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PINHEIROS ALTOS
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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

January is a busy month in the Algarve with Pinheiros Altos hosting two major events, back to back.

The first of the two was the Algarvian Invitational which is now in its 8th year and was played over 4 courses, Pinheiros Altos, Quinta North, Quinta South and San Lorenzo.

This year the event was won by Welsh golfer Philip Price after shooting three impressive rounds of 69, he won the tournament on the 2nd hole playoff against Gary Wolstenholme, to claim the trophy and the accompanying 7,000 euro.

The second event was the Pro Am which is in its 5th year and was again played over the 4 courses. 62 teams competed during the week, and amazingly for the 4th year in a row, David Coupland from the UK took home the Pro prize with a brilliant score of 25 under par for the 4 rounds, Nick Lane's team with a score of 59 under par won the team event.

Pinheiros was well represented by 5 teams in the Pro Am, with John Linley's team finishing 2nd and Dermot Hennessy's team finishing 4th.

The PA ladies team of Mai Markey, Zoe Pirret and Fiona Thomson also finished in a very creditable 18th place.

As an aside there was positive feedback from the Pros who emphasised that the Pinheiros Altos course is now in greatly improved condition. So congratulations must go to all those involved in the ongoing work.

As a part of our new arrangements with Sau Lorenzo January saw the first men's roll up and Monthly stableford events to be held at the venue, with 50 players turning out to play Sau Lorenzo, something of a record we think.

Congratulations to Philippa Clancy our winner with 37 points and the runner up Graham Lee with 36, as usual a close-run thing.

As usual there will be plenty to look forward to in February, with the annual Quinta do Lago and Pinheiros Social golf day, plus our Valentines' competition and towards the end of the month Men's Pairs Match-play event

Looking forward to seeing you all at the club



Algarvian Charity Pro Am Winners Nick Lane, Bogdan Bigus, Vlada Alexeeva and John Sheynkman



Algarvian Charity Pro Am Runners up Jossee Lacasse, David Morland, John Linley and Stephen Hibbits



Algarvian Charity Pro Am 3rd Place Simon Elkington, David Cartwright, Trevor Newton and David Coupland



Algarvian Charity Pro Am 4th Place Tony Campbell, Dermott Hennessey, Gerry Naughton and Sam Robinson



Algarvian Charity Pro Am 5th Place Liam Philips, Louise and Richard Manning and Richard Deaville



Cheque of €5000 being presented to Apatris



Algarvian Charity Pro Am Pros 's top winners



Algarvian Invitational Winner Philip Price



Jurgen Von Vuuren, Brian Evans, Gary Wolstenholme, Stephen East, Philip Price, John Waters, Brad Smith and Christophe Rindlisbacher



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The highlight of January 2020 after the New Year 's day scramble was the Algarvian Invitational Senior tournament & the Algarvian Charity Pro AM.

The 8th Algarvian Invitational was once more organized as a joint venture with Laranjal and played over Pinheiros Altos Pines-Corks course and at Laranjal course over 3 competitive rounds of Golf. The turn-out for this tournament was the largest ever with 144 players and 90 top senior professionals. There was even a large waiting list of players to enter. The prize money was €35.500 which also was the highest ever for the Algarvian Invitational which would not have been possible without our 2 main Sponsors Pinheiros Altos member Mr. John Waters and owner of Quinta do Lago Mr. Denis O'Brian.

The weather over the 3 days was amazing and the sunshine was present every day even than a little bit cold in the mornings but all the players were amazed with the climate in January in the Algarve.

On the start of the final day we 11 players 2 under or better all within 4 shots of the leaders Philip Price & Miguel Angel Martin who were tied at 6 under par for the 2 opening days.

On the last day Gary Wolstenholme went out on the pines and shot 30 (6 under for the front nine) putting him in the lead of the tournament at that point. Gary Wolstenholme double buggy the 17th hole (8th on corks) and went one behind Philip Price. On the last hole Philip Price finished with a bogey which meant both Gary Wolstenholme & Philip Price were tied on 9 under Par.

The tournament winner had to be decided on a sudden death playing the 18th hole (9th Corks) and on the second time out on the same hole Philip Price hit the pin with his second shot and almost went in but went on to birdie the hole and win the tournament as the first Welsh man to win the Algarvian Invitational and the €7.000 prize money for first spot.

Congratulations to Philip Price on his win in the Algarvian Invitational 2020 but also on winning last year's Staysure European Senior Order of Merit!

The tournament was a huge success and all players were very compliment on the condition of both courses and also many mentions on the Pinheiros Altos greens which many mentioned as the best greens they had played for a while!

We are already planning with Quinta do Lago the tournament for next year which will be played in early January 2020.

