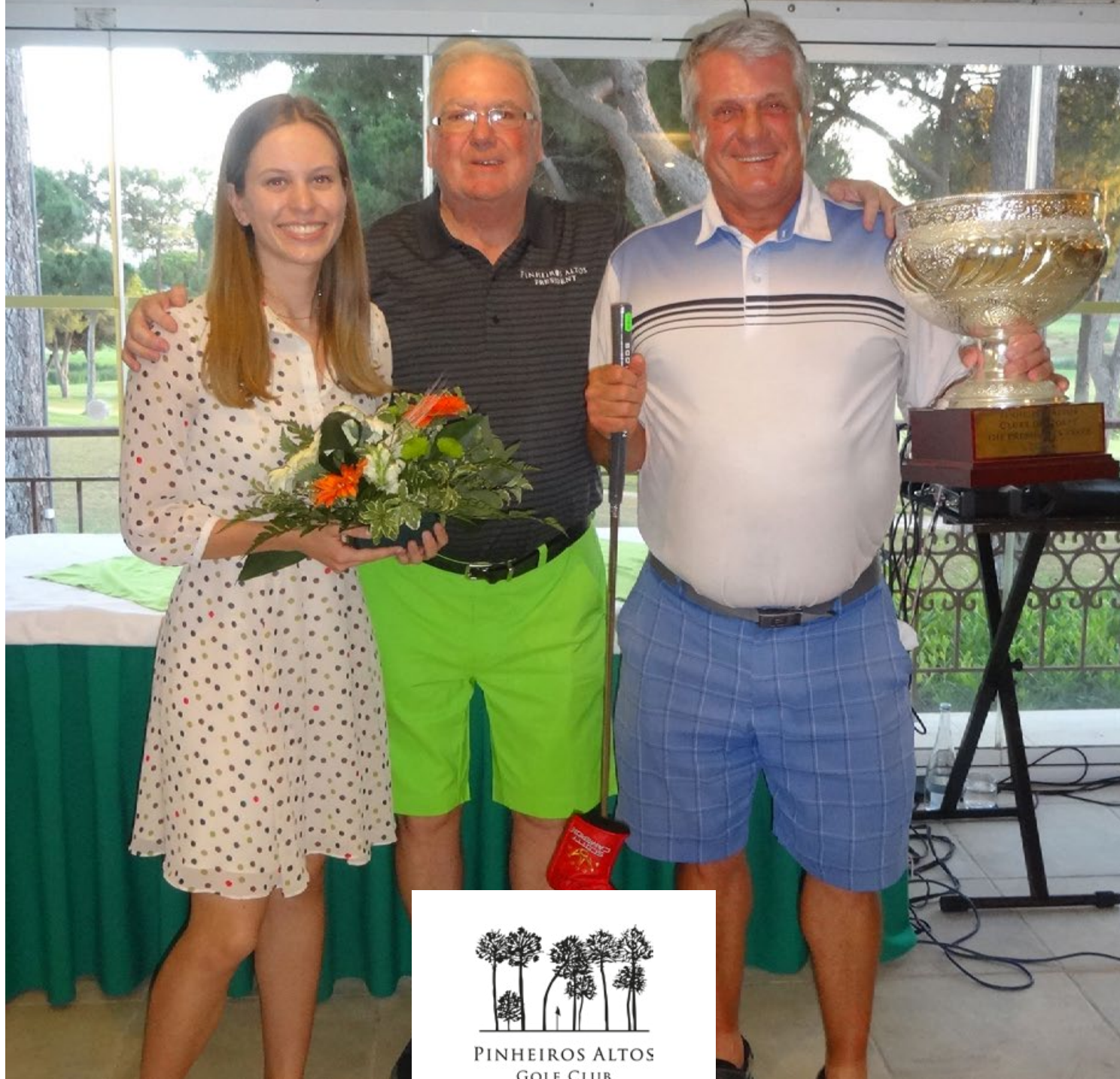


# Altos *news*

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF CLUB



## Introduction from the Captain

Mr Tony Hickey

Dear Members,

Events have a habit of altering everything and my newsletter contribution this month is no different.

