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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Alan Bentley

Yet another busy month at Pinheiros Altos, kicking off with the St Valentines tournament played over two days at San Lorenzo and Pinheiros. Blessed with great weather the event was extremely well attended with Tony Hickey and Adrienne Buth emerging as the winners with 85 points. Just two points ahead of Iain and Lubna Cater with a creditable 83. The competition was as usual followed by a gala dinner and I have to say the staff had gone the extra mile to dress the room, which looked spectacular. 57 of us took dinner, both the food and the entertainment drew many positive comments from the participants, a really excellent night.

The second stableford to be organised at San Lorenzo was held during February, with another high participation rate. A close fought thing, the event finished with three players on 34 points, Denise Reed being declared the winner on count back with 34 points, edging Dermot Hennessy and Richard Jones into second and third respectively.

The men's pairs match play championship finished on Sunday 1st of March and again Tony Hickey this time partnered by Andy Wheeler emerged victorious on the 17th hole to take the title, leaving Liam Edwards and Gerry Naughton in close

second. Well done Tony and Andy, commiserations Gerry and Liam maybe next year

Turning away from golf for a moment, during the month Blevins Franks held a seminar for PA Members covering the use of iPhone and iPads including basic use, passwords, applications and the App store, plus many other areas. There were plenty of questions from the 22 participants throughout, indicating the usefulness of the event. So many thanks to our sponsor for offering the seminar to the Members.

Lots to look forward to over the next couple of months when the Ladies will be taking on the cloggies the St David's day stableford will be reported.

The always popular Easter scramble will be held, St Georges day will be hosted by the new Incoming Captain and the usual host of stablefords and medals will be run. Also, don't forget the A.G.M in early April along with the Captain and Lady Captains drive in.

Have a great month and looking forward to seeing you all out on the fairways





St. Valentine's dinner



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Club Captains Alan Bentley and Debbie Madgett presenting the Mens Matchplay Championship Trophy to the winners Tony Hickey and Andy Wheeler



Club Captains Alan Bentley and Debbie Madgett presenting the Mens Matchplay Championship runners up Liam Edwards and Gerry Naughton with their prize

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

As we are about to go to press with this newsletter I have just issued a letter informing of the closure of the all facilities at Pinheiros Altos due to the spread of the Covid 19 virus. The government has ordered closure for a minimum of 15 days to fight the spread in the virus.

The world has gone mad and it is hard to believe in what is happening at the moment and we do hope that it will go away as quick as it appeared and quicker than the expectation. At the present time the course is officially closed until 2nd April 2020 however this could be extended if the state informs us of such extension.

February has been relatively quiet on the course and tournaments in Pinheiros Altos. We did of course have our St Valentine day which this year managed to play it over 36 holes on Pinheiros Altos & San Lorenzo courses. The big winners with a score of 85 points in an aggregate format over both days were Tony Hickey & Adrienne Buth for the second year running. Paula has now officially no chance to get her partner back to play St Valentine! It was a very enjoyable week-end with 25 couples attending. The mens pairs matchplay was played during the last week of February with the final round on St David Day. The attendance of the mens pairs matchplay was down and hopefully we can

get more support in the future years. The Mens Pairs Matchplay which was a 4 days marathon starting on Thursday with a match every day to make your way to the final on Sunday. Liam Edward and Gerry Naughton were beaten in the final by Tony Hickey and Andy Wheeler who are the Champions for 2020! Congratulations to both!

Congratulations to Per Anton Kleppa on winning the February Medal with a score of 72 and to Denise Reed on winning the very popular San Lorenzo February Stableford with a score of 34 points. Great success at San Lorenzo where we had 46 players attending the tournament!

Unfortunately, this is all I have to say and with a future which at the moment we are not too sure off we will be issuing a communication on 27th March 2020 regarding procedure or re-schedule of the AGM and all the usual Easter activities which are now in great doubt to take place.

I wish you all good health, make sure you stay safe and help the planet to fight the spread of this virus.

To better days on the golf course....

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.

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

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.