Following the Algarvian Invitational we also organized in Partnership with Quinta do Lago, San Lorenzo & Dona Filipa hotel the 5th Algarvian Charity Pro Am which was played over Quinta do Lago South & North, San Lorenzo & Pinheiros Altos. Again, another record was broken and I am not only talking about the scores but about the attendance as the Pro Am had 62 teams and 248 players enjoying another fantastic week. This must be the biggest Pro Am ever organized in the Algarve! The Pro Am was played over the 4 courses every day and Brian Evans, Mario Vitoria, Roger Calico and myself each had their course to look after. The team worked very hard and the week went very smoothly even with one rainy day on the last round but everyone continued to play and finished their round making us the organizers very proud.

The winners were Nick Lane team with Vlada Alexeeva, John Sheynkman & Bogdan Bigus as his 3 amateurs with a score of 59 under par for the 4 days which might sound a lot but was only 2 points clear of the second place where Pinheiros Altos member John Linley managed to take his dream team with David Morland as the Pro, Josee Lacasse & Stephen Hibbitts as the other 2 amateurs!

As last year we had 2 different prize money, one for the 50 years old and over and the other for the players under 50 years old.

The individual Pro score was won for the seniors by David Morland shooting 23 under par for the 4 rounds and the youngsters prize money was for the fourth year running for European Tour Player David Coupland who shot 25 under par for the 4 days and an outstanding 64 on Quinta do Lago North. Local Pro Miguel Gaspar was 3rd overall shooting 17 under Par. David Morland went on to take second spot in the Senior Tour Qualifying School which will guarantee him a card for the Staysure Senior Tour.

The level of golf played over the 2 weeks was amazing and just shows the quality players that are now repetitively coming back to play in both tournaments.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the staff involved from Pinheiros Altos & Quinta do Lago in organizing both tournaments and specially the green staff as well as all the golf staff as & the hotel staff who looked after the players off the course.

A big thank you on my behalf for the continued support from John Waters in both tournaments. He was the mentor to start such tournaments in 2013 and it has grown every year since.

Winter Medal was won by Susan Russell with a score of 69 leading by 6 shots the rest of the field. This is definitely a case for the Handicap committee.

The January Stableford this year was played in San Lorenzo and we had the best turn out for years with 50 players which is great to see that the interest in playing San Lorenzo boost the numbers of the monthly Club competition and as you know there will be more to come. Philippa Clancey managed to win the stableford with a score of 37 points!

I would like to remind every member who play in competitive golf that you should make sure your handicap is active meaning having 4 qualifying scores over the last 12 months in order to claim victory in board competition. Any member whose handicap is not active will not be eligible to win board competitions. The 4 qualifying scores can be played in regular tournaments or extra day scores handed in the Golf Office for recording.

I am delighted to announce that Tony Hickey has accepted to be the candidate nominated by the committee to be the future Vice-Captain as from the next AGM while his wife Paula Burke Hickey will be the Lady Vice Captain. I am sure that both of them will be a great credit to the Golf Committee and their

experience will bring a lot to the Club and I look forward to be able to work with them in developing the Golf Club over the next few years.

The committee has nominated David Markey to be the candidate of the committee to run for President of the Club for re-election at the AGM on 9th April 2020.

Additional nominations for Vice Captain or President may be proposed and each additional nomination should be supported by 4 principal Members in writing on or before 26th March 2020 into the Golf Office.

Andy & Sue Georges will be taking over their roles of Captains in April and I can assure you we are looking at a very active and

fun year ahead as they are already planning many activities on the Golf Course as well as off the Golf course.

If any members would like to stand for election as one of the 2 members representative on the Golf Committee, they should notify the golf office, proposed & seconded by principal members in writing on or before Thursday 26th March 2020.

Please keep an eye open the Mens Pairs Matchplay to be played from 27th February 2020 while we are at the door step of the St Valentine Week!

Also a reminder that the Golf Club AGM is on April 9th 2020 and we look forward to see as many of you there.

I wish you all a great start to the Golf Season and look forward to see many of you in the next few weeks!

AGM

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 9th April 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Questions for the Director of Golf at the A.G.M. should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Thursday 26th March 2020.

Only questions made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered by the Director of Golf at the A.G.M.

If any principal member would like to stand for election as President or Incoming Vice-Captain they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by four principal members in writing on or before Thursday 26th March 2020.

If any members would like to stand for election as one of the 2 members representative on the Golf Committee, they should notify the golf office, proposed & seconded by principal members in writing on or before Thursday 26th March 2020.

Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM.
2. Members Representatives Election.
3. Club President Election.
4. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. Alan Bentley.
5. Mr. Alan Bentley summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. Andy Georges.
6. The Captains acceptance speech.
7. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
8. The Chairman closes the meeting.

