

Altos news

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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF CLUB



Introduction from the Captain

Mr Tony Hickey

Dear Members,

I hope the November Newsletter finds you all well.

Our first Pinheiros Altos Annual Charity Day was a fantastic success. The generosity from Members and Sponsors and friends of PA was outstanding. The 4 Charities will benefit greatly from the money raised. A staggering 100,000€.

When I first thought of rolling our efforts into a one day event, I never expected it to find such a big welcome among all. The work by the charity committee, the management and staff and the club committee members were fantastic, but the contribution from the Vice Captain Steve was awesome. We are in good hands for next year.

I would like to mention all the people (unfortunately not enough space to name everyone) that made special contributions in making the day such a success, the people that donated items for the Auction, the people that organised and sold the tickets for the Raffle, the people that helped with all the various activities on the day, especially the long putting contest which was great fun, the music provided by our own member. The auction website, the brochure. I look forward to next year and hope the weather is our friend.

As seems normal now, a few words on the course. The greens are getting back to being good, putting and looking much better.

Rough has been a problem because of the mower been broken. This time of year the grass grows a lot. Lets hope it is fixed soon.

Congratulations to the winners of the competitions, the seniors was well supported and was won by Tim Russell with Steven Crowdey and Diana Collins picking up the best nets.

The October Stableford saw Anthony Staddon pick up the silverware.

Thanks to all that took part in the competitions keep up the good work.

The other event played last Tuesday the 1st was the Memorial Day. Its right we should have a day in the club which recognises and we remember our departed fiends and members. It was a nice turn out and we all raised a glass in memory of the departed and their families.

As I write the article an old friend and past Captain Keith Fletcher has sadly passed away this morning. Our Sympathies to Barbara and Sadie and Marnie and all the family for their loss.

To All, stay safe and enjoy every day.

Tony

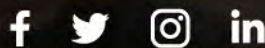


Club Captain Tony Hickey, Lady Captain Paula Burke, Club President David Markey, Lady Vice-Captain Melody Cotterill and Club Vice-Captain Stephen Coull



Charity Day Winners Stephen Cooney, John Livock, Stephen Leach and Barry O'Hara

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Charity Day



Charity Day



Autumn Medal Rosebowl winner Joseph Allen and Seniors Championship Winner Tim Russell



Seniors Championship prize winners

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Director of Golf – Monthly Report

The big highlight in October was our Pinheiros Altos Charity which I must congratulate the Club Captain Tony Hickey and his vice Captain Steve Coull and all the charity committee chaired by our President David Markey for a massive success. The day really brought a buzz to the club and the amazing amount of over €100.000 was raised for the various charities. The day was won by the Cheeky Pup team and we are already working on the next charity day for next year as it will now become a yearly calendar fixture. Next year's Charity day will be hold on 4th October 2023.

On 23rd October we had our Senior Championship which was won by Tim Russell for the second year running with a fantastic score of 35 points gross, only one over par on the day. Steven Crowdey was the winner of the net with a score of 40 points while Diana Collins won the over 70's with a great score of 38 points. Congratulations to all!

The Autumn Medal Rosebowl was presented on the day to winner Joe Allen who shot a 69 on the day while Tony Staddon won the October Stableford with 38 points. Congratulations to both.

Our new greenkeeper António Povoas has started now 2 months ago and the course has been improving and we are confident that we can get it to where it was before the pandemic and improve on it. We are working on a series of budgets to renew machinery and new Irrigation satellites should be going in during the winter. I would like to continue on insisting that members respect the buggy rules on the course and respect the rangers.

The members lounge is now in use for Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays afternoon and for many of the functions in the cub. It

has been very well received by the various group and has been a great atmosphere.

The tournament Schedule has been finalized and a copy of the calendar is including in this newsletter and will be posted on the APP as well in the next couple of weeks.

The Annual Subscription request will be sent during the month of November by email for payment until 31st December 2022. The Annual Subscription for 2023 will suffer an increase of under 5% mainly due to inflation especially in the energy sector. The Principal member will increase to €3.800 while the spouse fee will be €1.960. The club fee will remain at €200 with an additional €60 per spouse or connected member.