*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 February

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2 nd	February Medal	Per Anton Kleppa	72 Nett	Gary M Cheevers	74 Nett (bb9)
Wed 5 th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Denise Reed	70 Nett	1st Division Amanda Stretton	73 Nett
		2nd Division Louise Baker	70 Nett	2nd Division Fiona Thomson	77 Nett
Sun 12 th	Ladies Foursomes Championship	Denise Reed Helen Mills	36 Pts	Diana Collins Catherine Pouezat	35 Pts
Fri 14 th Sat 15 th	St Valentine's Day Competition	Tony Hickey Adrienne Buth	85 Pts	Iain Cater Lubna Cater	83 Pts
Wed 19 th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Helen Mills	38 Pts	1st Division Denise Reed	34 Pts
		2nd Division Philippa Clancey	42 Pts	2nd Division Josie Waddington	38 Pts
Sun 23 rd	February Stableford at San Lorenzo	Denise Reed	34 Pts (bb9)	Dermot Hennessy	34 Pts (bb9)
Wed 26 th	Lady Captain V Lady Vice-Captain	Lady Captain	6	Lady Vice-Captain	2
Thu 27 th Fri 28 th Sat 29 th Sun 1 st	Men's Pairs Matchplay Championship	Tony Hickey Andy Wheeler		Liam Edwards Gerry Naughton	
Sun 1 st	St David's Day Stableford	Christine Soden	38 Pts	Lisa Burns	36 Pts

Ladies Section - by Debbie Madgett

Hi Ladies

Golfing in this glorious February weather has been an absolute joy. The month started with a Medal with Denise Reed winning in the 1st division and Louise Baker in 2nd Division Well done - also entry into the Winner's Trophy on 1st April.

Then there was an away trip to Quinta da Ria and Monte Rei staying one night at the fully inclusive Robinsons Hotel - this proved a great hit with Ladies and the dinner and wine were superb.

The only complaint being that the disco (very 80's) started too late at 11.15pm as we had to golf at the magnificent Monte Rei course the following day!

Big thanks to Sue Georges for doing all the organising so well and so cheerfully.

LADIES FOURSOMES TROPHY 12th FEBRUARY - had a great turnout with many Ladies competing for the trophy - the eventual and well deserved winners were Helen Mills and Denise Reed with 36 points - well done to you. Very close runners up with 35 points were Diana Collins and Catherine Pouezet and in



Lady Vice Captain Sue Georges and Lady Captain Debbie Madgett



3rd place Fiona Thompson and Mai Markey with 32 points. Well done to everyone who took part - everyone seemed to enjoy the pizza, Champagne and wine provided by Ladies Section and Lady Captain.

Lady Captain v Lady Vice Captain was played on yet another beautifully sunny day and both teams played very well especially LC team (well done girls) which resulted in a 6-2 Victory - your turn next year Sue!

Yet again the pizza and fizz and wine went down very well and the spirit in which the match was played was exceptional.

Sue and I have been having discussions about how to take some of the workload from Lady Captain - before we could put any plans into place we had a sign up sheet for volunteers for Sub Committees - what a response - I can't thank you all enough and hopefully most of you now know what you are scheduled to do after talks at the Meeting on 20th Feb. Thanks to Sue organising the Sub Committees will look forward to the ladies section becoming all inclusive (not quite like Robinsons!) but

with more and more Members getting to know how to run the Ladies Section.

I have put a notice on the board for any updates on contacts - phone/ email as I will be updating list to send out after the AGM. If you are not sure if we have correct details please put them up anyway. The list will come down one week before Ladies AGM which takes place on 6th April.

Dates for Diary

April 6th Ladies AGM - sign up sheet and more details nearer the time.

Happy Golfing Everyone - hope to see you on Winery Trip on 10th March.

Debbie xx



Report from the Greens Committee

The full committee met on the 13 February and it was agreed that the writer and Christophe should discuss with the owner's representative, Ruben Paula, whether the extraordinary expenditure planned for 2020 could still go ahead.

Due to holiday and other commitments that meeting only took place on the 10th of March.

Between those two dates a lot has changed! The outbreak of the Coronavirus has altered the budget expectations of all holiday destinations and the writer anticipated that the club would feel these effects.