While I will add a small ending concerning the Gala week and the chosen Charities the main part will be dominated by the fire that has ravaged the Algarve.

The area known as the golden triangle was particularly badly hit. So, while the rest of the world was enjoying the opening of The Open at Saint Andrews, our world famous golf destination was being attacked by a merciless fire. The first reports came from our budding Ornithologist Stuart Knox at 5-30 on Wednesday

morning. For those of us that were awake, his report on the fire being fought by the Bombeiros on the outskirts of Pinheiros (originated in Gambelas in Faro) was a very alarming piece of news. Little did we know that during the day, due to the strength of the wind coming out of the east and the fierceness of the fire, the only control the firefighting forces could manage was to contain the spread and protect all the buildings in its path. To this end the Bombeiros aided by civilians, in some cases, managed to do an amazing job.

I am sure you will hear of the devastation and some heroics resulting from the fire. My own experience is memorable in the



context of conversations and what I can see in the aftermath of the blaze. I have a regular walk of 6k most mornings when fit, the area is badly burnt and almost half of it is charred and grey and even this morning is still smouldering and in some cases isolated small flames can be seen. The first sign is just before Monica's restaurant where the fire burnt the vegetation on the side of the foot path, it continued to burn the area at the back of the restaurant on its path down the valley towards Quarteira.

Almost all of the valley was badly burnt, most notably the house that we know as Healy's with its fantastic manicured lawns sweeping down from the elevated grand Villa, it had a nice driving range that would permit a full 8 iron shot. I think it was the envy of every golfer that knew the property. The garden is no more but the house along with their neighbours was saved.

The fire then continued on, thankfully due to the work which the Bombeiros did at the top of the hill at the back of our Fonte Algarve estate, and a little help from the wind direction, prevented the fire from jumping to our estate.

However the estate of Fazenda Santiago was not so fortunate and suffered a lot of damage as the fire continued on to Fonte Coberta

and Fonte Santa thankfully the Petrol station was well protected by the fire crews. It then went on to Trafal and finally Quarteira. There it seems to have been brought under control. So far no injuries have been reported which in itself is a small miracle.

I am pretty sure just as I could see normal activities returning, the same will be true for us at PA.

The Gala week is now almost upon us and we all need to get busy preparing for the events that it will bring.

Lots of Competition and not only in the playing of golf but best dressed is always a favourite at the dress up for Wild West show on the Wednesday.

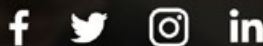
I will deal with the charity day in the next newsletter.

The link if you wish to donate to the Bombeiros is:- [www.bombeiros.pt](http://www.bombeiros.pt)

Stay safe and enjoy each day.

*Tony*

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## Director of Golf – Monthly Report

Our July newsletter normally would be a report of our month of June but with the recent events in the Algarve I cannot go without mentioning the terrible fires that hit the Algarve last week. Little did we know of what would happen when we came to work on Wednesday morning as we were told there was another fire in the Ludo Valley. We have had over the years many fires in that area and fortunately we had never suffered from the consequences.

However, as I arrived on Wednesday morning and saw the scenario on the course with the strong wind blowing from Faro in our direction it was quite clear to me that this fire was coming straight at Pinheiros Altos golf course. I decided very early to call off all the players on the golf course and close the facilities as the fire hit the Olives on holes 2 & 4 quite seriously and then spread towards San Lorenzo which also ended up closing and suffering badly from the fires. Later in the morning the fire turned and start hitting the 6th, 7th and 8th holes on Corks. By then the wind was so strong that there was no way the firemen could stop the fire to go right across the resort. Plot 95 (the hotel site) was hit and all the land adjacent to the 3rd Pines took up like a match taking the fire across to Quinta do Lago north which was also closed by then.

I was by the Quinta do Lago Maintenance shed as the fire came across the road and we were unable to go through back to Pinheiros

Altos. At that time, we did not know what had burnt within the estate but we feared for the worst as it looked like nothing could be saved then. The fire went on for hours and extended to as far as Vilamoura until it was under control within the late hours of the day.