As we did last year if the subscription is paid before 12th December each member will receive 2 vouchers for San Lorenzo, 4 Vouchers for Penina & 5 Vouchers for guests at Pinheiros Altos. The vouchers at SL & Penina are personal use only and the guests must play with the member when using guests voucher at Pinheiros Altos. Also only members who pays their subs before 12th December will be entitled to receive the €200 for the Bar & Restaurant on their card.

We have all the usual Christmas tournament such as the Turkey Flutter, Boxing Day & New Year's Day Scramble which has not been played since 2020!

I hope to see as many of you during December!

San Lorenzo 2022

January

Sun 1st
Thu 5th
Fri 6th
Sat 7th

New Year's Scramble
Algarve Invitational Seniors
Algarve Invitational Seniors
Algarve Invitational Seniors
Roll Up at San Lorenzo (sign up)
Winter Medal

Sun 8th
Tue 10th
Wed 11th
Fri 13th
Sat 14th
Sun 22nd
Wed 25th
Sun 29th

Algarvian Pro Am(QDL S & N, SL & PA)
Algarvian Pro Am(QDL S & N, SL & PA)
Algarvian Pro Am(QDL S & N, SL & PA)
Algarvian Pro Am(QDL S & N, SL & PA)
January Stableford at San Lorenzo
Ladies Day at San Lorenzo
18 Holes Social Golf

February

Sun 5th
Wed 8th
Fri 10th
Sat 11th
Sun 19th
Wed 22nd
Sun 26th

February Medal
Ladies' Foursomes Championship
St Valentine's Day PA & SL
St Valentine's Day PA & SL (NO Roll Up)
18 Holes Social Golf AT QUINTA DO LAGO
Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain
February Stableford at San Lorenzo

March

Fri 3rd
Sat 4th
Sun 5th
Thu 9th
Fri 10th
Sat 11th
Sun 12th
Wed 15th
Sun 19th
Sun 26th
Wed 29th

Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies (Morning Start)
Mens Roll Up at San Lorenzo (sign up)
St David's Medal
Men Pairs Matchplay
Men Pairs Matchplay
Men Pairs Matchplay
Men Pairs Matchplay & March Stableford
Madrinha Trophy
18 Holes Social Golf
March Medal
Ladies Winner's Competition

April

Sun 2nd
Mon 3rd
Thu 6th
Sat 8th
Sun 9th
Tue 11th
Wed 12th
Sat 15th
Sun 16th
Sun 23rd

April Stableford
Ladies' AGM
Golf AGM & Captain's Drive in
Spring Medal (NO Roll Up) /Past Captain
Easter Scramble
APPA Competition
Ladies V Cloggies
Strokeplay Championship (NO Roll Up)
Strokeplay Championship
18 holes Social Golf

May

Sun 7th
Wed 10th
Sun 14th
Thu 18th
Fri 19th
Sat 20th
Sun 21st

May Medal
Ladies Invitation day
18 holes Social Golf
Mixed pairs Matchplay
Mixed pairs Matchplay
Mixed pairs Matchplay
Mixed pairs Matchplay & May Stableford

June

Sun 4th
Mon 5th
Sat 10th
Sat 17th
Sun 18th
Sun 25th

The Ben Hogan QDL V PA
Ladies Past Captain's S Day
Dia de Portugal (No Roll UP)
Mens Roll Up at San Lorenzo (sign up)
June Stableford at San Lorenzo
June Medal

Stableford Calendar 2024

July

Sat 1st
Sun 9th
Wed 12th
Sat 15th
Sun 16th
Sat 22nd
Sun 23rd
Mon 24th
Tue 25th
Wed 26th
Thu 27th
Fri 28th
Sat 29th

Captain's Day
July Stableford at San Lorenzo
Ladies Day at San Lorenzo
Mens Roll Up at San Lorenzo (sign up)
18 Holes Social Golf (cross country)
Summer Medal (NO Roll Up)
Member's Gala Week
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Gala Week

August

Sun 6th
Tue 8th
Sun 13th
Wed 17th
Sat 26th
Sun 27th

August Stableford at San Lorenzo
Junior Open
August Medal
Ladies day at San Lorenzo
Mens Roll Up at San Lorenzo (sign up)
18 Holes Social Golf at San Lorenzo

