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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF CLUB



Introduction from the Captain

Mr Tony Hickey

Dear Members,

My first duty as your newly appointed Captain is to again thank our outgoing Captain Andy for doing a great job over the last two years.

It is also an opportunity for me to recognise on your and my behalf the efforts of all the amazing front line staff we have at Pinheiros Altos. Their dedication and willingness to keep going during that awful period brought about by the pandemic was special.

We were also lucky to be able to retain the services of our head green keeper and most of his staff.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in organising the Captain's Drive-in. Both Paula (Lady Captain) and I had a fabulous day. We were made to feel very welcome by everyone.

I am looking forward to working with Steve Coull our new Vice Captain and Paula and her new Vice Captain Melody Cotterill. I think it's going to be an exciting time to be a member in Pinheiros Altos.

As Captain, the first committee meeting I attended during the last week of April was lively and full of new ideas. I hope we will see some of these ideas coming on stream during the year. I intend to keep all informed as the ideas make progress.

Normalization post pandemic seems to be returning for us very quickly. Because of that we were able to have a grand presentation at the dinner following the Easter Scramble.

What a great atmosphere we experienced on the day. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

It now looks like we will be able to run a normal schedule for the remainder of the year. If the members continue to support the events to the level of the Easter scramble, Christophe and his team can look forward to a very busy year.

Having the Club App available is a big benefit, it allows members to see upcoming events in the Fixtures diary. I hope everyone makes use of it to plan their schedule. That's all for now.

Play well and enjoy each day,

Tony



AGM 2022



Incoming Captain Tony Hickey presenting outgoing Captain Andy Georges with a gift



Lady Captain Paula Burke Driving In



Club Captain Tony Hickey Driving In



Captains Drive In Prize Winners



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The month of May was one of the busiest since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, not only on the course but as far as social events was concerned as for the first time it felt like we were back to a normal month in Pinheiros Altos.

Of course, the main event was the 2022 AGM and the changes of Captains at the meeting. Tony Hickey took over the position of Captain of the Club on 14th April 2022 while Paula Burke Hickey took over her role of Lady Captain 3 days earlier at the ladies' AGM. I would like to thank and congratulate Andy & Sue Georges for their 2 years of very difficult captaincy through the most serious crisis most of us have been through. I would like to wish the Club Captain & Lady Captain great years in office and welcome the Vice Captain Steve Coull and the Lady Vice Captain Melody Cotterill into their new roles. We have a very strong committee and I look forward to continue develop

the Club with them and put behind the 2 years we have been through. The future looks much brighter and already the course is improving now that grass that grows on the fairways has taken on.

At the AGM I committed myself to give a more detailed report of the works undertaken and the works we intend to do in the following month which will be in addition to the greens committee report in the newsletter.

Following our AGM we had our usual Captains drive in and the 9 holes competition followed by a BBQ on the tented terrace. Both Captains managed to be in the winning team as playing for the first time as captains ! And they even accepted their own prize which they justified doing it for the other 2 players in their team, Vice Captain Steve Coull & Helen Mills. On the other course the other winners Mark & Lucy Pye, Josie

Waddington & Paul Orchard. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and hopefully being able to put all the problems related with Covid-19 behind our back.

Following the AGM we had our usual Easter Week-end which started on the Saturday with the Spring Medal and the Past Captain Trophy. The Spring medal was won by Robert Lester with a fantastic score of net 68 while Tim Russell won the Past Captain day with a 36 points. The past Captain lunch was followed by the lunch hosted by our new Club Captain Tony Hickey while the past winner Paul Cotterill made sure we had the best wines at the table and a fantastic smoked salmon prepared especially by Paul. Even Tim Russell said he would let Paul win every time if that was the treat!

Easter Sunday was a great turn out and we had 110 players and over 130 for the lunch which went on all afternoon. This was the first 5 player team scramble since the New Year day of 2020 over 2 years ago and hopefully the first of many more with a great atmosphere! The winners of the day were Jim Hanglow , Ingrid Blain, Neil Bamber , John & heather Conroy with a net 63. However they were not the only winners of the day as we had 2 years of prizes , medals , plates , etc.... to present and made it the longest ever prize presentation I ever did !

