

# Altos *news*

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF CLUB



## Introduction from the Captain

### Mr Tony Hickey

Dear Members,

It's newsletter time again, Course improving a little every day. We all send our new Head Greenkeeper Antonio our best wishes in his new role at Pinheiros Altos.

Its been busy for sure, Lady Captains day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. followed by Captains day on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Plus the organising of the Charity day for the 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Congratulations to Marna on winning the Captains prize and congratulations to Chie on winning the Lady Captains prize. Also congratulations to the Matchplay winners Men's Keith and Ladies Susan. A very big thank you to all for playing and making the competitions exciting and fun.

Moving on, the Charity day is here, it has taken over the lives of Steve and me and I am sure it has not been to easy for Sue and Paula either, it is very time consuming and full of details. Thankfully we have the help of a great committee and Christophe and his team.

The team time sheet is almost full and the [www.auction-pa.com](http://www.auction-pa.com) website is full of fantastic items. These along with cash donations were kindly donated by the most generous members ever of any Golf Club.

Thanks also to the suppliers and companies based here in the Algarve for their donations.



*Club Captain Tony Hickey and Lady Captain Paula Burke presenting the Captain's Day Trophy to Marna Edwards*



*Matchplay Championship Winners Keith Inman and Susan Russell*

A special thanks to PAG's golf Sue and Andy. There were so many generous donations of items for the auction and the raffle, a really very big thanks to all. The sponsors also need a special thanks, so with all of the above it gives the event a real chance of success.

I look forward to seeing everyone there and hope we will have a great day. The number of nice messages from members about the Captains day that I received is heart warming, thank you so much it means everything.

Also an opportunity to send my gratitude to my vice Captain Steve and all the staff of Pinheiros Altos for their heroic efforts over the last few months.

Our Clubhouse has always been a welcoming place for members and guests, I now feel that the addition of the remodelled members lounge will improve the ambience and comfort for the members, a big thanks to our president David for pulling that together. We are also seeing the catering getting to a much more consistent level, thanks to Paulo and all involved there.

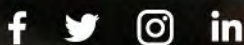
I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the partners and families who have lost their loved ones recently. It seems July, August and September were particularly sad months in that respect.

On a nicer note to finish its nice to hear our past Captain Michael Collins is improving.

To all, stay safe and enjoy every day.

*Tony*

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*Matchplay Championship Prize Winners*

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## Director of Golf – Monthly Report

Our main Event in September was of course our Captain's Day played on 24<sup>th</sup> September and our Captain had decided on a new type of format and not go with a shot gun but a one tee start which worked really well for everyone. Breakfast was served in the morning to all the players and we could have all the groups playing in 3 balls for a fantastic turnout of 90 players and we had over 130 for the dinner served at the Clubhouse. The evening went really well and everyone seem to enjoy themselves!

The big winner of the day was Marna Edwards who had 41 points and took the Captain's Prize, a fitting session with Ross Sutherland (her coach) at the Pinheiros Altos academy and of course the Titleist driver which goes with it! I heard Liam claimed he was the coach and the main reason for this win but no one is having any of that! Congratulations to Marna on a fantastic win!

Congratulations to our Captain on putting on such a great day for the Club.

Our Lady Captain day also took place during September and congratulations to Paula on organizing the Lady Captain day which was on by Chie Crowdey with 37 points!

The month started with the usual Matchplay Championship which saw Susan Russell win the trophy for the ladies and Keith Inman was the men champion. Great result for both especially Keith who was not going to play as he did not think his golf was

up to standard but obviously got it back on track as match-play can do that! We are looking into ways to get better entry for the matchplay for the future and the format for next year might be slightly different but we will keep the membership posted.

On the last day of September we opened the Members Lounge area and a big thank you to Ingrid Parnis & our President David Markey for negotiating a partnership between Equilibrio, JJW and the membership to get the members lounge refurbished. The members lounge will be used much more for social events but also will be open on Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons to the members. During the month of October we will have live music every Friday afternoon from 4.30 until 6.30 so we look forward to see many members joining us for a few drinks on the members terrace.

The month of October is very busy and please make sure you try to play in 3 or 4 balls so that the pace of play is not so slow for members. We will report on the Charity day in the next newsletter. Coming as well is the Seniors Championship which you can sign in on the APP and of course the so expected wooden spoon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> between Men & Ladies leaded By Tony & Paula!

