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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF CLUB



Introduction from the Captain Mr Tony Hickey

Dear Members,

Is it just me or is time moving faster, I feel as though I have only finished the last article!

Ben Hogan: – We had a really nice day in the company of our friends and neighbours from Quinta do Lago. Fortunately we came out on top and retained the trophy, Paula and I played our opposites, Alan and Lesley Henderson. We played a most enjoyable round with each player contributing with some nice golf. Our result was a very friendly “half”.

President's Day: – WOW, a big turnout, it was nice to see Sergey win the day. He is a very long serving member and certainly a very popular and deserving winner. Congratulations to Jim

and Ingrid on the Mixed Matchplay victory. Congratulations to James Porter winner of the Men's and Susan Russell winner of the Ladies' Stroke Play championship. Thanks to all who entered the competitions and a special mention of thanks to the 2nd place players, as it's a tough station. To all the other winners and PA teams well done and continued success.

On the subject of President's day, David our president dropped a hint about a makeover of the upstairs lounge. It is known as the “Members 'Lounge”, some of the groups use it and on certain days prizes are presented there.

Well at a very hot but enjoyable Social Golf on Sunday last,

David officially announced that the work on its complete refurbishment would commence very shortly. It will be a nice welcome improvement and possibly a lot more members will use it. I am sure it will be high on the agenda for our next meeting.

I get a lot of members enquiring about the take over or partnership of JJW and the Intercontinental Group. As yet no official statements but a clue that something is different, was the unexpected introduction of the card only payments system. I have to compliment Christophe and Paulo for implementing this so speedily with the least amount of inconvenience for the members. I felt for sure as did others, it would have caused a lot more confusion and difficulty. I had a nice day at the sponsored meet the new members day. Thanks to Dan from Blevins Franks for organising the day.

One of the duties of the Captains is to choose and organise the events that raise money for Charities, the Captains feel the

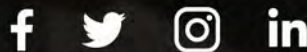
following Charities are deserving of the Members support. We have chosen this year:- Salvation Army, AOA Oncology Unit in Faro and Caslas , Centro de Assistencia Social in Lagos (children's home).

We asked the committee and others such as sponsors and some members if organising one or two events during the year would work better than lots of small events. The general response was good and so we are going to run with 1 or 2 events and give it our best effort. More information will be available when we firm up on the exact format and dates, we think late September and early October.

We would ask all the members to help with the effort in any way they can.

Play well and more importantly enjoy each day,
Tony

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QDL Captains Alan and Lesley Henderson presenting the Ben Hogan Trophy to Club Captain Tony Hickey and Lady Captain Paula Burke Hickey



Club Captains Tony Hickey and Paula Burke Hickey with the Ben Hogan Trophy



Mixed Pairs Matchplay Winners Ingrid Blain and James Hanglow



Club Captains presenting the Mixed Pairs Matchplay Trophy to the Winners Ingrid Blain and James Hanglow



Club Captains presenting the Mixed Pairs Matchplay Runners Up Neil and Chris Sutton with their prizes



Club Captains and May Stableford Winner Lucy Pye



Club Captains and May Stableford Runner Up Steven Crowdey



Director of Golf - Monthly Report

May started with the Mixed Pairs Matchplay for the Russell Salver. It was quite a marathon as it was played on 4 days in a row and because there was a better turn out, the first day had to be a qualifier to select the top 8 pairs for the matchplay stages starting from the Friday to lead to the Final match on Sunday. The champions were James Hanglow & Ingrid Blain who beated Neal & Chris Sutton in the final match. Congratulations to both and also to the increased entries for this demanding tournament.

The last week end of May saw our usual Ben Hogan Challenge which sees Quinta do Lago & Pinheiros Altos competing for the trophy. This year's format was changed to a one day event and played at Pinheiros Altos on the last Sunday of the month. We had a full house on the day with 20 mixed pairs from each club competing. Quinta do Lago brought all their big guns out including a couple of juniors which I have no doubt will both have very successful golf careers. So congratulations on Quinta do Lago in promoting their youngsters and we will try to match that when we play them again next year. Even though the Quinta do

Lago side was very strong the home advantage favored a victory for Pinheiros Altos with a score of 11 ½ to 8 ½. This makes Pinheiros Altos winner 9 times against 7 from Quinta do Lago. So congratulations to the Pinheiros Altos team which I had the pleasure to be part of!

The monthly Medal was taken by Dan Henderson with a score of 70 and the May stableford was won by Lucy Pye with a score of 37 points. Congratulations to both.

It is a pleasure to confirm that Blevins Franks will continue their partnership with the Club over the next 3 years with an additional partner which your President will announce in a communication very soon. There are some very good news on the members front and I will leave the pleasure to communicate the news to our President who is the instigator to a new project involving the Members lounge.

Over 10 golf titles were sold during the month of May and the Golf Title is now €20.000 and I am continuously receiving interested

parties to join the Club mainly due its social aspect but also and very important the exclusive access given on the golf course so important during the busy season we have just gone through.