Most Improved players were presented and for 2020 Graham Lee & Susan Russell were the winners while for 2021-2022 Neil Sutton & Chie Crowdey were the most improved.

Winners of the eclectic 2020-2021 were James Porter & Susan Russell for the gross while Graham Lee & Barbara Kyne took the nett.

We also presented on the Easter day all the medal & Stableford winners for the last 3 years and the plate and trophy winners for the last 3 years. We made sure everyone were starving before we served the main course!

The last event in April but not the least was the Club Stroke play Championship and is played over 36 holes, back tees which

seems to scare many of the members off even that most the prices are net prices and your handicap gets much higher of the back tees.

What really put off many players to play was the weather forecast, which unfortunately was not as bad as the real day was. I must admit I was amaze that the entire field not only turned up but played on as the weather and the rain on the day got worst and very close to unplayable. All players deserved to be congratulated for staying on and support such a tough day on the course probably one of the worst major played in Pinheiros Altos I can remember.

The new Club Champion James Porter for the first time is well known for his achievements in Gala Week and Junior Open but is now the new Club Champion 2022. Congratulations to James !

Susan Russell managed to win her 5th Club Champion Title and many congratulations to the great golf Susan produces!

Congratulations also to the Runner up Tim Russell & Zoe Pirret and also the net winners Paul Orchard & Ingrid Blain !

All the prize's winners is available on the APP.

Please be aware that the JJW Companies has decided & informed that, to avoid direct contact since Covid-19 is still present, as from 7th May 2022 all payments in its outlets have to be electronic (credit card or debit card) and cash payments will not be accepted.

I am looking forward to continue developing the tournaments and with the help of our main partnerships with Blevins Franks for the club events & Enquinta for the Gala Week which you will be receiving information on during this month.

Coming up is the Ben Hogan at the end of May and of course President's day on 4th June 2022. I look forward to see as many of you at the social events and in the club.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS, PLEASE CHECK THE APP!

Golf Title Value & New Logo

It was confirmed at the last committee that the Golf Title value will go up from €17.500 to €20.000 on 1st June 2022. Golf Titles can still be purchased for €17.500 until the end of the month of May.



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Furthermore, we have great news on our positioning as one of the best golf clubs in the Algarve. Inspired on the painted tiles in clubhouse, Pinheiros Altos logo has been redesigned, not only to show its uniqueness but also its glamour and strong character. This goes in line with the recent partnership JJW has signed with Intercontinental Hotels and Resorts.

And because we know how important this is to you, all members of the Club are now given the opportunity & exclusivity to pre-order shirts with the new club logo and, for a limited time, at a discounted rate.

Christophe Rindlisbacher

Please see below the choice of shirts and place your order by email on

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Easter Scramble – Various Events Prize Winners



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Club Champions Susan Russell and James Porter

Ladies Section - by Paula Burke

What a start to a Lady Captain's Year, on the morning of our AGM & drive in we were greeted with an Irish welcome, relentless rain which meant that we had to postpone the drive in until Thursday where I would have to try & not shame myself in front of all the members who kindly supported Tony & myself. My hand was trembling putting the ball on the tee, but did manage to hit a super drive. What a relief!

Sue was presented with a miniature set of golf clubs & trolley as her initial gift but swiftly followed up by another gift, containing the contributions from all of you, so she can choose a set of golf clubs to her specifications. Happy golfing days ahead for Sue, unburdened by the responsibility of Lady Captain. Despite being unable to have the drive in, our Ladies enjoyed a light lunch with a tippie or two to celebrate a new start for 22/23.

Hopefully we can begin to enjoy a normal golfing calendar as the Covid situation appears reasonably stable.

Our medal winners for April in dreadful howling gale conditions were: Division 1 Ingrid Blain with 73, Division 2 was won with an incredible score of 67 by Melody Cotterill. It would seem playing frequently in Scotland sharpens your ability to withstand the elements.

