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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Andy Georges

Well... what an interesting month we have had.

Unfortunately, the government has decided that competitions can still not be run due to the inevitable numbers who would attend the prize giving after any competition. This of course does not prevent us now running the monthly stableford and medal competitions, both of these were very well supported in particular the stableford which was held at San Lorenzo and over 70 people played.

These competitions will of course continue, however the other events that were planned during what would have been gala week, all had to be cancelled as we could not get the Health and Safety to agree to us running these. We are hopeful that this situation will change in the near future as the Portuguese Government reviews the situation every 2 weeks.

I would like to thank all the members who generously contributed to the Pinheiros Altos Fund. This was an opportunity to show the

staff how much we appreciate the work they do and the manner they display when working.

It also demonstrates the fantastic atmosphere the members have created over the years and I am very pleased to see how the new members are contributing to this.

I should also express my appreciation to the committee, who have been meeting on a weekly basis, and working very hard to try to keep up to date with the ever changing situations at the golf club.

We all hope things will improve in the near future (otherwise the committee may well commit collective suicide)!

I look forward to the next month and hopefully the report will be a little more exciting than this one.





Director of Golf - Monthly Report

At this time of the year we would be planning the members Gala Week which would have been played 3rd week of July unfortunately the Gala week was cancelled some weeks ago when we understood that restrictions would not allow us to run our normal Members Gala Week.

The Captains, the committee & myself had some hope that we would be able to run some kind of fun events instead during that week so we applied to the Faro Delegation of the health minister for permission and clarification on having some tournaments followed by dinners & BBQS. Unfortunately, the reply was very clear in stating that no event should be organized under alert state for more than a gathering of 20 people.

For those reasons we have decided not to hold any events during the Summer months and concentrate on September which hopefully by then we will be allowed to have Prize Presentations, social gathering & dinners. The monthly Stableford, medals, weekly men roll up & Ladies day will continue to be organized however no social gathering with more than 20 people will follow those events.

The monthly Stableford at san Lorenzo was a record number of player with 76 entries and the big winner of the day was Rainer Grimm with a fantastic 44 points. His handicap will never be the same again! Oliver & Harris were 2nd & 3rd and will now be single figure handicap so watch out for them as they are both the climb and now entitle in to the main prizes! The medal was won

by Campbell Warnock with a great score of 69 and again great to see many youngsters being so competitive!

All the security measures applied from the re-opening will be maintained for the time being for the simple reason that the next few weeks will see more movements of people and therefore we feel we should remain vigilant.

The Ben Hogan Trophy will not be played this year as there are many other tournaments to be re-scheduled and we agreed with Quinta do Lago that we would let Covid-19 win it this year and play for it next May!

The Strokeplay Club Championship has been re-scheduled to 17th & 18th October 2020 so make sure you save the date.

The AGM has, under this year's law, to take place before the end of September but as we stand gathering more than 20 people is not allowed therefore we are planning to have it sometime in September and will issue all information in the August newsletter as the date is decided.

I would like to personally thank all the Members for their support to me and especially all the staff over the last few months. It has been very difficult time and we are all very grateful to have you as our members & friends.

Wish you all great golfing in a warm Summer weather!

Dear fellow Members,

It is with great regret that I inform that our Esteemed Member Reinhard Schlegel has passed away.

I would like to send on behalf of all Members & Staff our sincere condolences to his wife Sabine and all his family.

Reinhard will be deeply missed in the club by all of us.

RIP Reinhard

Thank You.

I would like to say a very sincere «Thank you» to all of you for taking the time to write, email or send me a card when my beloved John passed away. It was a great comfort to know so many of you were thinking of me.

As my family are so far away I have not been able to see them because of these unusual times. However hopefully we will all be together in August when we will have a celebration of John's life and scatter his Ashes.

Because of the Covid situation the service will have to be by invitation only. I realise that many of you would probably have liked to attend but I do hope you understand that this will not be possible.

With my love and thanks

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Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 10 th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division		1st Division	
		Amanda Stretton	71 Nett	Zoë Pirret	72 Nett
		2nd Division		2nd Division	(bb9)
		Pat Murrish	72 Nett	Louise Baker	75 Nett
Wed 17 th	Ladies Day	<i>Better ball match play</i>			
Sun 21 st	June Medal	Warnock Campbell	69 Nett	Peter Seabrook	72 Nett
Wed 24 th	Ladies Day	1st Division		1st Division	
		Amanda Stretton	40 Pts	Isabel Laulhe	34 Pts
		2nd Division		2nd Division	
		Diana Collins	36 Pts	Heather Conroy	33 Pts
Sun 28 th	June Stableford at San Lorenzo	Rainer Grimm	44 Pts	Eddie Young	39 Pts
		Best Junior			
		Oliver Scriven	43 Pts		



Ladies Section - by Sue Georges

We have now passed the «longest day» of 2020, and for our friends in far away countries it seems their long days in lockdown are also finally coming to an end.

