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Introduction from the Captain Mr Andy Georges

Well it's been a long 2 years and because of Covid and a few other circumstances we were unable to complete most of the planned activities. The last 3 months have been tremendous with very little being cancelled.

I would like to thank Stuart Knox his articles and pictures of the wild life around PA have been very informative and if you were anything like me you will have been educated on wild life.

Also the committee I have worked with have been very helpful and especially in the first year when we were virtually meeting once a week.

There are a number of other people I wish to thank but I will save them for my AGM speech.

The members whose generosity towards the staff fund when they were not being paid. Helped to keep the club running. Let's hope those circumstances don't arise again.

Finally I would like to thank everybody who played in the cross country an enjoyable day with 92 players participating.

Finally I must thank Sue who has put up with my irritation at our inability to do half the things we had hoped to do.

It does show that the club has survived probably one of the most difficult 😞 periods it is likely to go through and come through it stronger.

Thanks to all the members .

Andy Georges



Men's Pairs Matchplay Winners Noel Kelly and Simon Brundan



Club Captain's Sue and Andy Georges presenting the prizes to the Men's Pairs Matchplay finalists Colin Glennon and Keith Inman



Club Captain's and March Stableford Winners Paul Cotterill



Club Captain's and March Stableford Runner up Melody Cotterill



Captains Birthday Bash and Cross-Country Crash Prize winners



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Captains Birthday Bash and Cross-Country Crash



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Mute Swan

The pair of mute swans that we have on the pond between the 3rd and 4th of Olives arrived just a few months before the Covid pandemic closed the course in Spring 2020.

Mute swans are so named because they are less vocal than other swan species. They do make a variety of sounds often described as “grunting, hoarse whistling and snorting noises”. So in terms of their residing in PA, they blend in quite well with all the various roll-ups on a Wednesday and Friday! If you get too close to them, the male (cob) especially, there will be some aggressive movement towards you and some very loud hissing. A swan can give you a terrible bite/nip with its beak, so please do not get too close.

The other identifying feature of a mute swan is that it is completely white with an orange beak bordered with black and has a pronounced knob on the top of the beak, which is larger in males.

I took some photos on the 22nd March following the extreme rain that we have been getting and it seemed that there may be a nest building operation on the 4th fairway side. As I mentioned in my last article, this is the breeding season so let's hope that it is. We will wait and see.

Should anyone have any comments or questions that are not too difficult to answer, please contact me on stuartknox3@gmail.com.



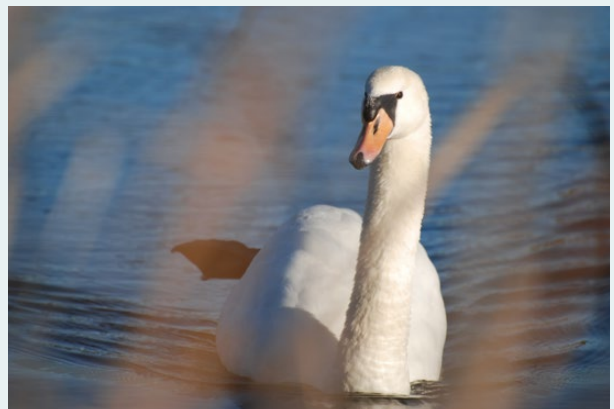
Mute swan 5th Olives



Mute Swan



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Ladies V Cloggies



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The month of March kicked off with the Mens Pairs Matchplay which was a 4 days marathon for some, starting on Thursday with a match every day to make your way to the final on Sunday. Noel Kelly & Simon Brundan who had to play on the Thursday made it to the final to beat Keith Inman & Colin Glennon to become Champion 2022! Congratulations to both!

On this same Sunday the March Stableford was played and saw Paul Cotterill win for the second time in a row with a score of 37 points. Congratulations to Dan Henderson who seems in good form on winning the monthly Medal for March with a 71 nett (actually a 70 gross).

The highlight of March however was the last Captain birthday bash cross country. The atmosphere was amazing and it just show how special is Pinheiros Altos when members get together.

Congratulations Captain on a great day won by the bandit team Steve Coull, Liam Edwards, Ingrid Blain, Ross Sutherland & Debbie Carver! €940 were raised for the charity so a big thank you for everyone's support.