Sue & Adrienne organised a match against the ladies from the USA on 27th April, a super day was had by all, PA took the honours with a 11-1 outcome.

Upcoming events are being organised behind the scenes:

- Mixed Pairs Matchplay 5th-8th May;
- Ladies' Annual Invitational day on 11th May, always a very popular day;
- Friendly matches are on the website, 16th May away to Levante, a great opportunity to meet other ladies with handicaps at all levels. Definitely worth signing up for Ladies;
- Ben Hogan Challenge, at home, 1 day event 29th May.

On a sad note, Pat Wright, one of our long-standing ladies passed away recently, we would like to offer our condolences to Pat's family & many friends.

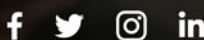
Finally, I would like to thank JJW for sponsoring the wine following our Ladies AGM, Christophe & Cristina for their help whenever required, Gill & Christine for organising all the monthly Social events, the Ladies on the Committee for their enthusiastic support & work on your behalf.

Our Club can only be as fantastic as it is with everyone's positive input.

Wishing you all a good year of golf, fun & health,

Paula

Follow us on social media.





Ladies AGM Prize Giving



Ladies AGM Thank you gifts



Ladies Easter Bonnet

XXXI SIR HENRY COTTON TROPHY *Be inspired*

27-28
MAIO MAY
2022

PROGRAMA PROGRAMME

27/05

- 11h00 - 12h00** Dia de treino no Sir Henry Cotton Championship golf course
Practice round at Sir Henry Cotton Championship golf course
- 16h30 - 17h30** Desafio straightest drive - buraco 17
Straightest drive challenge - hole 17
- 19h30 - 20h30** Cocktail de boas vindas no Spikes Bar
Welcome cocktail at Spikes Bar

28/05

- 09h00** Torneio – Shot gun
Tournament day – Shot Gun
Modalidade: 18 buracos, individual, medal net, full handicap
Format: 18 holes, individual, medal net, full handicap
- 13h00** Almoço e entrega de prémios
Lunch and prize-giving ceremony

TARIFAS PACKAGE RATES

140€*

Pacote por pessoa
Per person, per package (sharing)

Sup. Single **45€**

Desc. 25% não golfista/acompanhante (sharing)
25% off - for non golfers (sharing)

GOLFE GOLF ONLY

Inclui golfe e almoço de entrega de prémios
Includes golf, lunch and prize-giving ceremony

50€

Membros C.G. e residentes Penina,
membros San Lorenzo e Pinheiros Altos
*Members G.C. and residents at Penina,
members San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos*

85€

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Visitors

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Report from the Greens Committee

The full committee met on Friday the 20th April. This report reflects both the position at that time and the indications from Marco and Director Christophe as to what we hope to achieve in the next few months.

Course condition and work done to date.

1. STRI in February gave a detailed report on the areas which need work to bring the course back to the condition achieved in December 2019. Two years with very difficult financing and much reduced green staff numbers have made the course a challenge for our green staff. However, funding is now back to normal, indeed a generous budget has been agreed for 2022. As always there are concerns as to whether old machinery albeit still working should be replaced. We are promised that this will take place if machinery breaks down and repair is uneconomical.

2. Work done since last report.

The lobbing of many trees on the course has been done as both recommended by STRI and as we as a committee felt appropriate to make the course "fairer" following growth of the pine trees. In particular lobbing 1 of Pines from the tree at the front of green and 9 of Pines green tree. Lobbing of trees where the canopy holds balls has also taken place (e.g 1 of Corks)

3. Work done to date.

A programme of feeding both fairways, greens and tees has started but have been very much frustrated by the weather conditions. Strong winds and heavy rain showers have been a real issue. Greens have however shown what can be achieved in that the "dollar Spot" has been just about eradicated and surfaces with a speed of 8/9 on the stimp meter are good. Very few complaints about the greens is a good reference.

The tees and fairways are still in "recovery" and in our view well below what we hope to achieve in the next few months.

We have agreed with management that tees will be closed when necessary and temporary tees will be played to allow Marco to concentrate and work to improve the tees.