We began the Eclectic on 10.06.20 and this year it will run until 17.03.21, so lots of time to get your 8 cards in! This competition always gives us something to play for on a bad day and great gains on our good days.

Our first ladies' competition was a medal on 10th June and we are now in «normal schedule» of medal, stableford and two fun days per month.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners up, with a special mention to Amanda Stretton who won the last two medals with 71 and 67 and the stableford with 40 pts, and to Diana Collins who won the last medal with 69 and the stableford with 36 pts.

The first week of July has been a busy one, starting with our first friendly match on 6th July at Laranjal, where our team of 12 posted a friendly 3 3 result. Thank you to Adrienne and the match committee for a very well organised day enjoyed by everyone.

The following day was our first Charity Day, a wonderful lunch in the beautiful gardens of Nigel and Diana Collins home. The catering and endless supply of wine was all provided by Nigel & Diana, such that 100% of the money collected would go to the charity. An added bonus was the «Nespresso Coffee Machine» which they also donated for a draw on the day. Carol Knight was the proud winner, so now we know where to go for our morning coffee!

The total sum raised was 1230 euros, so an enormous thank you to Nigel, Diana, the social committee, to Shirley for the lovely photographs and to everyone who supported the day.



The next day we had our ladies' day at San Lorenzo, all in all a great start to July!

I would like to welcome all of our new lady members, both golfing and social. We look forward to seeing a lot more of you in the coming weeks. Our New Members Committee, Chris Sutton, Debbie Madgett and Marna Edwards are communicating with and helping to introduce you to our super ladies' section.

If there are any new ladies who would like to know more, please contact Chris at chrisandneil@hotmail.com or Marna at marnaedwards1@gmail.com

To look forward to ... we have our Annual Away Day at **Palmares on 26th August.**

This is a day trip including green fee, buggies and return coach transfers, we have lunch in the «Beach House Hotel» overlooking the sea. Sabine Schlegel was disappointed that she won't be here for that date and said *«Would love to travel with you all in this singing caravan».*

The closing date for this trip is 20.07 please contact sue@pagsgolf.com if you would like to join.

The next ladies' social event will be on **Tuesday 1st September**, a lunch at Henrique Leis.

The social committee «Christine Hepworth, Gill Devine and Marijke Venker» will be contacting you at a later date with more details.

The **Ladies Away Trip to Robinsons in February 2021** (1 Night and 2 rounds of golf) is now fully booked with 28 players. If you haven't booked and wish to be on the reserve list (which is nearly always used) please contact me as soon as possible.

Finally, as Mr Captain has already mentioned, I would like to thank again all of our members for their continued support of our wonderful staff and our club.

Stay safe and See you Soon,
Sue





Report from the Greens Committee

The committee have not met since our last report but Director Christophe felt the members should be brought up to date on course conditions.

The back ground to this report is that the Corona 19 lock down and the failure by the owners to provide funds for both staff and course maintenance has put the green staff under substantial pressure. Having said that and the writer having played other courses believes Marco and his team are to be applauded for presenting a course which both appeals to the eye and plays well. We know the greens staff are as frustrated as we are!

San Lourenco which has opened up to members seems better but in reality, they are having similar problems but water supply is better and the course is much «quieter» than PA. It is Marco's father who is doing an excellent job there.

What are the problems?

1. The owners had promised substantial increased investment in excess of the last few years! This was to improve irrigation management, particularly on Olives and the continuing process of sanding and feeding in conjunction with scarifying and tining. The failure to supply adequate water and the chemical to prevent water running off slopes can be seen in browning patches on many fairways. We are not used to this! However, those who play «link golf» will see nothing unusual in brown fairways during hot dry summers in the UK!

2. Our course equipment is very «long in the tooth». We need new and more efficient equipment to bring the course up to the standard of our neighbours. This again is promised!

We know that Corana19 has hit the leisure industry very hard and appreciate that applies to our owner.

Conclusion.

We have a course which is repeated praised by visiting professions and visitors alike as providing one of the best challenges of golf in Portuguese. We have a loyal membership and staff who have acted with exceptional generosity over the last 4 months in keeping the course open and providing reasonable facilities to members.

The greens committee are of course frustrated by promises of funds about to be available which do not materialize. Members have paid their subscriptions and should expect those funds at the very least to be used for the golf course and club house?

We are not surrendering but will double our attempts to put these issues right!

Patience is a virtue and we know how difficult it is very many members but we remain committed to PA.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans



To Our Dearest Members,

I hope this little note finds you all very well.

As you know we have been through some challenging financial times but hopefully everything on that sector will go back to normal shortly.

Without a doubt there has been food put on our table thanks to all of your contributions. We are now hoping the future will be more promising and know we are always here to help you anyway possible.

Words cannot express how GRATEFULL WE ARE!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU for all your help & support

The Pinheiros Altos Staff

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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