September

Thu 7th
Fri 8th
Sat 9th
Sun 10th
Sat 16th
Sat 23rd
Fri 29th
Sat 30th

Matchplay Championship
Matchplay Championship
Matchplay Championship
Matchplay Championship & Stableford
President's Day (NO Roll Up)
September Medal
Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos
Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos (No Roll up)

October

Sun 1st
Wed 4th
Sun 8th
Sun 15th
Sun 22nd
Fri 27th
Sun 29th

Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos
PA Charity Day (Medal on 13th)
Autumn Medal Rosebowl
18 Hole Social Golf
Senior's Championship
Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies (morning start)
October Stableford

November

Wed 1st
Sat 4th
Sun 5th
Sun 12th
Sun 13th
Fri 24th
Sun 26th

Pinheiros Altos Memorial Day
Foursomes Championship (No Roll Up)
Foursomes Championship
18 Hole Social Golf
November Medal
Ladies' competition & Ladies' Annual dinner
November Stableford

December

Sat 2nd
Sun 3rd
Sun 10th
Wed 14th
Sun 17th
Thu 21st
Tue 26th

Mens Roll up at San Lorenzo
St Andrews day Medal
18 Hole Social Golf
Ladies Competition at San Lorenzo
December Stableford at San Lorenzo
Christmas Turkey Flutter
Boxing Day American 4somes

Lady Captain Day in February 2024

Men's Roll-up every Saturday check in the Clubhouse before 8am.

Ladies' Day on Wednesdays

1st Wednesday of the month – Medal
3rd Wednesday of the month - Stableford



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Members Lounge Opening



Members Lounge Opening



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Members Lounge Opening



Ladies Section – by Paula Burke

Dear All,

What a roller coaster of events we have been on over the past few weeks.

It began with our amazing Charity Day on 5th October organised primarily by Tony Hickey & Steve Coull assisted by a small Charity Committee team.

It is the first time that we have run a “Club Charity Day” & it has proven to be an outstanding success.

The format was excellent, a time sheet with 32 teams playing. The atmosphere was incredible from 7A.M. over breakfast to the late hours next morning after plenty of singing & dancing.

During the evening we had a raffle & an auction which along with the entries we managed to raise over €100,000. This is being divided between our charities, Bombeiros, Salvation Army, Caslas Children’s Home & the Oncology Unit in Faro.

A huge thank you to all who participated on the day & to all our generous sponsors who made this event so successful. Also, a big thank you to David Ford for looking after the putting challenge during the day, it was great fun. We must applaud Tony & Steve for their enormous commitment to this event.

We had our Annual Dinner at Retiro dos Indios on 14th October following a competition that morning.

It was a fabulous evening, the food was amazing, we also had Paulo playing the piano & singing for us, it was an excellent choice of venue, we had the restaurant to ourselves, so the presentation of all the prizes, (Eclectic & Day), was effortless & we could entertain ourselves to our hearts content, lots of dancing dervishes! Simply great fun!

Antonio & all the staff looked after us very well & I hope that many of you will return there again. It never fails to offer amazing food. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

The following Monday we had our ladies Away Trip to Alvor, 16 ladies participated. As you can imagine it was very lively, we played team competitions at Gramacho & Silves, lots of good scores, laughter, a great meal at the beach & also after our golf at Silves in their Clubhouse. Lovely to spend time with all the ladies. Thank you for coming on the trip.

We have had 2 friendly matches, 24 Oct v Benamor (A) resulting in a 1.5/3.5 loss, a tricky course but a most enjoyable day, then on 31 Oct v Vila Sol (H) resulting in 2/3 loss also, again a nice day & friendships made. Thank you, Heather & Ingrid, for organising these matches.

Congratulations to the Medal & Stableford winners this month – Helen Mills (69) & Jill Cheever Miller (77), Chie Crowdey (34) & Lisa Burns (39).

I had thought that everything might calm down BUT, it is nearing Christmas!!

I have received from the Salvation Army, the list of children (186), needing presents this year and am asking for your support in achieving this essential goal.

I will be managing the list along with Chris Sutton. We would welcome helpers/shoppers to assist us. Please contact either of us for any information.

Finally, today is a sad day as I write this as we have just heard of our friend, Keith Fletcher's passing. I will always remember his Captaincy, his warmth & easy manner, his pleasure in a sing song all made for very good company to be part of, we were all his "Darlings". He will be missed by all of us.