The fairways are being fed but until we can close 9 holes for several days in rotation to allow Marco to tine and scarify we need to be patient. Fertiliser is being sprayed but dry ground is not helping growth despite heavy showers. Marco remains confident that he has the manpower (up to 19 now but still 2/3 short) to bring the course to close to full recovery by Gala Week.

4. Bunkers and course access.

The repair of the calcada continues but the condition of paths generally is worrying. There is a similar problem from tree roots. We have been loaned a root cutter but man power is still required to lift the roots from the ground. Pine trees are notorious for spreading their roots. We believe management will need to set aside considerable funding to counter this problem.

The bunkers are much better but there are still exceptions where the sand has solidified. These need raking and digging over.

Members are reminded that dangerous roots in the rough allow members to lift and drop, but not if their ball has come to rest behind a tree or so close to a tree to prevent a "swing" Members in friendly games may decide to be more generous if all agree.

The committee are frustrated by the lack of growth on the course but Marco remains optimistic as does your Director. Members appear to be patient and we hope this continues although as always, we will respond to members queries.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans.

Works undertaken in April 2022

Items	Threatments	Frequence	Areas	Hours
Greens	Cuts	Daily	All 27 holes	180
Greens	Top Dress Sand	Twice a month	All 27 Greens	96
Greens	Spray Dollar Spot & iron Sulfate	4 days	All 27 Greens	32
Aprons	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	128
Aprons	Spray Dollar Spot & iron Sulfate	2 days	All 27 holes	16
Fairways	Cuts	5 days week 1 & week 3	All 27 fairways	80
Fairways	Spray Urea & Iron Sulfate	4 days	9 holes Pines	32
Tees	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	128
Tees	Spray Urea & Iron Sulfate	4 days	9 holes Pines	16
Rough	Cuts	Daily	All course rough on-going	160
Rough	Spray Urea & Iron Sulfate	4 days	9 holes Pines	16
Bunkers	Raking	Daily	27 holes bunkers	180
Trees	Cleaning & Removing	12 days	Pines 1&9 Corks 1,2 &7 Olives 7	288
Irrigations	Repair & replacing sprinklers	22 days	Where needed	352
Buggy Path	Repair & root clearing	12 days	7th Corks	192
Fence	Repair	4 days	Where needed	32
Driving Range	Maintenance of tee	4 days	Driving Range	32
Gardens	Maintenance & Cleaning	Daily	Clubhouse, Academy & administration	180
Others	Cuts around fences & trees	22 days	Where needed	352

Intended work plan for May:

All usual cuts on greens, tees, fairways & Roughts

All repairing works needed

Spraying of greens & Fairways with Iron Sulfate

Repair buggy path going onto 1st pines

Top dressing of greens once a week

Painting of all distance measures

Painting of all Ball washers

Painting of all tee & signage markers

Social Golf Report

Social golf on 20th March had to be cancelled due to torrential rain, literally. I think by the Monday, Olives was neck deep and more in water. Luckily, we were able to squeeze in our social on the 10th of a very busy April. The weather was glorious this time. We played a team shambles, which is great for those who don't hit long, accurate drives and resulted in some very good team scores.

There were 35 players and 33 for super. We had roast chicken with generous portions of chips and salad. Desert was wild fruit flan, served with a scoop of vanilla ice-cream. Selection of wine and water was also on the table

As usual it was a very pleasant day. Social golf gives us a great opportunity to meet new members and play with different people, novice golfers also often walk away with a prize.

Results:

OLIVES PINES

1st: Score 101 (BB9 55)

Knut Ellingsen, Andy Georges, Joanna Young, Arja Nordstrom

2nd: Score 101 (B9 50)

Nick Tranfield, Bob Seddon, Sabine Schlegel, Helga Crowley

3rd: Score 100

Albert Crowley, Lisa Burns, Per Anton Kleppa, Frances Smeaton

CORKES OLIVES

1st Score 108

Tracy Hayes, Peter Young, Barry Smeaton, Fiona Thomson

2nd Score 105

Tony Staddon, Therese van Doorn, Ken Irving, Diana Collins

3rd Score 100

Knut Pederson, Graeme Thomson, Stella Jeffrey, Maried Koojimans

Next social golf will be on 15th May, yellow ball format, to be organized by Cathy and Adrienne, all members are welcome, come along and join in the fun.