March, April & May 2022 were probably some of the busiest time I have had during my 27 years in Pinheiros Altos. It is great to see many people coming back, many members and regular visitors had not been in Pinheiros Altos for 3 years. It is also great to see so many new members taking part in all the activities and being integrated into the Club.

I am sure many of you will be delighted to hear that the course should be slightly quitter as from June 2022 however as from the 13th June we will have during 3 weeks 1 of the 9 holes closed every week for maintenance. The works will mainly be on the fairways with a solid tinning and heavy fertilization of the fairways. Another closure is planned for August to hollow tine the greens in certain areas only. As we will only operate with 18 holes the course will be shared between members & visitors therefore I would like to ask the members to be patient as these are important maintenance operation.

I would like once more to remind members to respect buggy rules and try to keep them of the fairways as much as possible. The buggies are the worst enemy of growth on the fairways and we will demonstrate that by closing the access of buggies to the fairway on one hole. This will demonstrate the importance of avoiding fairways when you can. Also the number of pitch marks on the greens shows that many do not repair them and once a pitch mark is not repaired it takes days to recover while if repaired immediately it recovers immediately. Remember to repair your pitch mark as it is your course and the marks you leave on the greens will be there for the following days!

The next main event is now Gala week which will be played from 24th until 30th July 2022 and all the information will soon be sent out to all members and I hope to see many of you joining for the all week or partly as you can also enter individual days. We have the pleasure to have EnQuinta as a partner for the Gala Week.

I wish you all great golfing and look forward to see you at the Club.

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Ladies Section - by Paula Burke

Another month has passed without any interruption to our golfing calendar from the Covid virus. Whilst we cannot become complacent, it is fantastic to see the course busy, & lots of visitors enjoying our facilities.

During May there were a number of important events in our diary, Mixed Pairs Championship, there was a large field participating this year, wonderful to see such enthusiasm for this trophy competition. The final was contested between Ingrid Blain/Jim Hanglow and Neil & Chris Sutton.

Unfortunately, there can only be one winner, congratulations to all who played in this competition & to the victors, Ingrid & Jim. The terrace was buzzing with supporters on the final day, which is so reflective of the pride we all have by being members of P.A.

On the 11th May, we had our annual Invitation Day which was very well organised by our Lady Vice-Captain, Melody, her first official duty, it was a resounding success & €730 was raised for the Captains' charities, Salvation Army, Oncology Unit in Faro & Caslas - Centro de Assistencia Social in Lagos. Thank you to all who supported this event

On 16th May, our ladies had an early start for their friendly away match against Levante, this was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately we came away with a marginal defeat.

Our final event in May was our annual match against Quinta do Lago the Ben Hogan. This is always played in wonderful spirit. This year it was limited to a one day competition, shotgun start followed by a bbq. It was a super day, with 80 players in total, the result was a victory for PA 11.5/8.5.

Finally our most recent event was Lady Past Captains' Trophy. We had 9 ladies competing & a further 3 joining them for lunch afterwards. Melody very kindly deputised for me as I had family commitments in Ireland. Debbie Madgett was the champion, with Lisa Burns 2nd & Sue Georges 3rd. Congratulations to all. Thank you to JJW for sponsoring the lunch & prizes. It is much appreciated.

Our President's Day was a roaring success, with 99 people playing, followed by an excellent lunch, music & dancing. Congratulations to Sergey, a very popular winner, who also made a wonderful speech. Congratulations to David & Zoe on the arrival of their grandson.

Lastly, its time to start planning your outfits for GALA WEEK, this year the theme is "WILD WEST". Let your imagination run riot!

In the meantime, keep well & enjoy your golf,

Best wishes,

Paula



Ladies Invitation Day Prize Winners



Ladies Invitation Day



Ladies Invitation Day



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PA Ladies V USA Team



PA Ladies V USA Team

Don't panic! He may still
declare it unplayable.



Report from the Greens Committee

The committee met on the 13th June in the absence of course director Christophe and member Duncan Evans who was busy doing work on another course.

Present position on course improvement.

1. Marco accepts that the fairways are not yet to the standard which he and the members expect. Liquid fertilizer has been applied but irrigation issues have prevented the course from responding as was hoped and the same applies to many of the tees which urgently require better growth!

2. This week Olives is being closed to allow hollow tining and new irrigation sprinklers being fitted. The course will be fertilized and watered. Next week a similar program will take place on Pines and then Corks (but not sprinklers).

There will be some interruption of member normal playing rights but we believe the timing is necessary.

Marco is hoping to have fertilizer pellets to apply on all areas of the course including the tees which need sanding and maybe some over seeding? We believe that a major improvement in course conditions will be evident in the next few weeks.

Resources

Some of the equipment for maintaining the course is now at the very end of its normal life expectancy!

The fairway mower is approximately 16 years old and it has to be used on all 27 holes! If it breaks down we are in obvious trouble and the same applies to the rough cutter. We only have one cutter and again the need for replacement and for two mowers seems to the committee to be unanswerable. New machinery is not in the golf course agreed annual budget, but the owners have always made it clear they would

replace machinery where necessary. We believe now is the time!