Please make sure if you wish to join the new year eve party at the Dona Filipa you must sign up before the 15<sup>th</sup> October as the price for member is €150 if you book until then.

I look forward to see many of you at the club in the next few weeks.



*Captain's Day Prize Winners*

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*Captain's Day*



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## Ladies Section – by Paula Burke

What a hectic few weeks we have had at the golf Club, so many important events occurring within a relatively short period of time.

We had Lady Captain's day on 14<sup>th</sup> September, there were many anxious moments with the weather threatening to dampen our spirits, however, the anticipated poor weather did not interfere with the competition.

Our thanks to JJW for very kindly sponsoring coffee & pastel de nata at check in, they were delicious & much appreciated.

We celebrated the day at Casa da Quinta for dinner that evening. It was attended by 52 ladies, we had hoped to be dining outside but had to go indoors due to the unpredictable weather. We enjoyed an excellent meal & were looked after very well by Sonia & all the staff.

Congratulations to Chie Crowdey, winner of Lady Captain's prize & Bowl – a very popular winner.

Congratulations also to all the other prize winners, Sally Evans, Hilary Jessup, Zoe Pirret, Lisa Burns, Melody Cotterill, Sandra Little, Charlotte Parker, Jenny Harrison & our guest Jenny Smart.

We had a friendly match at home against Laranjal, with a 5.5 – 0.5 result. I received a number of very complimentary messages afterwards from the Laranjal ladies thanking us for our very friendly hospitality & excellent lunch. Well done ladies.

Following this we had the Captain's day, this was a super day, with breakfast being served from the early hours. This proved to be very popular & created a great atmosphere. Paulo & his team did us proud.

The introduction of a "time sheet" format for this competition proved to be very popular. It was followed by an excellent dinner, prizegiving & entertainment. A very successful day altogether, finally ending at 2 A.M.

The ladies swept the boards for the prizes, congratulations to Marna Edwards, winner of the Captain's Trophy & prize with a fantastic score of 41 points.

Also congratulations to Jane Brook-Crispin & Diana Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Our next major event is the Charity Day on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Immense gratitude is due to Tony Hickey & Steve Coull for the enormous amount of time, energy, enthusiasm which they have given in the planning & organising of this event, along with other members.

Our ladies' Annual dinner & competition is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, sign up for both is open, guests are very welcome. It should be a fun night, we have arranged entertainment, get your vocal cords warmed up!

We are planning on arranging golf clinics with Kenny & Ross, information will follow asap. These have been very popular & well supported.

Finally, our thoughts are with Walter Dickson & Alex Kirk & their families.

Keep well & enjoy every day

*Paula*

**TOURNAMENT RESULTS, PLEASE  
CHECK THE APP!**



*Lady Captain's Day Prize Winners*



# Report from the Greens Committee

After a long absence due to ill health and absenteeism the full committee met with Christophe and the new course manager Antonio Povoas on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Antonio has worked on several courses including S.L, Quinta and other well known, courses in Portugal. He speaks good English and we were all impressed by his plans going forward and the improvements he has achieved in the few weeks since his appointment.

Antonio was quick to thank Marco for the steps he had put in place and for the fertilizer available to feed the fairways and greens which he applied soon after his arrival.

He is facing a challenging future but does not appear fearful of the prospects.

## 1. Difficulties.

STRI recommend a work force of 22/24 for PA; we have 17 and effectively, only 14/15 men are working due to holidays and illness. There is a lack of skilled and unskilled workers throughout the Algarve following the Covid lockdown! The cost of transport and government payments to workers has made many workers reluctant to return to work. We need to be more competitive to recruit!

Our history of late payments to staff over previous years cannot be helpful.

The owner's willingness to fund the improvements and replacing worn and old machinery is not yet clear. Christophe has presented a detailed costing for next year. The good news is that the planned computer driven irrigation system planned for approximately 16/18 holes is going ahead. There will be some closed holes in the quiet months for digging trenches for cabling. The process is however now quite quick!

