and I did a presentation to the Oncology Unit in Faro of 7,550 euros which was the final amount of donations from Pink Day. Thank you everyone who bid for events/products on the day.

So – including all these various totals and Pink Day and also some very kind donations – the total so far for ACCA and Salvation Army and Oncology unit is around 55,000 Euros. We just can't thank you enough for this amount and we know it has all gone to very worthwhile Charities especially at this giving time of the year. There will be a breakdown and more thanks in end of Captains year news.

The social Golf and Turkey flutter were well attended and great fun and The Salvation Army Band managed to get everyone singing very loud Christmas Carols at the Turkey Trot – not an easy task but the band as ever were fantastic.

The Club New Year's Eve Party was a great success with a live band and plenty of participants on the dance floor. It was noted that most of the winners on New Year's Day had been at this

event till late – must have been something in the champagne!!!!  
Get booking your place for next year!

## Forthcoming Events

<b>January 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Lady Captains team game
<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Stableford
<b>January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Lady Captains team game at San Lorenzo
<b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Golf and social ladies lunch Aquarelle 1pm
<b>February 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Medal
<b>February 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies foursomes Competition
<b>February 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup></b>	Valentines Competition
<b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Stableford
<b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Lady Captain v Vice Captain

Thank you to all Ladies who signed up to help with the Committee and to learn and put in place some great knowledge to take the committee forward. It was agreed that with so many new members the whole task of Lady Captain was becoming too much for one person. We would like to invite all those who signed up to drinks and nibbles in the Members lounge at 6pm on 20<sup>th</sup> February. We can then chat and tell you individually what we would like you to help us with.

A reminder of that date will be sent out. Thank you again.

Thanks to all ladies -golfers and social- for your help and support and look forward to seeing your cheery faces in 2020.

Debbie x





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Ladies Christmas Celebrations





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Ladies Christmas Celebrations



# Report from the Greens Committee

The full committee met on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January to consider both the report from Marco the course superintendent and Christophe the course Director.

It was agreed that the greens have in the main met the aspirations of both members and the committee and were providing excellent putting surfaces.

There are issues with the Olives where “dollar spot” is evident on many greens. These are being treated and should quite quickly repair. The ongoing problem with Olives is that the water table is very high and for that reason there is substantial additional wet and damp material beneath the surfaces.

The new computer system to manage irrigation on Olives is planned to be implemented this year and we hope will improve the quality of all the grasses.

The course under the management of Marco has reached a “corner stone” and to reach its full potential further investment is needed to provide modern equipment to cover the next five years.

The committee working with Christophe and Marco is preparing a plan to put to the owners to take the course to its full potential.

There is never a good time to ask for more funding and we are aware that 2019 was in many respects a difficult year with Turkey back in the market with cheap inclusive golfing holidays and the Brexit factor making the UK pound expensive to buy euro holidays. We believe that 2020 shows better promise and new members joining the

club and wide spread approval of the course condition by visitors and the professions (who are playing the course this month) should result in additional revenue.

## Summary of course

Greens: Very good, faster and firm, excellent colour.

Fairways: Better growth and few weeds, more sand and fertilizer required to sustain improvements.

Tees: Need more feed and sanding to reach quality desired.

Bunkers: Still require firmer sand and compacting with slopes leading to flat surfaces.

## Course layout

The removal of trees and lobbing of trees has been considerable over the last two years and the new tees and removal of some bunkers we believe provides a fair but still very challenging course for members and visitors alike (the writer was told by one of the Professional s only the other day that they all loved the layout of PA and the challenges it provides.)

The Greens committee is very conscious of the challenges ahead and unlike a members club we can only “put the case” for investment rather than tell “members” how we are going to spend their subscriptions!

We will of course keep members fully advised and we do have the full support of Christophe and Marco.

We remain available for any issues you have regarding the course conditions.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.





## Social Golf - by Knut Pedersen

We had our yearly Christmas social golf on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. It was a great turnout with 13 flights playing, and 4 guests for Supper.

We manage to get around with only a little sprinkle of rain at the end, but still dry enough to have a great social event after.

The format was 4 clubs with a putter and a wedge. As usual the score was good, and a favourite among many players. There were many players that where dressed up in Christmas Sweaters, and gave the event a flavour of Christmas. Thanks to everyone taking the dress code to the next level.