Marco also needs a sprayer at present we seem to borrow elsewhere.

The application of sand and fertilizer is an ongoing and important part of course maintenance.

STRI advise a course such as ours with 27 holes and open to members and visitors 365 day a year demands a work force of 27! We have 19 men and holidays etc reduce average number to 14/15. Marco would like 22 which is very reasonable. Recruitment is not easy following the Pandemic when many workers found work elsewhere!

Conclusions

Marco and his team have done excellent work on pruning many of the trees which over the years have become an unnecessary obstruction.

We believe the tree roots from so many pines is a real problem and we should invest now in the machinery to cut back the roots. This is a firm recommendation from STRI. We planted 1000 pines and nearly all survived!! We must plan forward on how we deal with tree/root invasion!

Members will see work being done this coming week on repairing the practice tee area. Allowing professional golfers to remove large divots from the turf is very unsightly. In future we hope professional golfers will use the protective mats!

The committee and Marco still believe that with proper investment our course can become a leading course in Portugal!

Works undertaken in June 2022

Items	Threatments	Frequence	Areas	Hours
Greens	Cuts	Daily	All 27 holes	186
Greens	Top Dress Sand	4 days	All 27 Greens	192
Greens	Spray iron Sulfate	2 days	All 27 Greens	16
Aprons	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	128
Aprons	Spray iron Sulfate	2 days	All 27 holes	16
Fairways	Cuts	18 days	All 27 fairways	144
Fairways	Spray Urea & Iron Sulfate	6 days	Corks & Olives	48
Tees	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	144
Tees	Spray Urea & Iron Sulfate	6 days	Corks & Olives	24
Rough	Cuts	Daily	All course rough on-going	256
Rough	Spray Urea & Iron Sulfate	6 days	Corks-Olives	24
Bunkers	Raking	Daily	27 holes bunkers	180
Trees	Cleaning & Removing	12 days	Around clubhouse & Corks 7	120
Irrigations	Repair & replacing sprinklers	20 days	Where needed	320
Fence	Repair	8 days	Where needed	64
Driving Range	Maintenance of tee	4 days	Driving Range	32
Gardens	Maintenance & Cleaning	Daily	Clubhouse, Academy & administration	186
Water Pipe	Repair of main supply	2 days	Pump house new course	32
Others	Cuts around fences & trees	20 days	Where needed	320

Intended work plan for June

All usual cuts on greens, tees, fairways & Roughs

Solid tinning of all the fairways closing 9 holes at a time

All repairing works needed

Spraying of greens & Fairways with granular fertilizer

Repair path going on 1st pines (could not get the men to come in May and might be only in July due to other works on fairways using men power)

Top dressing of greens once a week when 9 holes closed

Social Golf Report

May social golf was played on Sunday 15th. We had intended to play a Yellow Ball competition but having spoken to several members and seeing their adverse reactions, we changed to a Waltz with 1 score to count on the first hole, 2 on the second and all three on the 3rd. This format was better received by all!!

We had 36 players with 2 extra people joining us for supper. We welcomed Anne Kenny and Marijke Venker for supper and two guests, Emma James guest of Nico de Ruiter and Diane Milner, guest of Molly Wainwright.

The competitions were played over Pines/Corks and Corks/Olives.

There were 3 prizes for each course and the winners on Pines/Corks were:

1. with 96 points

Peter Young, Paul Hanby, Diana Collins, Mark Pye

2. with 71 points

Tony Hickey, Kieran Kenny, Sabine Schlegel, Ansley Tolland

3. with 70 points

Molly Wainwright, Diane Milner, Matt Venker, Stewart Harper

Corks/Olives:

1. with 83 points

Peter Young, Lucy Pye, Simon Brundan, Janette Staddon

2. with 82 points

David Markey, Francis Smeaton, Andy Georges, Louise Baker

3. with 77 points

Tony Staddon, Nick Tranfield, Kristina Griffith, Mai Markey

Well done to all the winners.

We enjoyed a delicious supper of Chicken and Chips with salad followed by Apple Strudel and Ice cream. Our thanks go to all the staff for looking after us so well.

We look forward to seeing many of you again at the next Social golf event which will be held on Sunday June 12th.

Knut Pederson and Cathy Harper

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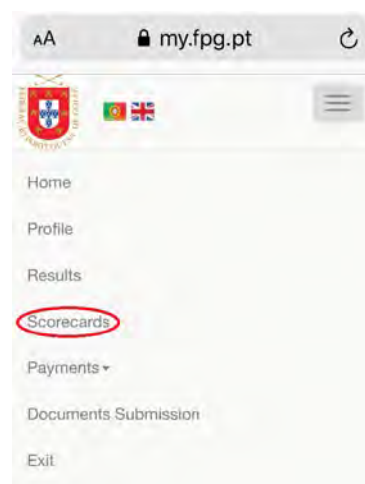
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HOW DO I ENTER A SCORE CARD

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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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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