It is my pleasure to present a photo gallery of the present Captains and incoming Captains, Lady Vice-Captain and proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain.



*Alan Bentley
Club Captain*



*Andy Georges
Incoming Club Captain*



*Tony Hickey
Proposed Incoming
Club Vice-Captain*



*Debbie Madgett
Lady Captain*



*Sue Georges
Incoming Lady Captain*



*Paula Burke
Incoming Lady Vice Captain*

Competition Results for January

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 5 th	Winter Medal	Susan Russell	69 Nett	Graham Lee	75 Nett (bb9)
Wed 8 th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Zoë Pirret	70 Nett	Susan Russell	73 Nett
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Majida Lester	79 Nett (bb9)	Philippa Clancey	79 Nett
Sun 12 th	January Stableford at San Lorenzo	Philippa Clancey	37 Pts	Graham Lee	36 Pts
Wed 15 th	Lady Captains Choice	Denise Reed Susan Russell Adrienne Buth		Melody Cotterill Lucy Pye Dawn Warnock	
	9 Hole Comp.	Val Bayston		Ingrid Hollier	
Wed 22 nd	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division	39 Pts	1st Division	35 Pts
		Helen Mills		Sally Evans	
		2nd Division	33 Pts	2nd Division	27 Pts
		Adrienne Buth		Philippa Clancey	
Wed 29 th	Ladies Day San Lorenzo Seattle Scramble	Helen Mills Marie Monahan Denise Reed Jill M Cheevers	86 Pts	Katalin V Hofsten Adrienne Buth Meg Black Carol Knight	85 Pts



Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

Hi Everyone

January has been a quieter month for the Ladies Section with many people away on holiday after the hectic festive season.

However, plenty of golf has been played and I really must congratulate Mai Markey, Zoe Pirret and Fiona Thomson for their part in the Algarvian International Pro-Am, well done Ladies.

Thank you to Sue Georges (Lady Vice) for looking after the competitions while I sneaked off to Antigua for a little rest! One of those competitions was at San Lorenzo and it proved very popular so thank you to Christophe and all those involved in managing to arrange a Competition there every month.

Thank you to all the Committee for their help in my absence.

A new contact list will be sent out shortly so if you have changed any mobiles, landlines or E mail addresses please let me know so that we can have an up to date list.

A list of Friendly Matches will also be sent out shortly for 20/21 so you can save the dates and all put your names down!

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday Feb 12th	Ladies foursomes
Friday Feb 14th/15th	Valentines Competition
Wednesday Feb 19th	Ladies Stableford
Sunday Feb 23rd	Stableford (San Lorenzo)
Wednesday Feb 26th	Lady Captain v Vice Captain
Sunday March 1st	St Davids Day Stableford
Wednesday March 4th	Ladies Medal
Tuesday 10th March	Ladies social trip*

**details tbc - hopefully tour of Quinta do Frances Vineyard followed by lunch. A separate e mail will be sent - please note - one week later than usual due to Vineyard timetable.*

I hope to see everyone at all or some of these events.

If any of you lovely ladies feel ill or have an accident or know someone who has - and need assistance please let someone on the committee know so that we can try and help and rally others to do so - we just presume people are busy or away if we don't see them.

As usual any queries about anything in the Ladies Section please e mail me and I, or one of my very knowledgeable Committee will assist you.

Happy golfing
Debbie x



Hilary Jessup and Sue Georges won the First Gross Prize in Fourball Betterball at Victoria Course



Hilary Jessup won the First Gross in 3rd Category in 36 hole Strokeplay event at Old Course & Laguna

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee has not been able to meet since our last report due to a number of different issues but we hope to publish a more detailed report on the course next month.

The writer is due to meet with the owner's representative, Ruben Paula, together with Christophe, and some of the financial issues for 2020 therefore remain to be confirmed.

We are however pleased that the timing of the fairways and the plan to fertilize the course remains in the calendar for this month.

We are also pleased that although there was some fungal disease on Corks 1 and some dollar spot disease on some of the greens, (mainly Olives), these have been treated very quickly and have recovered well.

The removal of the bunker on the left of Pines 9 has been well received and we believe it reflects the committee's wish to make the course "fairer" without necessarily easier.

The new ladies tee on 2 of Pines is another example of a tee which does not reduce the difficulty of the hole (as the bunker is on a direct line to the green) but the ladies will not have to avoid over hanging tree branches. We hope to have it in play when Marco is satisfied the turf has established.

Work has still to be done on enlarging the men's tee on 8 of Corks and there is still work to be done generally on improving all the tees fertility and appearance.