Our sincere condolences to Barbara, Sadie, Marnie & all their families.

Best wishes

Paula

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SANTA'S ANGELS/ANJINHOS 2022

Salvation Army Angel Programme

Dear Members & Friends,

I met with Captain Felipe and Anabel from The Salvation Army recently to discuss the **Angels' Programme** for this Christmas 2022. I have now received the list of children in need and am anxious to get this underway as soon as possible.

We were able to provide **188** children with a present for Christmas plus a hamper of local products for their families last year. This was a fantastic success last year thanks to your generous support.

I am presently trying to get some support from both Primark & the Independent Food Company.

We are hoping with your help to brighten this Christmas for 186 children. These children are from the following areas, Loule, Faro & Sao Bras de Alportel.

Without your kind support this festive season will pass for these children without the joy of even a small gift.

We are suggesting that we spend approximately **35.00** on each gift, as general costs of everything have risen. We need to have completed this task by the 5th December.

Suggested Options:

1. Choose a gift for a child, details available from Paula & Chris Sutton, ideally it is best if you could look after one family in order to have some consistency with the gifts, alternatively share a family with one of your friends, families are usually a maximum of three children.

2. Make a cash donation to Paula or Chris & we will purchase on your behalf.

3. Donate directly to the Salvation Army Account, details below, from which we can purchase gifts on your behalf. Please find below details of The Salvation Army Charity Account.

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Chris & I will be co-ordinating this very worthy programme. We would very much appreciate your support.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Paula and Chris

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Lady Captain's Day Prize Winners



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Ladies Annual Dinner



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Ladies Annual Dinner

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee met on Friday the 4th November without Duncan Evans who was unavailable at the last minute. Present was Antonio the head green keeper and Christophe the club director.

We thanked Antonio for the improved condition of the course with particular reference to the fairways where with the improved growth we are close to a decision on whether to continue with “placing”. As water and soft surfaces continue we think a decision can be delayed until next year.

1. Manpower

Antonio hopes to recruit 2/3 new staff for the course. STRI recommend 1 man per hole. We believe 21 is sufficient although holidays and sickness often reduce the numbers to 13/14!

The rules in Portugal regarding sickness pay seems very generous as with a doctors certificate the holder receives from the government their normal pay.

Skilled workers for the irrigation and engineering skills are more difficult to find!

2. Course improvement.

The promised satellite irrigation system is still in the diary and we expect it to be fitted in December to Olives and the old holes on Pines & Corks.

The rough has been a frequent subject of complaint over the last few weeks. The wet weather and the breakdown of the rough cutter made the rough on Olives almost unplayable. The cutter is now back and normal rough should be back! We understand the finance for new cutters is promised but finding the cutters is more of a problem. Antonio says there is a 2 year waiting time for this equipment and he is seeing if good second hand cutters are available now although new equipment would be better.

We are advised the root cutting machine for the roots of the pines near to greens and tees will take place!

The tees are still below the condition we seek. The main issue is because the tees are raised there is little room for moving teeing areas whilst closing those tees in poor condition. The temporary moving of the tee on 5 of Pines for men seems to have little effect on improving the upper tee which is now back in play?

Greens.

We are advised by Antonio that greens speed is 9.5 on the “stimp” meter. They feel less than that but this maybe because readings are done at 7.30 am!

At this time of the year there is an ongoing problem with dollar spot! It arises from morning damp turf and there are cutters with blow drying mechanism but these are expensive and whisking with long flexible canes is an alternative solution but very labour intensive!

We do believe the fertilizing of fairways and greens plus the rain has made a massive improvement to turf quality.

Bunkers.

We have a problem in the committees opinion as to the consistency and quality of the sand. Members raking the sand after use will make a big difference until such time as we can bring new and quality sand to the bunkers. Our view is keep out of them!