I was able to come back into Pinheiros Altos after 4pm and expected the worst as what I had seen earlier was so destructive. Fortunately, I was surprised how the fire was kept off the course in most places and no house or buildings had been hit. Fires were still burning around the course and the staff was putting them off with whatever water we could find and machinery.

A few more fires took up some trees during the night but were picked up by our staff and put off instantly.

The following day Thursday 14th July 2022 as we went around the course we noticed most the damage was on the boundaries and the fencing around the course. A lot of trees will need to be cleared and all the fencing will need repair. This of course come at a time where the maintenance has already a lot of work therefore we foresee quite a few weeks to proceed with the cleaning and repair as there are many other works to maintain the course also needed.



Fortunately, there are no damage that cannot be repaired and none of the damage will be affecting the course as much as we thought it would. More important there was no physical injuries and everyone manage to stay safe. I would like to thank the fire brigades which have done an amazing job. Also, my staff as well as the President David Markey for helping in every way possible whether in advising, helping people on the estate or even putting off fires around the course, everyone were doing something to help. We received many messages of support and I must thank everyone for that important moral support during an unbelievable difficult 24 hours.

It is now time to put this disaster behind our back and look forward as we are now one week away from the start of another Gala Week which this year's theme is "Back to the Wild West!", we already have many entries but are still open for more even if you only wish to play on some days or just come to the dinners. I look forward to have a great week.

Earlier in June we had our President day which had the best turn out ever with 99 players and over 130 for the dinner. The day went very well and a great atmosphere in the evening. The man of the day was the popular champion Sergey Naumov who scored a fantastic score of 41 points. Sergey was delighted and a very proud winner as his daughter was also there to cheer him.

Stephen Hawkes won the June Stableford at San Lorenzo with 36 points while Sergey Naumov who is obviously on a roll had a 65 nett in the June Medal! Good to see that all the practice is starting to pay off!

Over the last few weeks I have had many reports from our rangers that members were not adhering to the buggy rules and driving their buggies up to the fringe of greens and even across tees! It is very disappointing to hear some of the reports from the rangers who are insulted when trying to enforce the rules of the buggies. I would have thought that members would be more receptive as we are only trying to help the course. Grass suffer from buggies being driven on it and it is not about wetness at this time of the year, it is about wear and tear of the course. Immediately after gala week we will reduce some of the longer walks before the greens however yellow lines will be drawn on where not to go across. IF the rules continue to be broken the management will ban buggies off the course making everybody use buggy path at all times in order to make it easier to police. This will mean that some members will find it impossible to play without taking a buggy at 90° and also it will make all golf rounds half an hour slower. I really do not want to have to take such drastic measures but the continued breach of rules by members will give me no other alternative. Please help us to enforce these rules which are only geared to have a better condition for the course.

I am now looking forward to see many of you talking part in the members Sunshine Classic Gala Week!

## DONATIONS TO FIRE FIGHTERS

Many members have expressed, their gratitude to the fire fighters for all there hard work last week, and through the year. You can donate to Alerta by The Iban and the Paypal details, for donations to the Associacao. These details are also available on the web page below:

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## Ladies Section – by Paula Burke

It seems only a few days since we wrote our last newsletters, it must be age, as time is flying by so quickly.

I would like on behalf of all the ladies & myself to send our sincere condolences to Alex Kirk on the passing of Jan recently. Some of you may not have had the pleasure of meeting our glamorous Jan, she was a long-standing member but had been unable to participate in the Ladies' section for some time. May she rest in peace.

Our competitions are running smoothly thanks to Lucy Pye, resulting in a good mix of ladies qualifying to compete in the Winners Trophy, later in the year. Thank you, Lucy.

The "Birdie book" is filling up nicely, some keen competition there! Well done to all so far.

Many of the Committee members were away in June/July, a big thank you to all who offered to step in & deputise. We realise very clearly how dispensable we all are.!

I would like to welcome Mary Jones & Jocelyn Broughton to our super Ladies section.

On 28th of June we had a friendly match against our neighbouring club, Laranjal GC. This was organised by Ingrid Blain in Heather's absence. We had 6 pairings & managed a 4:2 win away.

