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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF CLUB

Introduction from the Captain Mr Tony Hickey

Dear Members,

And so, the day arrived and is now a memory, I am talking about the recent AGM and my last day of being your Captain.

I really enjoyed the year, it felt strange at first, but I settled in quickly. In fairness the membership had a lot to do with that.

I received best wishes for the year from every member I met during the first couple of months, this actually helped me to relax. A crash course in memory training would be a useful tool when trying to put names to faces. My Wednesday game group were fantastic and through their normal good, humored banter kept me in the correct place.

In my last letter the Saint Valentines competition was due to be played, the result was a win for two of our new members and probably responsible for lowering the average age of the members a lot, Jim and Ingrid congratulations. In March the Saint David Day was won by Mark Pye with a great 68. Then it was Easter and the Scramble which was a lot of Fun, well done John and Tanya, Robert and Majida, Sergey. 59.5 net.

In between was the AGM, the AGM was mainly about rotation in the committee and most of the motions were approved. There is a new look committee for 2023, heading up the committee is of course our new Captain Steve Coull and new Lady Captain Melody Cotterill, I wish both a wonderful year, full of fun and great golf. Our new committee members Nicolaas de Ruiter and Christine Soden have signed up for the next 3 years and I am sure I speak for all with offering our best wishes and gratitude to them.

The now past lady Captain Paula and I are to take a lessor role on the committee without a voting right. The introduction of



Steve Coull and Tony Hickey

the maximum two terms of 3 years per term, will help us see new faces on the committee. I think overall rotation on the committee will be a good thing. So, to all members make sure if you feel you could fill a committee role, please let the office or a committee member know.

As this is my last newsletter; I would like to thank the very experienced Christophe and all his Staff for their commitment and hard work throughout the year. Knowing there is that much experience and dedication in support, takes a lot of the doubt and lesson learning out of the Captaincy role.

To all members please accept my best wishes for 2023.

Play well and stay safe.

Past Captain Tony Hickey



Mens Pairs Matchplay Prize Winners



St Patricks Day Wooden Spoon Lunch



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Uma volta de prática no campo
Sir Henry Cotton Championship Golf Course
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Sir Henry Cotton Championship Golf Course
Três voltas de competição no campo
Sir Henry Cotton Championship Golf Course
Pull Trolley Included Trolley Manual incluído
- **Two cocktails**
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- **Welcome dinner & gala dinner**
Jantar de boas-vindas e Jantar de Gala
Beverages Included Bebidas Incluídas
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50 Bolas de prática no driving range

TWIN ROOM
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638€

per golfer por golfista

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Single Room <i>Quarto Single</i>	279€	per package por pacote
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Suplementos de Equipamento de Golfe – Necessária reserva antecipada

Buggy	50€	per unit and round por unidade e volta
Trolley Elétrico <i>Electric Trolley</i>	20€	per unit and day por unidade e dia

No credits will be granted irrespective of whether or not the full package is used.
Não serão concedidos créditos caso o pacote não seja utilizado na totalidade.



Director of Golf – Monthly Report

February saw the St. Valentine being played again over 2 days with one round in San Lorenzo and the intention is to continue building up on that format for the future. The tournament was well attended and the St Valentine evening in the clubhouse one to remember. The winners over the 2 days were Jim Hanglow & Ingrid Blain with an amazing 13 under par aggregate.

Jim Hanglow also won the Stableford at San Lorenzo which seems to suit him and Tony Hickey won the February Medal.

Graham Lee won the March Stableford while Mark Pye won the St David Day Medal. Mark Pye also managed to win Mens Pairs Matchplay with Sergey Naumov who had been in many finals before but manage his first matchplay title.

In March we finally played the wooden spoon on the same day that our outgoing Captain organized their St Patrick Day which was a

really special day where the carvery supplied by John Stone made the day as well as the Guinness of course supplied by the Cheeky pup thank you to Dermot Hennessy. The last functions for our outgoing Captains and what a day at it was. They can be proud of themselves and thank you to Tony who went to pick the meet in Lisbon the day prior to St Patrick! The results were a draw for the wooden spoon which meant for the second time running the men retain the spoon on the results of 6 ½ - 6 1/2.

