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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF CLUB



Introduction from the Captain

Mr Tony Hickey

Dear Members,

Well, Gala week turned out to be a fantastic week of torture on the golf course for some (me included) and the best fun I have had in a long time. Its one of the things that the team at Pinheiros Altos is very, very good at putting together and then delivering. This event is all about the people and the fun, so congratulations to all that participated and lets hope we get to do it all again next year.

The Wednesday shoot out was a nail bitter with some fantastic golf shots witnessed by the big gallery on the 8th of Olives.

Zoe and David were triumphant and received a great round of applause from the Indians and Cowboys.

I was exceptionally proud of the way the event went overall, the staff were not only the best dressed but the organisation, the quality of the food and the general level of service was fantastic. I personally received lots of very nice positive comments from members over the week, which was so welcome. Congratulations to Mark and Oliver on winning the overall competition and what a fantastic victory at the recent Paul McGinley Quinta do Lago Open 2022 for Oliver, also congratulations for Harris Landsburgh on his best net result in the Pinheiros Altos Junior Open.

Charity day 5th October.

Having only promised some information in the preceding newsletters, I can finally write about the event.

The event will follow the Captains' competition days on 14th (Lady captain's day) and 24th (Captain's day) of September.

The Charity committee is made up of the Captains and vice Captains together with the President and Nigel Spooks and Debbie Carver.

We hope we can help through the raising of necessary funding the ability for the chosen Charities to continue to provide the valuable services they already give our community.

The whole event is designed around having competitive fun with friends and colleagues, with the main objective being to raise as much money as we possibly can.

The day will consist of breakfast buffet on arrival, registration and collect your goodie bag, then play 18 holes in a four ball, two to count format, from a time sheet throughout the day, followed by a BBQ on your return to the clubhouse. In the evening there will be a drinks reception, prize giving, auction and some more fun, all in the name of the charitable causes, the cost is 800 Euros per team.

At first glance, some members may think that it's a bit expensive, for playing in something that we already paid for in our annual subscriptions, but those that have already reserved their places have worked out that it's not actually about playing the golf course it's about giving back to the community and to the people and children who are considerably less fortunate than ourselves, so a big thanks to all that contribute.

So why not invite your family, colleagues and friends and maybe even split the costs, and have a great day out, supporting such worthy and needy causes, having some fun with your friends, and giving something back.

Additionally, we could do with some help reaching out for sponsors, so, if you could think of any companies that could or would sponsor a hole, nearest to the pin or some of the bigger packages please feel free to talk to them, these are typically, restaurants, service providers such as: estate agents, builders, gardening companies, interior designers etc, we are happy to talk to anyone whom you may want to recommend.

We will also have an online auction site up and running in early September, so if you're able to donate some interesting items for people to bid on, sporting memorabilia, money can't buy experiences, or anything that you feel will generate additional funds for the charities, again please let us know.

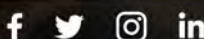
We will be really grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you on the day, to register your interest, or for any other information please feel free to contact any of the committee named above.

(as things move ahead you will find the App. will carry the updated information.)

Please take care and enjoy every day.

Tony

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After the Fire

At 0430 on the morning of Wednesday 13th July I couldn't sleep and went into my study. I saw an orange glow coming from the direction of PA and so I decided to go and investigate. By 0520 I was parked on the road looking onto the 6th of Olives tee box and the 5th of Olives. The woods to the west of the 5th tee box and the 4th of Olives fairway were ablaze. There were 4 fire engines between the 5th tee box and behind the 4th green sucking water from the surrounding ponds. The reason I could see the Bombeiros was that they had searchlights and because the wind velocity was about 30-40mph the smoke was thinning out quickly too. Because of the positioning of the Bombeiros, I assumed that the two stork nests with chicks would be safe.

I then drove into PA to see what was going on at about 0545 and walked down the 1st of Corks and across to overlook the 7th Corks green. In the distance I could see flames from the direction of the airport and near the salt mountains, and spreading across the Ludo valley. The cracking sound of burning trees was horrendous.

