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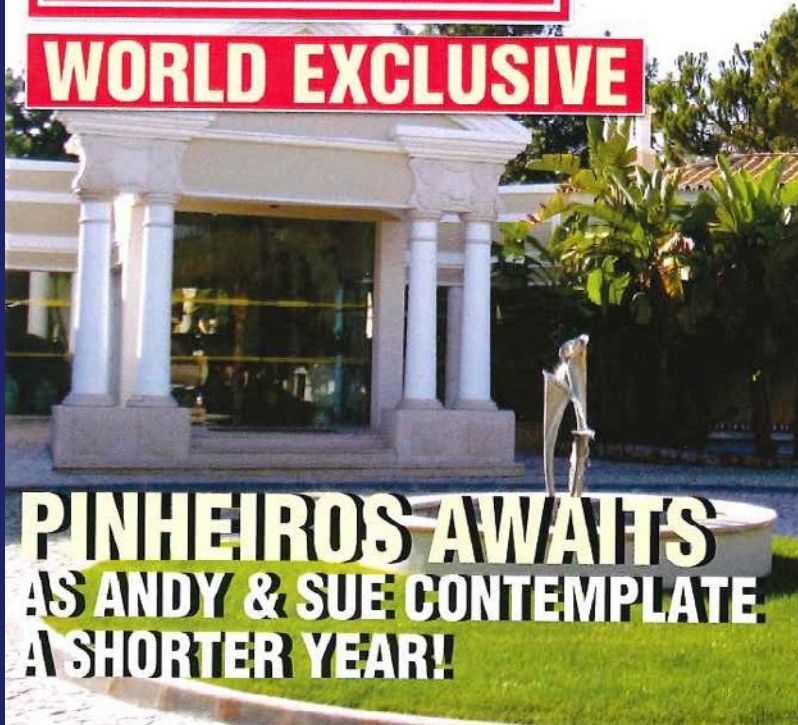
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PINHEIROS AWAITS AS ANDY & SUE CONTEMPLATE A SHORTER YEAR!

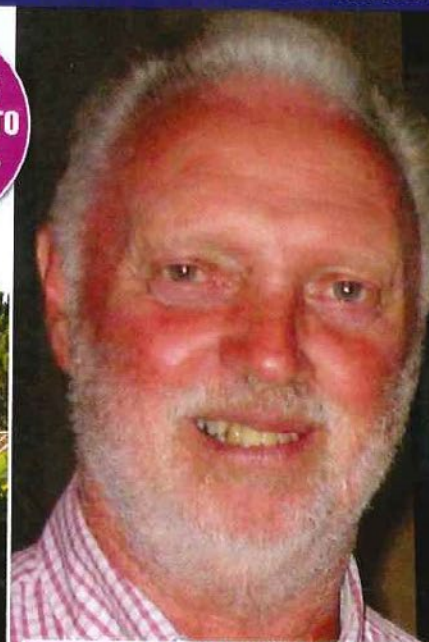


EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

THE MEMBERS CONGRATULATE THIS
EXCELLENT DOUBLE-ACT

COVID 19 FRUSTRATES THE GEORGES!

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MR. & MRS.
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ANDY GEORGES
CLUB CAPTAIN
2020/21

I COULD JUST BURST
WITH EXCITEMENT!



SUE GEORGES
LADY CAPTAIN 2020/21
WE'RE PRIMED AND
READY TO GO!



Introduction from the Captain and Lady Captain – Mr Andy and Mrs Sue Georges

In these unusual circumstances, there are and will continue to be lots of «different».

Our first «different» as Captain and Lady Captain is a joint report in the newsletter.

Our second is to speak about all the «different» things we would like to try to do this year.

Pre Corona Virus we discussed what we «might» be able to do to make a «difference». Of course we had to consider the «norms» and how anything «different» might (or might not be!) accepted by the members.

We are delighted to announce that our goal «to be different» has now been successfully achieved with absolutely **no effort whatsoever** from either of us.

As Christophe has mentioned, our nominated Vice Captains Tony and Paula have kindly agreed to postpone their year until 2022.