Stella Jeffrey/Andy Georges



Interclub Report

Our season began with consecutive away games; the first was a great result at Boavista with the match being a draw, the second, a narrow defeat at Penina by 3-2, again a very good result and finally, the away match against Parque de Floresta, which ended in a heavy defeat, on what was a very damp and difficult day in more ways than one.

A great result for us on 28th of April, we defeated Vila Sol at home by 3.5-1.5 which pleased everyone concerned.

I thank all the members who have played so far this year for those who have not yet been selected, don't lose heart your time will come. Our first match in May is against Boavista at home on the 12th. On 25th May, we travel to Benamor, to challenge last years champions, Tavira.

We will also have another match in May, in the knock out, but no date has been agreed as yet

Best wishes

Neil Bamber

INTERCLUB CAPTAIN

World handicap system

Know how tips

HOW DO I ENTER A SCORE CARD

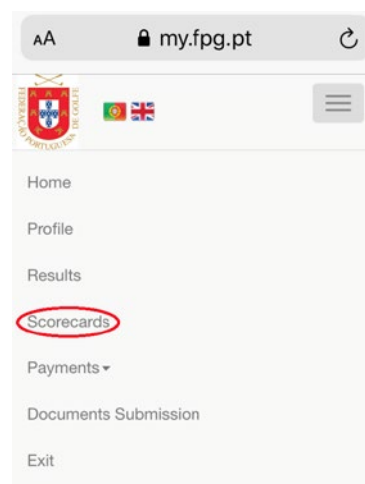
Access myFPG

- Log into the **Player Area** on **my.fpg.pt**
- Click on '**Scorecards**'
- Your scorecard should already be registered

- You will need to include your Marker's federation number
- Click on the **Marker** tab
- Enter your Marker's Federation No.
- Click **Validate**
- Click **SAVE**

- Click on the **Score** tab.
- Enter scores by clicking on the (+) sign to increase the number or use the (-) sign to decrease the number
- If you did not hole out click the '**No Score**' button
- Click **SAVE**

- Click on the **Definitions** tab
- Check that all the information regarding the round played are correct
- Click **SAVE**
- Finally make sure to **SEND**, you may need to click on '**Scorecards**' again where you will see under '**Status**' to be sent. Click Send.



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3	4	15	289	- 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	5	13	416	- 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	4	1	389	- 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 in England and is currently present in 132 countries. It is considered by many as one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world for the work it provides, but this is only possible because of the good partners we have.

In Portugal we develop several works: 1 Home for the Elderly; 1 Shelter for the Homeless; 1 Home for Children; 1 Day Care Center; 2 Meals on Wheels Services; 2 Community Centers; etc.

We began our work in São Brás de Alportel in 1990, and currently we have different social projects that we can develop, thanks to the generosity of people who trust our work.

We help several needy families through medical appointments, emotional support, monthly distribution of food, clothing, medicine, hygiene products, furniture, appliances, and delivery of school kits, among others.

The last 2 years have been very challenging for the whole world, however, those who lived situations of great economic vulnerability before the pandemic, saw their situations even more fragile. One of the ways in which the Salvation Army in São Brás was actively present to try to minimize the negative impact of this pandemic in the lives of these people, was through our Food Bank. Countless families asked us for food aid during this period and with your help we were able to help them!

More recently also in São Brás, we have been called to support refugee families coming from Ukraine with food, clothing, and school kits for the children.

As we have already mentioned, all this work can only be done, when we have people that support and trust the work we do, so we are extremely grateful to the Pinheiros Altos - Ladies Section, in the person of Sue Georges as Lady Captain, for trusting the Salvation Army - São Brás de Alportel.

Thank you so much!

May God bless you and your family members wherever they are in the world!

Captains Anabela and Filipe Gonçalves
The Salvation Army - São Brás de Alportel



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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