As there are a few board competitions coming up I would like to remind all members that in order to qualify for board competition your handicap with the Portuguese Golf Federation must be active meaning you have to have at least 4 qualifying scores in the last 12 months. Anyone non-active will not be entitled to win the board competitions. Also a reminder that records from playing qualifying round in other countries should be reported so that your handicap is updated.

As I am writing this newsletter we are now one week away from the AGM. It is very hard to believe how quick the past 2

years went. There is plenty coming up with the Ladies AGM on 11th followed by the lady Captain Drive in, the Club AGM on 14th followed by the drive in of the Club Captain. No pressure Tony! We will not tell where Paula has hit her drive! On 16th The Spring Medal as well as the past Captains day and on the following day the Easter Scramble where we expect to have 150 players and great atmosphere as usual. The owner's association AGM, competition will be a 9 holes competition followed by a cocktail & canapés presentation held on 19th April and the Club Championship the following week-end on 23rd & 24th April. So as you can see there is plenty for you to choose from. Make sure you sign in on the APP or contact me or Cristina in the Golf office.

The course will be busy over the next few weeks mainly with members and as usual I would like to remind members that the pace of play will be slower therefore always recommend to play in 4 balls.

I look forward to see many of you around for the Club AGM and on behalf of the staff & myself wish you all a Happy Easter hopefully on Pinheiros Altos Golf course.

The Club AGM is on 14th April and all relevant information is below in this newsletter. The nominated member from the committee for Vice Club Captain is Steve Coull while Melody Cotterill will become the Lady Captain.

I hope to see many of you at the Club over the next few weeks.



The President's Team representing Pinheiros Altos at the 8's Competition

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on
Thursday 14th April 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Agenda

- 1.10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM;
- 2.The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. Andy Georges;
- 3.Mr. Andy Georges summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. Tony Hickey;
- 4.The Captains acceptance speech;
- 5.Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions;
- 6.The Chairman closes the meeting.

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 31st March 2022.

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 Incoming Vice-Captain they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by four principal members in writing on or before Thursday 31st March 2022.

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:



*Andy Georges,
Club Captain*



*Tony Hickey, Incoming
Club Captain,*



*Steve Coull,
Proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain*



*Sue Georges,
Lady Captain*



*Paula Burke Hickey,
Incoming Lady Captain*



*Melody Cotterill,
Incoming Lady Vice Captain*



Ladies Section - by Sue Georges

Monday 11th April will be our 24th Ladies AGM. Ironically, this is my 24th newsletter (and happily my last 😊)

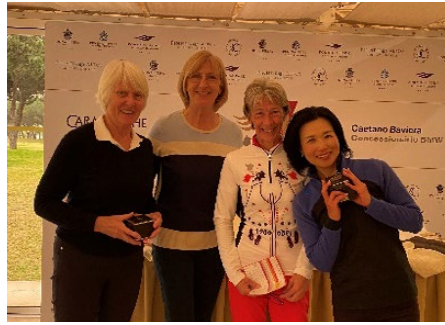
March has been a month with quite a few days of much needed rain. We started on 2nd with the monthly stableford, congratulations to Ingrid Blain with 34 points in first division and Jenny Harrison in second division with 33 points. Ineke won the 9 hole comp and was happy to receive a birdie ball for her 2.

The following week, we played “Who Stole the Par 4’s”, quite a popular format which was introduced a few years ago by Zoe. Everyone dressed in yellow and blue to show support for the Ukraine.

Trying to get a group photo was a challenge and we somehow managed to miss Wendy Evans and Katalin. The conquerers of the Par 5’s and 3’s with 90 points was Lucy Pye, Ingrid Blain and Angela Williams.



The wet weather began to threaten around the end of the first week of March, the forecast for Helen Mills **Madrinha Trophy** wasn't great but thankfully it stayed dry.



The previous Madrinha Trophy was played for on 11.03.2020, and was the last ladies comp played before our first lockdown. Congratulations to our proud winners on 16th March 2022 with 31 points, Chris Soden and Debbie Madgett. Molly and I had the pleasure of playing with the runners up Chie Crowdey and Meg Black with 30 points, and third prize went to Gabriele Koch and Helga Crowley also with 30 points. Adrienne Buth and Suzanne Davis also had 30 points, loosing out on the back nine countback.