What became apparent at daylight was the effect of the wind. It was carrying embers to the west and fires were popping up everywhere there was dry undergrowth to ignite. When I drove to above the



sewage works at about 1030 I realised that the wind had carried the fire to where I had been standing earlier and that the fire had continued towards the stork nests.

On the 11th of August I went for an inspection. There is one empty, but intact, nest remaining (nearest 5th teebox) on a wooden support which had 2 chicks at the end of May. I don't think the chicks were capable of flying so I can only assume they panicked and were lost in the fire. The second nest had chicks and as you can see it was totally destroyed and there are some bits of debris

remaining. The third nest from the 5th teebox was also destroyed. Historically it has also had chicks but for some reason this year there were none.

I was asked by a number of people about whether we had to rebuild the nest supports. I am pleased to report that the 2 central ones, that were hit by the fire, are both old concrete electricity poles with a metal wheel for the nest support, and are as solid as the day they were erected in 2005. So, we will just have to wait for the surrounding trees to get a bit greener and wait for new nesting pairs to come and start the rebuilding process. The fact that there is an intact one nearby should hopefully act as an incentive.

Returning to the Bombeiros. Something like 90% of the firefighters in Portugal are volunteers which is an exceptional statistic. Some of the Bombeiros had come from tens of kilometres away to fight the fires around us. During the day of the fire and the subsequent days people were driving around with packs of litre bottles of water to give to them. Restaurants were taking them in and feeding them.

Later in the afternoon when the fire had burnt through the trees opposite Infraquinta and had come across the Laranjal Road heading west towards our house, and the wind changed direction and the fires started coming north towards us from Florian Restaurant and Valverde, it seemed a very wise move to evacuate! The Bombeiros were by now all around us doing their fantastic work as we made a hasty retreat.

Captain Tony is having a Charity Day at PA on the 5th of October and one the recipients will be the Bombeiros. I've decided to hold a Bombeiros Benefit Gig with Charlie and Fred Waite and my eldest son James on Sunday 11th September from 1700 at Fresco Bar, opposite Aquarelle, in Almancil. Feel free to come along to help the 4 of us raise money for the Bombeiros, and if you can't make it, get in touch with me if you want to make a donation. The significance of the date will have been noticed by some of you – the anniversary of 9/11 and a great day to celebrate firefighters everywhere.

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



Members Gala Week & Sunshine Classic Prize Winners



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Director of Golf – Monthly Report

This newsletter comes rather late and will cover July & August 2022 as not much happening golf wise in Pinheiros Altos during the month of August and the next edition will be the October Newsletter which we will make sure come out earlier!

Before I write each month newsletter I always read what I wrote the previous year and this is part of what I wrote last year in the August newsletter when talking about the Gala Week: *“Mark Boothright & Oliver Scriven who were well in the fight for the main trophy right until the last few holes and managed to win the gross. Congratulations to them and I am sure they will be back to claim the main trophy!”*. Well guess what! they won the main trophy this year, 4 shots ahead of the ladies’ team of Heather Conroy & Ingrid Blain! Congratulations Mark & Oliver on a fantastic win!

The week saw 48 teams taking part during the week and over 150 people for the BBQ and 120 for the Gala Dinner. The atmosphere was at its best and it remembered us of the old times specially

with the theme being back to the Far West as it was the first ever theme of Gala Week. Everybody put a lot effort in the shoot out fancy dress but according to our Captains & Vice Captains the staff were the best dressed. Congratulations to the best Buggies of the Suttons which we kept a few days by the Clubhouse until we realized we needed that buggy!

The winners of the Shoot-out with a birdie on the Island green were David Pirret (who just had to hold a relatively short putt) & Zoe Pirret (who put him there!). Congratulations to both! Especially David for holding the pressure!

The fun day on the Thursday saw yet again Oliver Scriven win it with another 3 ladies, Ingrid Blain, Heather Conroy & Amy Tucker Brown.

Previous Champions James Porter & Jordan Markey won the gross with 98 points and congratulations to them!

The Gala week was a great success on the course & off the course. I would like to thank our main sponsor for the week EnQuinta and I & the staff are already looking forward to organize next year which theme will be "Outer Space!".