The food was as usual Turkey, and everyone was pleased with the food, so thanks to Renato and the staff.

The singing after the meal gave a hint of Christmas, but I will bring background music with vocals next year. Then we will top this year's performance.

### *Pines/Corks*

#### **1st - 85 pts**

Tom Coop, John Linley, Heather Conroy, Fiona Hanby

#### **2nd - 84 pts**

Katalin von Hofsten, Colin Glennon, Malcom Hollier, Alan Bentley

#### **3rd - 82 pts**

Paul Hanby, Helen Mills, Remo Cherubini, Mai Markey

#### **4th - 77 pts**

Zoe Pirret, Barry Hawley Green, Knut Pedersen, Nigel Collins

### *Corks/Olives*

#### **1st - 88 pts**

Matt Venker, Ingrid Hollier, Peter Mills, Diana Collins

#### **2nd - 86 pts**

Dermot Hennessy, Ian Callaghan, Nils Leffler, Marna Edwards

#### **3rd - 84 pts**

John Conroy, David Markey, David Warnock, Phillipa Clancey

#### **4th - 80 pts**

Dermot Hennessy, Kieran Nagle, Marianne Wirén, Stella Jeffrey

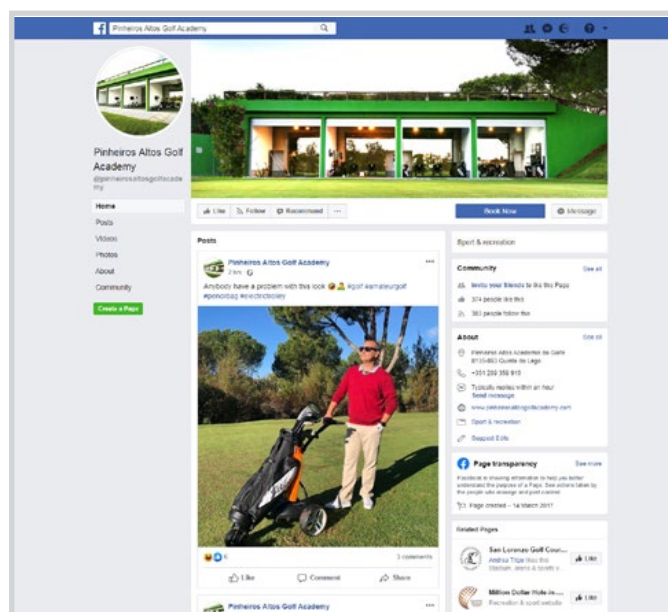
Congratulations to all the winners.

Next Social golf will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, and is hosted by Andy Georges and Cathy Harper. Also remember the Social golf in February with QDL at Pinheiros on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

So everyone have a Happy New Year and a great golf year.



# 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

### January and February 2020

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Year 's Scramble
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Winter Medal
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Ladies Day
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Mens Roll Up at San Lorenzo (sign up)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> January	January Stableford at San Lorenzo
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Ladies Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL S & N, SL and PA)
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mens Roll Up
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Ladies Day
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> January	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Ladies Day at San Lorenzo
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	February Medal
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Ladies Day
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Social Golf with QDL at Pinheiros Altos
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Ladies Foursomes Championship
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> February	St Valentine 's Day PA & SL
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> February	St Valentine 's Day PA & SL (No Roll Up)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Ladies Day
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	February Stableford at San Lorenzo
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Men Pairs Matchplay
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Men Pairs Matchplay





# **St. Valentine's Day**

## **Mixed Golf Tournament**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**at the Pinheiros Altos and San Lorenzo Golf Clubs**

### **ITINERARY**

**Fri - 14<sup>th</sup> February:**

1<sup>st</sup> Round St. Valentine's Tournament  
Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo,

**Sat - 15<sup>th</sup> February:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Round St. Valentine's Tournament  
Your alternate round at either San Lorenzo or Pinheiros Altos  
7:30pm Reception for 8:00pm St Valentine Dinner & Dance, and  
prize presentation at The Pinheiros Golf Club

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Price for PA members

€50 per player

Price for Guests

€130 per player

Includes Welcome cocktail, Gala Dinner, and Golf at PA & SL

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**Accommodation at The Dona Filipa Hotel – Vale do Lobo**  
**Packages are available on request for guests willing to play and**  
**stay at the hotel**

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**Sign up with**  
**the Golf Office**







## 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





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