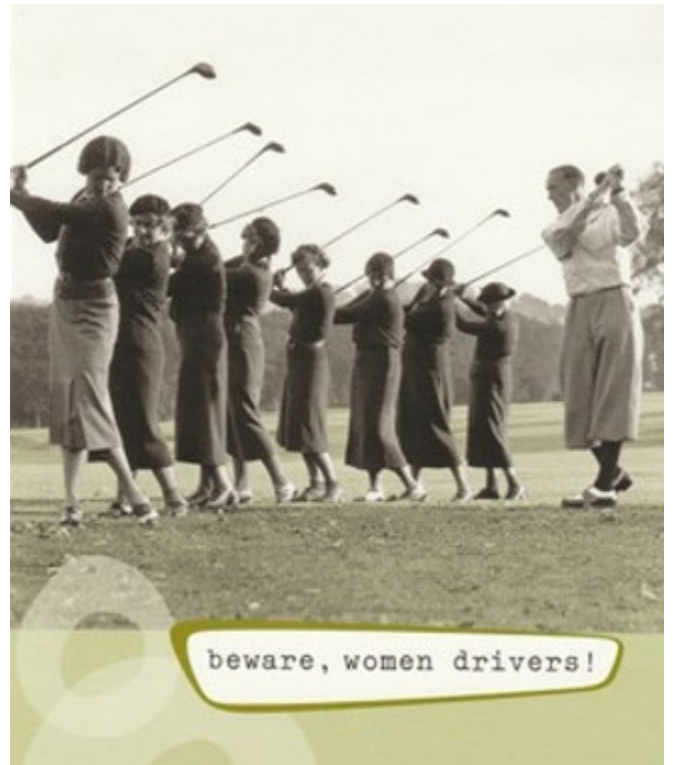
One day in February one of my playing partners took this photo of our Swans. From a distance they looked like two cuddly toys. On 24th March these two swans were "Swimming on the Fairways of Olives."



Incredibly, 48 hours later on 26th March we played a 12 hole Cross Country Competition on Olives.

Our underground water reserves have certainly received significant replenishment in the last few weeks. At the BBQ after the competition, we showed the finished video from June 2021 Captains Day. To watch it you can download the following link

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/onmjnpkdhldn246/Sue%26AndyCaptainsDayPineirosAltos.mp4?dl=0>



The last event of March was the **Ladies match play against The Cloggies**. The last time this was played was March 2019.

The result of the match was that, along with many other firsts from the last two years, I am also the first and I hope the last for a while 😊 to receive the Clog from Knut. As everyone present was aware, both Stella and Adrienne unfortunately had to play two men on their own. Both fought admirably and only just lost their matches. There were some amiable discussions between Knut, Mr Captain & myself as to whether those two results should be excluded. (I don't need to tell you Mr Captains opinion 😊) Putting the Clog on the other foot...had it been two groups of one man playing against two ladies, with those two wins making the difference... would we have claimed the win?

I made the decision that “all’s fair in love and war” and therefore the result of **Cloggies 8 Ladies 7** should stand. This was the 5th match that has been played and the Ladies won on the previous 4 occasions, so it’s “over to you Paula” for 2023 😊

We really had a great fun day. In the spirit of the event Knut was walking around in a pair of Clogs, Shirley suggested we should hide his shoes, I thought was a great idea.

When I left there were still quite a few people there, but I did make sure to ask Arja to tell Knut where his shoes could be found, (or pass the message on before she left.)

On 5th April the Social Committee has arranged a visit to **The Algarve Rock Brewery**. In addition to some super lunches, since the Social ladies events began we have learned how wine is made, how corks are made, salt is mined, Indian food is cooked, enjoyed historical tours of Faro and Loulé, so it all goes to prove there can be more to life than golf!

On 6th April we will play for **Zoe Pirrets Winners Trophy**. The qualifiers who will play a bogey comp, have been advised, if you are in doubt the list in in Ladies Locker room. Anyone who wasn’t lucky enough to qualify will play a stableford. We will have drinks and nibbles after the game, so once again Social ladies please let us know if you will join us, around 13:00. The sign up is already open on the PA app.