Members will recall that we and management hoped to tackle the problems of poor irrigation particularly on Olives and also to replace and improve some of our more aged machinery. The budget for only these two items was at least €200,000.

The good news is that we believe that the normal but not inconsiderable budget for "maintenance and feeding" can be maintained. The extraordinary expenditure will have to be delayed until such time as the owners can calculate the reductions in income over this year and calculate when the hoped for "upturn" will happen.

By way of explanation all normal bookings for both hotels and flights to Europe have seen substantial cancellations. We still believe that members will continue to support the club but visitors will reduce.

The committee still believe that the condition of the course is fundamental to the success of PA notwithstanding that the members enjoy many benefits of social activities and managed members playing times.

We are perhaps fortunate that the course under the management of Marco and his team is we believe in as good a condition as for many years. This is a result of better management of our resources and the professional guidance from the STRI consultants. We are of course disappointed that we cannot for the time being, go that step further to bring the course to its ultimate condition.

Course condition.

Marco and his team will continue with the plans which we have highlighted in our recent reports, this includes feeding, scarifying and tining when appropriate and working on improving both tees and fairways.

Trees highlighted for removal will be cut and bunkers improved wherever possible.

Lastly we hope the higher temperatures in the next few months may destroy the virus and that the "threat" from government to close borders will not be necessary!

The writer believes being outside is safer than being inside!

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

Social Golf - by Sue Georges

On 9th February a beautiful sunny afternoon was the back drop for another Great Social Golf Day.

Joined by our friends from Quinta do Lago, we were 84 players plus 6 guests for supper, without checking back we think this could be another record!

The format was a friendly team comp with 2 scores counting and 3 scores on Par 3's.

The shotgun start at 12:00 gave everyone a nice lie in!

Renato and his team served a lovely buffet and looked after us all very well.

We had 11 prizes and some very good scores...

1st (94 pts)
Dermott Hennessy, Per Anton Kleppa,
Nigel Baker, Carol Knight

2nd (93 pts)
Paul Black, Graeme Thomson, Gabrielle Koch, Stella Jeffrey

3rd (92 pts)
Nigel Collins, Diana Collins, Roland Preece, Lynda Preece

4th (91 pts)
David Markey, Mai Markey, John Clark, Joyce Clark

5th (91 pts)
Tony Hickey, Debbie Madgett, Peter Beale, Jane Beale

6th (90 pts)
Orlando Hill, Marian Hill, Gerry Porter, Catriona Porter

7th (87 pts)
Bernd Gorger, Gordon Todd, Louise Baker, Amanda Stretton

8th (87 pts)
Liam Edwards, Remo Cherubini, Meg Black, Denise Reed

9th (86 pts)
John Conroy, Malcolm Hollier, Caroline
Jones, Marna Edwards

10th (86 pts)
Matt Venker, Bertil Wirren, Deirdre Forde, Fiona Thomson

11th (85 pts)
Albert Crowley, David Warnock,
Philippa Clancey, Lubna Cater

If we continue to increase numbers, the social committee may need to consider fund raising for a lorry to transport the bottles!

The next social is on Sunday 15th March, the format will be "Nine, Nine" and it will be organised by Adrienne Buth & Stella Jeffrey.

Big thanks to all the players and guests from

Knut, Paula & Sue



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

March and April 2020

Sat 4 th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5 th April	18 Holes Social Golf
Mon 6 th April	Ladies AGM
Wed 8 th April	Ladies Day
Thurs 9 th April	Golf AGM & Captain's Drive In
Sat 11 th April	Spring Medal / Past Captains Day (No Roll Up)
Sun 12 th April	Easter Scramble
Tues 14 th April	APPA AGM and Competition
Wed 15 th April	Ladies Day
Sat 18 th April	Strokeplay Championship (No Roll Up)
Sun 19 th April	Strokeplay Championship
Wed 22 nd April	Ladies Day
Thurs 23 rd April	St George's Day
Sat 25 th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26 th April	April Stableford
Wed 29 th April	Ladies Day
Thurs 30 th April	Interclub Boavista (Home)



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