Time will tell whether we are delighted about this or not, but we are very happy to have Tony and Paula, along with all of the main and ladies committee members, as our very much needed support for the next two years.

(Not sure if anyone realises that the main AGM in 2021 will be held on 1st April....)

We would also like to highly commend the work of Alan Bentley and Debbie Madgett. Corona Virus «stole» 6th and 9th April, which should have been two days of great celebration of Debbie and Alans Captaincies.

Debbie has worked diligently and tirelessly to raise and distribute «amazing» sums of money to ACCA and Salvation Army, in addition to everyone's efforts and contributions to the annual success of Pink day.

Alan was determined to reinvigorate «Gala Week» for 2019 which was very successful and a truly memorable week. We will all be working hard to repeat and further develop Gala Week for July 2021.



We look forward to having the official AGM handover soon and the opportunity to personally thank them both.

Before moving on to the future, we would like to pay tribute to the 3 members Pinheiros Altos has lost since the beginning of April. We didn't know personally Karel Beyers, but we both have lovely memories of John Wainwright and Roy Baddeley, which no one can ever take away.

We are working with the committee on some ideas for July onwards which will allow everyone to enjoy being together in «Pinheiros Altos Traditions», whilst complying with whatever regulations are in place at the time. As you know Gala Week cannot be run in 2020, but «Childrens TV Classics» will be transferred to 2021 so any work on costumes and themes is definitely not wasted!

A FEW OF THE IDEAS:

Picnic in PA Park – on the driving range with music and film or concert on large screen, bring your own picnic blanket, socially distanced dancing. Picnic baskets provided. Bring your own corkscrew!

Cross Country Golf – maybe using Pines and/or Corks instead of / in addition to Olives.

Food and Prizes dependant on rules at the time.

Fastest Round of Golf in The World – One ball is played, people wait (socially distanced) at different parts of the course and the person closest to where the ball comes to rest plays it etc.etc. The first one or two «practice round/s» will be filmed, then we go for the «World Record»!

Followed by socially distanced food and drink – the film, after editing, will be shown on another day.

Dawn to Dusk Sponsored Golf – A team of between 8 and 12 people must get minimum of 50 euros per person sponsorship to play golf from dawn to dusk. Team members can join in or drop out on any hole, the only rule is there must always be 4 people playing. Hopefully, we can have food, drink and music available throughout the day.

Members Concert «PA's Got Talent» – Individuals or small groups present their ideas /proposed acts to a special committee who selects the best. If we have too many, we can keep them for a second concert?! The Dress Rehearsal concert can be specially for the PA Staff, members could make/ provide drinks and snacks for them. Tickets will be sold, the concert will be filmed and members can buy a copy, proceeds to the Charity.

Relay Golf – A Team of 4 players, A & C both play first hole, B & D play second hole etc. There are Two Objectives; the speed of the game and the score.

There are more but enough for now!

We are very happy to be able to play golf again but equally sad that many of our members and friends cannot share this with us yet. We know they will be back with us as soon as they possibly can!

Andy & Sue Georges



Director of Golf - Monthly Report

By now I think all the members are aware of the difficulties we are facing at the Club and I would like to thank on behalf of all the staff and myself for all the support Members have shown during those difficult times and I am sure that it will all resolve in due times and I can assure that all the staff are very loyal the Membership and everything will be geared in maintaining your service.

We are finally back operating with 27 holes still with some limitation in staff required by the government to avoid having too many staff operating at the same time. We are still operating with a 10 minutes gap between tee times and also limiting 1 player per buggy when not for the same household. The Driving has limited space therefore only allowed to members and players with a time booked on the course as warm up. Please we allow members to avoid practice on Wednesdays & Fridays between 10am & 2pm as it is normally the busiest time for members playing the course.

Individual competition is now allowed as from 1st June and this month the Ladies days will start as from 10th

June 2020 and the Mens Roll up from 6th June with one at San Lorenzo on 20th June 2020. Also, we will have the June Medal on 21st June at Pinheiros Altos and the June Stableford on 28th June 2020 at San Lorenzo.