It was a fantastic day, we all had a great time on a beautiful golf course, followed by a very nice lunch & wonderful friendly company. Thank you, Ingrid for your super organising.

We headed to San Lorenzo last Wednesday to play one of our team competitions, "6s". We started playing on the 10th hole in a considerably smoky atmosphere, however, we had to scarper off the course after 2 holes due to the very close proximity of a wildfire.

We had hoped to have a coffee together in the Clubhouse, but that too had to be abandoned suddenly due to the risk of the fire. Little did we all know how serious it was about to become.



You will have seen from Christophe's information how things progressed. Luckily no one has been injured & properties on PA are not damaged.

We cannot thank the bombeiros, staff at PA & volunteers enough for all their efforts on our behalf to keep everyone safe & protect their homes & the golf course. There are a lot of heroes & heroines out there.

If you wish to donate to the Bombeiros this is the link:  
[www.bombeiros.pt](http://www.bombeiros.pt)

We have organised a Lady Captain's away trip 17-19 October, numbers limited to 24, details & sign up is available on PA app. If you wish to share a room, please sign yourself in & your "room-mate" as a guest. Competition format to be confirmed, but will be good fun.

Finally, Gala Week is almost upon us!!! I hope all your prepping is going well & causing you a lot of enjoyment.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Stay safe & healthy.  
*Lady Captain Paula*

## Report from the Greens Committee

*The committee were due to meet on Friday the 15th July but all members will know that extensive fire storms along the coast to has made it impossible to meet.*

The writer was able to play the Pines and Olives on Friday the 16th and the course has escaped what could have been devastating damage but for the heroic work of the ground staff and Marco and Christophe and the combined forces of the police and fire authorities. Our President I am informed played a major role in helping to coordinate the several work forces. No words can express our gratitude to all of the above.

The evidence is there to be seen and words again cannot express the shock and in many cases the risk to life and property the fire has caused but this is not the time to report on course condition but to merely reassure members that the course remains open and the work on the course is showing improved grass growth on fairways. The damage to wood land is severe and shocking.

We hope to report further before gala week.

*Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans*





*Past Lady Captain's Day Prize Winners*





*Past Lady Captain's Day*





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## 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	3 days	All 27 Greens	24
Greens	Brushing Greens	5 days	All 27 greens	40
Greens	Tining Greens	9 days	All 27 holes	72
Aprons	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	128
Aprons	Spray iron Sulfate	3 days	All 27 holes	24
Fairways	Cuts	20 days	All 27 fairways	160
Fairways	Hollow Coring	9 days	All 27 Fairways	144
Fairways	Cleaning FW form coring	12 days	All Fairways	96
Tees	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	144
Rough	Cuts	Daily	All course rough on-going	256
Bunkers	Raking	Daily	27 holes bunkers	180
Irrigations	Repair & replacing sprinklers	26 days	Where needed	416
Irrigations	Controllers & Satellites monitoring	16 days	Irrigations controllers on each 9 holes	128
Fence	Repair	5 days	Where needed	40
Driving Range	Maintenance of tee	8 days	Driving Range	44
Gardens	Maintenance & Cleaning	Daily	Clubhouse, Academy & administration	186
Water Pipe	Repair of pipe & borrow hole	9 days	Pump house new course	144
Others	Cuts around fences & trees	20 days	Where needed	320

### *Intended work plan for July*

- All usual cuts on greens, tees, fairways & Roughs;
- All repairing works needed;
- Spraying of greens & Fairways with granular fertilizer;
- Repair path going on 1st pines (will only be possible in August as contractor not available);
- Top dressing of greens once a week when 9 holes closed;
- Cleaning of trees whenever possible;
- Cleaning of Fires damages;
- Repairing fences around the course damaged by fires;
- Many other repairs caused by the fires ( will be over the next 3 to 6 months).



# Social Golf Report

## by Ken Irving and Adrienne Buth

It was probably the first hottest day of the year. We decided to ask Donna Michelle to offer the players an ice cream and it was very welcome. We played sixes (3 best scores on the first six holes, then 2 and finally 1 score for the last six)

There were 35 players and 2 extra ladies for dinner. Thank you Tracy Hayes for inviting your guests to play in our club's Social Golf.