Monday 11th April 2022 is the 24th Ladies AGM.

Coffee is served from 09:50 and we will be collecting Ladies Annual subs (15euros), Eclectic (15 euros) and Wainwright Trophy fees (10 euros), please try to bring the correct money.

Immediately after the meeting we will move down to 1st Pines for the Lady Captains Drive In, followed by a 9 hole shotgun fun competition. Around 14:00 our New Lady Captain Paula Burke invites you to a complimentary light lunch.

There are 3 signs ups for this: Meeting, Golf Comp and Lunch. Please make sure you are signed up correctly.

Social ladies please contact Chris Sutton at chrisandneil@hotmail.com to sign up for the meeting and or lunch.

For the benefit of our newer ladies, the AGM is a special event to **Welcome our New Lady Captain** (and New Captain on 14th April) and always very well attended. Generally, our overseas members travel for the AGMS and the other club comps arranged for the Easter period. We are all looking forward to spending time with them again.

Paula has asked me to give you all good warning that **Wednesday 13th April, in addition to golf will be “The Easter Bonnet competition”**. Again, this is the first one since 2019, so we are looking forward to a great display of bonnets.

Wishing you a Happy and Sunny April wherever you may be,
Sue

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- Gala dinner *Jantar de Gala*
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Report from the Greens Committee

The committee have not been able to meet since our last report as Marco is on holiday but members will have read the recent letter from course Director Christophe who explains the recent difficulty with “dollar spot”.

This short report is to bring members upto date on course conditions and treatments.

Greens

The greens are running at 9/9.5 on the “stimp” meter which is satisfactory. The planned fertilising with sand and fertiliser is continuing. The course remains dry despite recent rain fall. Those who take readings on the reservoirs say we need a wet April. One advantage is that whilst the calcada is being repaired buggy use is not causing damage on the course. However members should try not to use areas which leaves tyre marks! This is evident on the area to 7 of Olives tee and to tee of 8 of corks!

The dollar spot has been treated and over seeding and feeding should reduce the damage quickly. Christophe has explained the back ground to the damage as previously commented.

Tees

Tees need feeding and warmer weather for improved growth and at present are not good. We hope for much improvement this month!

Fairways

The fairways remain dry with poor growth. Feeding with irrigation and more rain and warmer nights should enable

the kiku grasses to flourish to give better surfaces for striking with driving clubs! It is appropriate to maintain placing for the time being. Funding is available and we remain hopeful that the course can be returned to the 2019 quality we enjoyed!

Trees

Members will recall that the committee with Marco and the Director have been considering whether certain trees have become too invasive and “unfair”. Rather than remove many trees Marco has carried out quite severe pruning of certain trees, the most important being 1st of Pines protecting the green and 9 of pines protecting the green. It waits to be seen if this works well?

Finally we believe we are moving forward albeit slowly. We are not being helped by unusual weather and also a shortage of man power. We are several men short of green staff and recruitment is proving difficult!

Bunkers

There is clear evidence that the bunkers are much improved! We just need to keep raking and try to keep out of them!

We trust Marco will return from holiday with renewed energy for the challenges ahead. We can assure members that our course is better than many others but still not where we want it to be! We wish the new incoming Captain and Lady Captain every success in their year and we hope the course will reward their enthusiasm!

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.



World handicap system

Know how tips

If you have your phone, it is easy to access your playing handicap.

- . Open my FPG
- . Click on Playing HCP Calc
- . Your H/C Index and gender will automatically be shown
- . Enter the course you are playing and click on Calculate (Fig. 1)
- . Your playing handicap and percentages for both 18 and 9 holes will be shown (Fig. 2)

COURSE AND PLAYING HANDICAP CALCULATION

HCP: 14.1 Gender: F

Course: Pentades Altos-Pinos/Cortis - VERMELHAS

	18-Holes	Front 9	Back 9
PAR	72	36	36
Course Rating	71.4	34.7	36.7
Slope	130	132	129

Calculate Clear

Course HCP: [] [] []

HCP 95%: [] [] []

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Fig. 1

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Calculate Clear

Course HCP	16	7	9
HCP 95%	15	7	8
HCP 90%	14	6	8
HCP 85%	13	6	7
HCP 75%	12	5	7

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Fig. 2



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.golfus.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

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