The Brian Evans Mens Roll Up Trophy was played this year on the Saturday of Gala week and will be played from now on that same day! The winners this year were Steve Leach & Barry Smeaton.

In early August when we thought it would go quiet our Junior Open was the biggest ever in Pinheiros Altos with over 50 youngsters from all the country and many International and was won by Tiago Abrantes from Vilamoura who played 1 over par gross on the day. Rodrigo Sousa Correia also from Vilamoura won the under 12 with 2 over par. The net was won by home player Harris Landsburgh with a stableford score of 40 points. Thank you to all who supported the day which again was a great success!

Following our Junior Open Quinta do Lago organized the Paul McGinley Quinta do Lago Open for juniors and our Member Oliver Scriven went to win the Open by one shot and we are delighted to see him doing so well. Congratulations Oliver and I am sure we will see a lot more on the winners list!

July stableford played at San Lorenzo was won by Majida Lester while Rene Tock was second but won the August Medal also with a net 71. The Summer Medal was also won by Majida Lester with a nett 68 in front of Robert who took second! Finally, the August Stableford at San Lorenzo was won by Noel Kelly with 37 points. Congratulations to all and thank you for supporting the monthly Medals & Stableford even in this warm weather. Also, I would to remind every member that all the medal tournament during the calendar counts for the Club Eclectic sponsored by the academy shop with a set of clubs for the lady & man winners.

Our greens committee unfortunately has been unable to produce the usual greens report this month. Obviously, the main item

is the departure of Marco Santos our green-keeper who will be moving to Laranjal. We already have got a replacement in António Povoas who is a very experienced green-keeper with a lot of knowledge and will be starting on 5th September 2022 and our program with STRI will continue as planned. All the greens on Pines are being over-seeded were needed and we will be doing the same on Olives & Corks over the next few days. The crab grass is now starting to die which makes the green go yellowish but means we should be free of the crab grass within 3 to 4 weeks. Fairways are being fertilized and we should see some much better growth during September. Also, we are repairing the Buggy path on 1st & 9th of Pines within the next 4 days while we will start on the Olives during the week starting on 29th August 2022. I am confident that we will have what we need to continue improving the course and that António is fully qualified to lead the maintenance team.

September will be a busy month as we have the Matchplay Championship starting on the 8th August and also Captains Day on 24th September 2022. Not to forget as well and put on your calendars is the Pinheiros Altos Captain Charity on 5th October which all the details are in this newsletter. Make sure you sign in early as more than 70% of the field is already filled in! if you cannot make you are welcome to send us your donations!

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our long-term member Jan Dickson who passed away on Saturday 20th August after suffering injuries from a fall a couple of days earlier. As you all know Jan was the wife of former President of the Club Mr. Walter Dickson who I send my sincere condolences and to his family on my behalf, the company, the members and all the staff in Pinheiros Altos. Jan was a lady and she will be remembered by all of us for many more years to come. May she rest in peace.

I hope to see many of you coming back to the club after the month of August and look forward to the many coming up activities within the club!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS, PLEASE CHECK THE APP!



Club Captain Tony Hickey presenting the Men's Roll Up Trophy to the Winners Barry Smeaton and Stephen Leach



Junior Open 2022

JAN DICKSON

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It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform that our long time Member Jan Dickson has passed away.

Jan was a long term well respected Lady Member of Pinheiros Altos and wife of former President of the Club Mr Walter Dickson. She was always a pleasure to have around and for years supported the Club activities. She will be dearly missed amongst all the Members & Staff who knew her.

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

RIP Jan.



Ladies Section – by Paula Burke

It is wonderful to see the Algarve so busy again after all the disruption caused by the Corona virus. The beaches, bars & restaurants are buzzing with activity. Great for the economy.

Gala week was a resounding success. The atmosphere was fantastic, lots of great golf was played throughout the week. The shootout on Wednesday was very well supported. You will probably have seen lots of photos on Facebook, if not check it out, some of the outfits were fantastic & 1 buggy stood out above all others.

The prize for best outfits was given to the staff, their attention to detail was fabulous, best buggy went to Amanda Stretton & Chris Sutton. Their Teepee was amazing & moved about the course in a ghostly erratic fashion!