Marco the course Manager has applied much sand on the fairways. This is in accordance with STRI plan and until it has been washed in the committee feel that the drop and place rule should be expanded to allow dropping on non-heavily sanded parts of the fairway. Undue advantage should not be the result but allow a proper strike to be executed.

We believe that the greens staff under the management of Marco are working well and the course presents a challenge to members and visitors alike and with excellent putting surfaces we feel confident that the reputation of the PA courses will continue to improve. Our great advantage over our competitors is that 4 hour rounds are a "reality" and not just a "wish".

Maintaining a golf course raises many challenges and we are often the victims of unusual weather conditions. There is evidence also of a failure by visitors who do not appreciate the need to repair pitch marks and not to drive their buggies to the edge of greens. Yes really!

If members have any particular issues with the course layout we are ready to consider changes if the resources are available and the owners and committee agree. This does not mean filling in the water hazards!

We are hoping for a mild but reasonably wet spring. We still need more rain.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.



Social Golf - by Andy Georges

The social on 26th January was organised by Cathy Harper and Andy Georges.

The Texas Scramble played on this day proved to be a great success and was indeed a very social event to play. The results were as follows:

Pines to Corks

1) Dermott Hennessy, Remo Cherubini, Melody Cotterill and Nigel Baker = 66.8

2) John Guy, Amanda Stretton, Andy Georges and Malcom Hollier = 67.1

3) Katalin Von Hofsten, Bertil Wiren, Cyril Griffith and Adrienne Buth = 69.4

4) Bjorn Von Hofsten, Harri Nordström, Dee Hirst and Carol Knight = 70.4

Corks to Olives

1) Stewart Harper, Colin Glennon and Knut Pedersen = 65.2 (a great score for a 3 ball Team)

2) Brian Schofield, Per Anton Kleppa, Cathy Harper and Stephen Leach = 69.1

3) Tony Hickey, Andy Watkins, Keith Hirst and Wallace Forde = 72.3

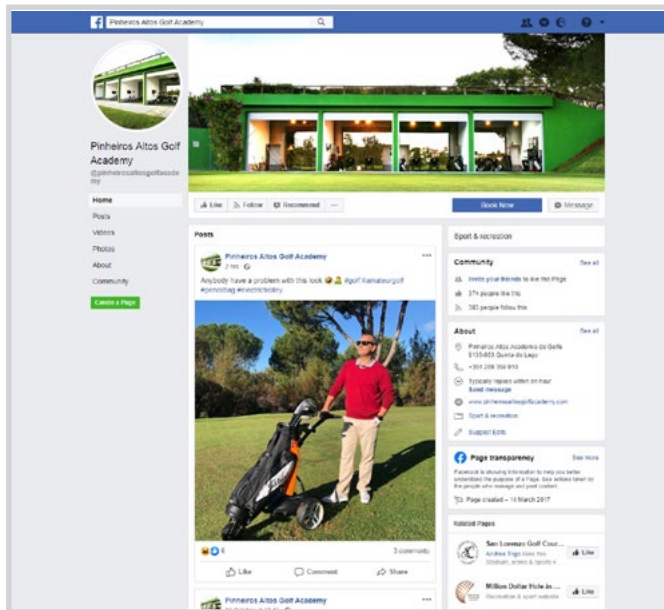
4) Nigel Spokes, Louise Baker, Kristina Griffith and Jim Knight = 72.7

The game was followed by an excellent meal of Beef Stroganoff and thanks to Renato and all his staff for their usual attentive service.

The social committee would also like to point out that after a week of heavy rain the Sunday was a lovely sunny day for which we take credit for.

The next social is on 9th February with Quinta do Lago social and hosted by Pinheiros Altos.

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

February and March 2020

Sat 1 st February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2 nd February	February Medal
Wed 5 th February	Ladies Day
Sat 8 th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9 th February	Social Golf with QDL at Pinheiros Altos
Wed 12 th February	Ladies Foursomes Championship
Fri 14 th February	St Valentine 's Day PA & SL
Sat 15 th February	St Valentine 's Day PA & SL (No Roll Up)
Wed 19 th February	Ladies Day
Sun 23 rd February	February Stableford at San Lorenzo
Wed 26 th February	Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain
Thurs 27 th February	Men Pairs Matchplay
Fri 28 th February	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sat 29 th February	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sun 1 st March	Men Pairs Matchplay and St David's Stableford
Wed 4 th March	Ladies Day
Sat 7 th March	Mens Roll Up
Wed 11 th March	Madrinha Trophy
Sat 14 th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15 th March	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 18 th March	Ladies Day
Sat 21 st March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22 nd March	March Medal
Wed 25 th March	Ladies V Cloggies
Sat 28 th March	Mens Roll Up



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