Finally the relationship with a new senior manager in JJW appears to be working well for the course Director and we remain optimistic that this will allow us to achieve continuing improvement to the course.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans

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Items	Threatments	Frequence	Areas	Hours
Greens	Cuts	Daily	All 27 holes	162
Greens	Top Dress Sand	5 days	All 27 Greens	240
Greens	Brushing Greens	5 days	All 27 greens	50
Greens	Spray Urea	4 days	All 27 holes	32
Aprons	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	128
Fairways	Cuts	20 days	All 27 fairways	160
Tees	Cuts	Twice per week	All 27 holes	144
Rough	Cuts	20	All course rough on-going	160
Bunkers	Raking	Daily	27 holes bunkers	180
Bunkers	Repairing Bunker	Daily	Mainly Olives	320
Irrigations	Repair & replacing sprinklers	26 days	Where needed	416
Irrigations	Controllers & Satellites monitoring	10 days	Irrigations controllers on each 9 holes	80
Irrigations	Main Pipe repair	10 days	Broken pipe repair	160
Fence	Repair	5 days	Where needed	40
Driving Range	Maintenance of tee	9 days	Driving Range	50
Gardens	Maintenance & Cleaning	Daily	Clubhouse, Academy & administration	186
Buggy Path	Repairs of calçada	18 days	Olives	288
Others	Cuts around fences & trees	20 days	Where needed	320

Intended work plan for November 2022

- All usual cuts on greens, tees, fairways & Roughs;
- All repairing works needed;
- Spraying of greens with Urea and Dollar spot preventive;
- Repair path on Olives 9th;
- Top dressing of greens once a week when 9 holes closed;
- Repairing of bunker and clearing roots;
- Cleaning of trees.

Social Golf Report

by Ken Irving and Stella Jeffrey

The 16th of October saw a slightly cooler day compared to an unseasonably warm month so far, with even a few drops of “pleasant and refreshing” rain, which in no way dampened the enthusiasm of the fabulous turnout of 52 players, six of whom were “first timers”! The format was “6s”.

Altogether, 55 sat down for a tasty supper served by our wonderful staff which created a high-spirited atmosphere in the Clubhouse. It was great to see many returning social golfers after the summer.

Corks to Olives

1ST WITH 87 POINTS: TONY HICKEY, STELLA JEFFREY, DAVID WARNOCK, MOLLY WAINWRIGHT

2ND WITH 81 POINTS: DAVID PIRRET, KIERAN KENNY, CATHY HARPER, CHRIS SUTTON

3RD WITH 76 POINTS: PAUL BLACK, BERND GÖRGER, DIANA COLLINS, MARIANNE WIREN

Olives to Pines

1ST WITH 80 POINTS: TONY STADDON, LUCY PYE, NICO DE RUITER, MEG BLACK

2ND WITH 78 POINTS: DAVID MARKEY, BARRY SMEATON, JANETTE STADDON, GABRIELE GÖRGER-KOCH

3RD WITH 75 POINTS: NEIL SUTTON, KEN IRVING, ADRIENNE BUTH, JANE ROBINSON

13 November which will be a “Shambles” and organised by Knut Pedersen and Cathy Harper. Sign up on the App by 17.00 Wednesday 9th November.

Ken Irving

Stella Jeffrey



Interclub by Neil Bamber

Firstly, I would like to praise and thank the 10 members who played our last game against the new champions Palmares, the weather conditions on October 20th were probably the worst that in all my years of being involved with the Interclub team I witnessed these brave souls turn up and win a great victory by 3-2, fantastic effort.

Our only other match in October, sadly ended in 4-1 against Vila Sol, who I have to say fielded a very strong and focused team.

28 members have featured this year all together and they all contributed to us finishing in 4th in Division 1.

Anyone who would like to look at our year in more depth should log on to Interclubalgarve.com

Finally, discussions are beginning to choose our team colours for 2023, which together with some sponsorship that our Vice Captain has negotiated, will give us new momentum.

The season should begin in March next year.,

Neil Bamber
Interclub Captain

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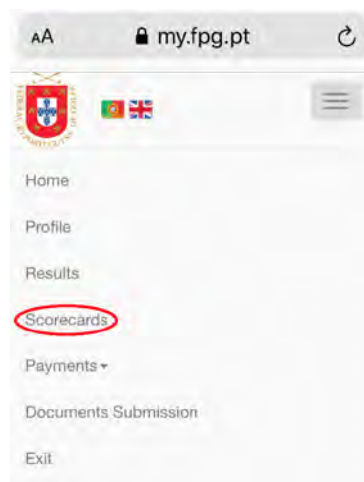
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Dear Members,

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.

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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