You can sign for the Medal & Stableford on the Members APP or by email to Cristina on cfernandes@jjwhotels.com

For the Mens Roll up we will meet on the terrace and make sure you keep social distancing at all time. For the Mens Roll up at San Lorenzo on 20th June 2020 please contact Christophe on email crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com and for Ladies Day Sue Georges will be in charge.

We will keep you updated of the progress of the Club, up-coming competition and alteration in the restriction due to Covid-19 through the Members APP as well as email and through the Monthly Newsletter.

I wish you all a great comeback to Golf and to all of you overseas I look forward to welcome you soon when travelling is considered safe enough!

Ladies Section - by Sue Georges

I'm afraid there is not a great amount to say about golf but in the last 2 months everyone has been incredibly positive and helpful to each other, which just proves what a wonderful golf club and ladies' section we have.

I would like to thank Debbie for the great year we all have had under her Captaincy, the celebrations that we were all looking forward to, **will happen** and will be all the better for the «imposed delays».

The one thing Corona has not managed to curtail is the success of the Ladies Bridge Club. No matter where you are in the world, our Bridge Club has I believe, been a huge asset and important social support to all the members.

More than ever The Salvation Army needs our help. Debbie arranged two «Drive Through» collections for them, one in late March and another on 21st May. In addition to food, clothes and furniture the total money raised was 1872 euros, which includes a generous donation by bank transfer. There were various other initiatives in April arranged/supported by Amanda to provide Easter eggs, games and toys, summer shoe boxes and computer equipment for schooling to children in Algarve orphanages. These were strongly supported by PA members and hugely appreciated by the children.

All Ladies' Friendly matches up to the end of June 2020 have now been postponed. We do have a Ladies match on Monday 6th July which we "hope might take place" but we need to review this in mid June.

This will be a different year for all of us in many ways. From a golf perspective the ladies committee will be looking at what we can do differently.

One thing which will «Change its' Spots» for the time being is **Cathy Harpers' Birdie Book**.

From Wednesday 20th May, any birdie achieved on a Wednesday at PA playing with other PA lady/ladies will qualify for the Birdie Book.

Two rules:

- a) It must be with your own ball played from tee to hole (no gimmies!)
- b) **Your playing partner** should text /whats app or e mail **Cathy Harper** as follows...

Eg. Marna Edwards 8th Corks Div 2

These «different» rules will remain until the first official ladies' day on a Wednesday.

This year, our **Eclectic will run until 17.03.2021**. It will start as soon as Federation Corona Virus rules allow. If anyone has not already entered and wishes to do so, please let me know.

I have decided, for various reasons, that «The Lady Captains Rose Bowl» will not be played for in 2020, so the board like many others will have a year missing.

On what should have been Lady Captains Day (16th September) we will aim to have a «special» ladies competition with prizes provided by me and, I hope we can have a really nice dinner in the evening with music.

Wherever you are please Keep Safe, Stay Happy and Cheerful, we have lots to look forward to...

Sue





Report from the Greens Committee

In these difficult times the committee has not met except in an informal way but the writer has also had a brief discussion with the course manager, Marco.

This report is therefore to keep members aware of the condition of the course and the immediate prospects for maintenance.

1. General condition

During the “lock down” the green staff has worked in shifts. The course presents well and there have been few complaints from either members or visitors. This is a tribute to Marco and his men as there has not been the opportunity to feed or sand at the same rate as both he and the committee had hoped for.

The tees need attention but the bunkers are playable (despite the lack of rakes) and the greens run true and are of good speed.

The fairways are well covered with few bad patches but a good rainfall and or fertilizer is need ed.

The future very much depends on funding and the ability of the owner to open hotels and to begin to general revenue to enable us to spend on the course.

We will do our best to ensure the course is maintained but there are no guarantees available as the writer preparers this report.

It is very much a case of “fingers crossed” and everything possible is being considered to take us through this unique challenge.

We will do our best to answer member’s questions but information is difficult to obtain.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.



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