I would like to congratulate the outgoing Captain Club Captain Tony and the Lady Captain Paula Burke Hickey on a fantastic year full of great events, also a year of recovery on the golf course as well as a great increase of number members and as I am doing this newsletter selling the last re sales of Golf Title. The Golf Title which has now increased to €25.000 and is only available at €22.000 for present nominated members until the end of the month of April.

I would like to welcome our new Club Captain Mr. Steve Coull and Lady Captain Melody Cotterill and I look forward to work with both of them this year as well as the new members on the committee with Nigel Spokes as the Vice Captain, Heather Conroy as he Lady Vice Captain, Nico de Ruiter & Chris Soden as the members representative on the committee. I am sure we have a great team to move the club forward and develop it even more.

I would like to ask for our members to welcome all the new members to the Club and include them in your various groups. New members looking for a game should not hesitate to contact the golf office so that we can help you join the various groups and integrate within the club.

As we are getting busier and have more members I would like to enforce that members various booking starting and not going

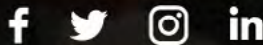
to use them should cancel them in due time so that these can be made available to other members so that the starting times are not wasted and that all members can have access to the starting times.

We are now going into a very busy season and the members times will be very useful not only to secure that all members can get a time but also will limit slow play on the course as there are buffers between Visitors on the course and members.

Please make sure you all use the Pinheiros Altos APP and follow the activities so you do not miss on any events, if you have any queries do not hesitate to contact the golf office.

I would like to wish all members a great golfing season and look forward to see as many of you joining in the various activities.

Follow us on social media.



XXXII SIR HENRY COTTON TROPHY *Be inspired*

27
MAIO MAY
2023

Programa
Programme

27/05/2023

09h00 Torneio – Shot gun

Tournament day – Shot Gun

Modalidade: 18 buracos, individual, medal net, full handicap

Format: 18 holes, individual, medal net, full handicap

13h00 Almoço e entrega de prémios

Lunch and prize-giving ceremony

Tarifas para Residente *Resident Package Rates*

145€*

Pacote por pessoa, golfista
Per person, per package (sharing), golfer

Sup. Single **48€**

Desc. 10% não golfista/acompanhante (*sharing*)
10% off - for non golfers (sharing)

* Uma noite de alojamento com pequeno-almoço incluído e inclusões do torneio. *1 night of accommodation with breakfast included and tournament inclusions.* IVA incluído à taxa em vigor. *VAT and service charges included.*

TARIFA DO EVENTO *EVENT RATE*

Inclui golfe e almoço de entrega de prémios
Includes golf, lunch and prize-giving ceremony

95€

Visitante *Visitors*
P/PAX

Oferta para Membros *Golf members deal*

50€ P/PAX

Membros C.G. e residentes Penina, membros
San Lorenzo e Pinheiros Altos *Members G.C. and
residents at Penina, members San Lorenzo
and Pinheiros Altos*



Bright Cattle Egret

Cattle Egret

We have Cattle Egret for most of the year on PA where one of their favourite haunts is right in front of the tee boxes on the practice range! Nonetheless their preferred location is near cattle, sheep or goats to eat ticks and flies – hence the name.

The Cattle Egret has undergone one of the most rapid and wide-reaching natural expansions of any bird species. It was originally native to parts of southern Spain and Portugal, tropical and subtropical Africa, and humid tropical and subtropical Asia. By the end of the 19th century, as man had increased the global location of herds of cattle, the Cattle Egret had followed. As a boy in the Niger Delta in the 1960's, I have vivid memories of them arriving from the north in December with the Harmattan winds from the Sahara!!

In the mating season the male has an orange, rusty brown crest, chest and back and it's beak and legs become briefly bright red. The beak is normally yellow and it is the way one can easily distinguish the Cattle Egret from the bigger(!) Little Egret, which has a longer thinner black bill. Little Egrets are extremely common in the ponds of the Olives, and you will have seen them fishing on the edges.