2. STRI who provide independent advice to most of the top courses worldwide would like to see more investment in equipment. Antonio has made a modest request for a leaf blower (we used

to have one) and a tree root cutter. The committee raised the concern of tree roots some months ago. The modern equipment allows roots to be cut in two places doing away with the need to pull roots out of the ground! The machinery is vital for the course and must be funded!

We also need new fairway and rough cutters (these are long overdue)

3. Antonio believes with appropriate chemicals applied at the right time the dollar spot and greens weed grasses can be eradicated as can the crab grasses (all gardeners doubt this)!

## The future

We have raised issues on the appearance of some tees (3 of Corks 3 of Pines and more) which need water and feed. Antonio is aware of the problems and improved irrigation is the answer.

Also, the use of buggies is contentious but we must be more disciplined and keep to the paths where possible and essentially keep away from the area 30/40 metres from the greens and prepared frontages. Also access to the fairways from the paths needs to be improved where the railings run without gaps for 150mtrs and more.

Good and perhaps faster greens are our aim: with fairways where we can lift the "placing regime" and where bunkers have the minimum but correct amount of sand to prevent plugging. Beautiful prepared tees are also a great selling point for most golf courses.

We believe these aims are obtainable, we just hope our owners can see this as a very worthwhile investment which will provide substantial returns in the future.

We are always happy to listen to any members particular course concerns.

*Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans*

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# Social Golf Report

## by Knut Pedersen and Adrienne Buth

August social golf was played on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was another summer warm day.

23 players enjoyed the relatively easy format: Walz (1 score to count on the first hole, 2 on the second, 3 on the third and again 1 on the fourth etc...)

We had 3 teams on Corks to Olives and another 3 on Olives to Pine. Four teams won a prize and there were 2 nearest the pin prizes won by David Pirret and Sophie Conroy.

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### *Corks / Olives*

1ST WITH 85 POINTS: ROSIE AGNEW, TONY HICKEY, KNUT PEDERSEN AND FLOATER DIANA COLLINS  
2ND WITH 72 POINTS: JOHN CONROY, BARRY SMEATON, CATHY HARPER AND DIANA COLLINS

### *Olives / Pines*

1ST WITH 81 POINTS: PAULA BURKE HICKEY, MATT VENKER, NILS LEFFLER AND STELLA JEFFREY  
2ND WITH 72 POINTS: SUE GEORGES, DAVID PIRRET, ADRIENNE BUTH AND FRANCES SMEATON

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The match was followed by supper of roast chicken, sweat potato chips, French fries and a mixed salad. Desert was apple pie and ice cream. It was tasty and enjoyed by all in a friendly way.

Next social golf will be on 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Too many other competitions to have one in September, you can sign up on the app and all are welcome.

*Knut Pedersen*  
*Adrienne Buth*



## Interclub by Neil Bamber

We restarted our campaign away to runaway leaders Palmares, the team played excellently resulting in a 2.5-2.5, which was a great effort and Palmares's worst home performance this season. We then hosted Tavira on the 12<sup>th</sup>, resulting in a resounding 4-1 home win.

Finally on September 29<sup>th</sup>, we defeated local rivals Vale do Lobo 3.5-1.5. We have only two matches remaining both at home, with the Vila Sol match on the 13<sup>th</sup> and then Palmares on the 20<sup>th</sup>. At the time of writing this report

we are in 5<sup>th</sup> position in the league but two good results from our last two matches should see us safely in 3<sup>rd</sup> and maybe even 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Thanks to everyone who has played for the team this year and hopefully we can build on this year and challenge for the title in 2023,

*Neil Bamber*  
Interclub Captain

# World handicap system

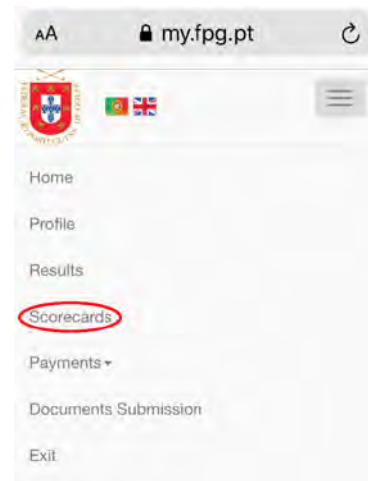
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## HOW DO I ENTER A SCORE CARD

### 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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3	4	15	289	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	5	13	416	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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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](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



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