Congratulations to all who participated for making the day an enormous success.

The day was brought to a close by a Bbq with fantastic entertainment from a band called The Munchies. Their energy & enthusiasm was electric.

We had the presentation of prizes in the Members' lounge & terrace followed by a superb meal outside on the lawn. Congratulations to all the winners, Mark Boothright & Oliver Scriven overall Champions. Congratulations to Paulo & all the catering staff for looking after us so well, also a huge thank you to Christophe & all his team for their enthusiasm & support.

The Gala dinner & entertainment were fantastic, a wonderful ending to a great week.

Next year's theme is "Outer space". A bit of lateral thinking might be required. Get planning!

Upcoming dates for your diary are:

14th September – Lady Captain's Day, competition & dinner.

24th September – Captain's Day

17th-19th October – our away trip to Alvor, ALL INCLUSIVE, 3 days & 2 night, 2 rounds of golf, Gramacho & Silves, buggies, electric trolleys & transport also included. Details are on the PA app. Come join us for lots of fun.

5th October – Charity Day, charities included this year are: Salvation Army, Oncology Unit in Faro, Bombeiros & Caslas which is a home for children in Lagos.

We are organising a big golf charity day, a "once off". We are hoping to raise a considerable amount of money thanks to your generosity. This will be divided among our chosen charities. We will also be holding an auction for prestigious items, bids can be placed online & also post golf in the Clubhouse. Information regarding the online auction site will be available on the Club app at the beginning of September.

Please support all the above events.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Paula

Works undertaken in July 2022

Items	Threatments	Frequence	Areas	Hours
Greens	Cuts	Daily	All 27 holes	186
Greens	Top Dress Sand	4 days	All 27 Greens	192
Greens	Brushing Greens	5 days	All 27 greens	40
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
Faiways	Spray iron sulfate & Urea	8 days	All 27 fairways	64
Tees	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	144
Tees	Spray iron sulfate & Urea	3 days	All 27 holes	24
Rough	Cuts	Daily	All course rough on-going	256
Bunkers	Raking	Daily	27 holes bunkers	180
Bunkers	Repairing Bunker	5 days	7th Olives	80
Irrigations	Repair & replacing sprinklers	26 days	Where needed	416
Irrigations	Controllers & Satellites monitoring	8 days	Irrigations controllers on each 9 holes	64
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
Others	Cuts around fences & trees	20 days	Where needed	320

Intended work plan for August & September 2022

- All usual cuts on greens, tees, fairways & Roughs;
- All repairing works needed;
- Spraying of greens & Fairways with granular fertilizer (already started on Pines FW);
- Repair path going on 1st pines (already started);
- Repair path on 9th Pines (last week of August);
- Repair path on 1st & 2nd Olives (September);
- Over seeding of greens in dry area on the all course (already started on Pines);
- Top dressing of greens once a week when 9 holes closed
- Cleaning of trees whenever possible;
- Continue Cleaning of Fires damages;
- Repairing fences around the course damaged by fires;
- Many other repairs caused by the fires (will be over the next 4 to 5 months).

Social Golf Report

by Adrienne Buth and Stella Jeffrey

July social golf was played on the 3rd. It was a glorious warm sunny day but with a pleasant cool breeze. We were a very small field with only 15 players and 2 of those guests! However, those who signed up had a very enjoyable day.

The format was AM AM (teams of 4, best to scores to count on each hole) which was played on Pines to Corks.

The winners with 86 points:

NICK TRANFIELD
ZOE PIRRET
DONAL O'HUADHAIGH
ALINA LUCZYCKA

Second Place with 78 points:

TRACY HAYES
DAVID PIRRET
NILS LEFFLER
STELLA JEFFREY

The match was followed by supper of roast chicken, sweat potato chips, French fries and a mixed salad. Desert was fresh fruit salad and ice cream. The meal was served with a selection of wines/water. It was tasty and enjoyed by all in a very friendly way.

Next social golf will be on 28 August, you can sign up on the app, all welcome.

*Adrienne Buth
Stella Jeffrey*



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,

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.

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.

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Best regards
Nick A. Austin





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