### *The prizes:*

#### OLIVES TO PINES

##### **1.with 84 points**

Wallace Forde, Fiona Thomson, Stella Jeffrey, Phil Voas (G)

##### **2.with 74 points**

Paul Hanby, Nigel Baker, Vera Watkins, Fiona Hanby

##### **3.with 64 points**

David Markey, Bernadette Hardie, Deirdre Forde, Ron Goossens

#### PINES TO CORKS

##### **1.with 87 points**

Philip Hardie, Joe Allen, Marie Monahan, Ineke Goossens

##### **2.with 85 points**

Lisa Burns, Nico de Ruiter, Tracy Hayes, Graeme Thomson (floater)

##### **3.with 82 points**

Molly Wainwright, Harri Nordström, Diana Collins, Per Anton Kleppa

The dinner was Chicken with Fries and Salad and as dessert Petit Gateau.

The president David Markey finished with a little speech in which he thanked the staff, all the players and told us about the positive changes to expect in our club.

Next social golf will be the 3rd of July and organized by Knut Pedersen and Stella Jeffrey.

The format is a surprise and the costs will definitely be 30 euro per player.



# Interclub

## by Neil Bamber

### Interclub Division 1 Progress Update

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We played 3 matches in June;

Our home match against Parque da Floresta saw us avenge our away defeat 4.5-0.5. We also beat Penina, at home.

Our only away match against Vale do Lobo ended in defeat but as I have said before, home advantage is massive.

The season restarts for us on September 6th, away to the runaway leaders Palmares, followed by a home match against Tavira on the 15th.

Two further fixtures are away to Vila Sol on the 20th and home to Vale do Lobo on the 29th.

Anyone who follows our progress will note that we are currently next to the bottom of the league, which is obviously concerning but our average points per match are higher than a number of teams above us.

With 4 home matches left, I am confident we will remain in Division 1 for 2023.

Have a great summer.

All the best,

*Neil Bamber*  
Interclub Captain





Dear Members,

We are delighted to again be involved with Pinheiros Altos Gala Week that takes place this summer from July 24th to 30th July, last year despite COVID there was a great turn out and it was a lot of fun.

Pinheiros Altos is very much a community of owners centred around the Golf, Condominium and AAPA organisations, that work both independently and collectively to bring owners and the resorts' service providers together to enjoy the fabulous facilities and collaborate on ensuring Pinheiros remains one of the jewels of Quinta do Lago.

Enquinta was established in 2004 and provides villa management, holiday and long term rental marketing and real estate services to property owners in Pinheiros Altos, in 2014 we were invited by JJW to take control of the condominium administrator responsibilities and relocate our offices to within Pinheiros Altos. Whilst independent, we have always maintained a positive and pro-active relationship with AAPA, Golfe and JJW in recognition of the importance this collaboration brings to the owners and members.

The team and I are looking forward to joining in the fun that Gala week brings to PA, as well as sponsoring GALA week, we will also be enjoying both the BBQ and Gala Evening events and hope to meet many of you who we have not met before. Our offices are located opposite the Pinheiros Altos driving range, please do feel free to drop in for a chat if you are interested in learning more about how we manage your property and market for rentals or real estate purposes.

For more information on Villa Management, Rentals or Sales pls visit our websites.  
[www.enquinta.com](http://www.enquinta.com) | [www.uniqueluxuryholidays.com](http://www.uniqueluxuryholidays.com)

Best regards  
*Nick A. Austin*





# World handicap system

## *Handicap Review*

Many members of Pinheiros Altos enjoy the privilege of being members of clubs in other countries. The rules state that it is the player's responsibility to return all acceptable scores to both their home club and any club located in a different country. To enter a competition without an up to date score return is in breach of the rules; this will result in disqualification from a competition.

The information necessary is - date, course rating, slope, par and score differential of the competition played.

With a complete a record, the more fair and reflective the handicap will be of a player's ability.



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Dear Members,

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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](https://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