Other News

I was out of circulation for a little while and when I got back in January I was promptly informed by other members that our swans had disappeared. One theory was that they had ended up at Christmas dinners. Another possibility was that packs of stray dogs are increasingly seen after dusk. One thing is for sure, they've gone.



Cattle Egret on sheep

The good news, though, is that the two middle nest supports on the 5th Olives, which were completely burnt with their chicks during the fire last year, have new nests and mating storks! The even better news is that the fourth support (the one nearest the green), which has never had a nest on it in 18 years since erected, has a nest on it! As a location it is quite exposed, hence it's empty past, but the burning of the eucalyptus grove between the 5th of Olives tee-box and the Salt Mountains which had a colony of nesting storks, has meant they have fewer locations to nest in.

Finally, the other good news is to thank everyone again who came and contributed to our Post Fire fund raising gig for the Bombeiros last September at Café Fresco in Almancil. We gave €6500 in January to Alerta, the charity that provides protective clothing to the volunteer Bombeiros in the Algarve.

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

Stuart Knox



Member Tim Russell runs the London marathon on April 23. We wish him good luck. To him and the good causes he and his daughter are supporting

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Tim-Russell16?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Tim-Russell16&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=9be85457a0b34673b9c34dc8623a5e44



Mai, moving a turtle from the buggy path on Captain's drive in

TOURNAMENT RESULTS
PLEASE CHECK THE APP!



Ladies Section – by Paula Burke

Dear Ladies,

This will be my last newsletter as Lady Captain. It has been an amazing year with many highlights. We have been delighted to welcome so many new lady members, it is great for our section.

The year is passing us by quite quickly now, we are coming to the end of our Trophy competitions & our regular weekly competitions.

We managed to reschedule the Foursomes Championship to 8th February. This was contested by 9 pairs, I went as marker for the last ladies in the competition.

This is always a closely contested competition, friendships are tested with the need of some recovery shots, some a little unorthodox but effective.

The Foursomes Trophy was won by Leeza Lynn & Dawn Warnock with 35pts. We all celebrated in great style afterwards with delicious Club sandwiches & a glass or two of wine.

This event was followed by the Lady Captain versus the Lady Vice-Captain, it was very competitive & resulted in a friendly “Half”.

We had three main competitions remaining, The Madrinha Trophy which was won by Susan Russell & Adrienne Buth, The Winners Trophy, a tough one, it is a “V Par”, as we call it in Ireland or, as it is known in the UK, a Bogey competition. It is a question of beating the course....This was won by Diana Collins on a count back from Katalin von Hofsten.

Our final competition was the **Wooden Spoon**.

This was very fittingly played on St. Patrick's Day, the national Saint of Ireland. There was great tension in our home, who would be smiling at the end of the day?! The overall result was a Half, which meant that the men retained the Spoon for another year.

Well done ladies, a really good performance against solid opposition.

We all had a fantastic day, the atmosphere, the effort which everyone went to, the dressing up, the attention to detail in the dining room with decorations etc, the quality of our meal including the colour coded vegetables were just wonderful, seconds were had by many!! There was even Guinness on tap, what more could you ask for!! We were all smiling at the end of the day.

A great day of Irish celebration, a wonderful finale to our year as your Captains.

I finished my Captaincy on 3rd April at our AGM. I was delighted to hand over to Melody Cotterill who will bring all her enthusiasm & commitment to her role as your Lady Captain.

I would like to thank my Committee members for all their efforts on your behalf & for their support throughout the year.

A big thank you to Christophe, Cristina & JJW for the support also during my year, it was much appreciated.

I would like to thank Christine Hepworth, Gill Devine & Marijke Venker for all the organising of the Social events over the past, a small gift of appreciation awaits you when I next see you.

Also, the staff, both in house & on the course, what a team! I am proud to be a member of Pinheiros Altos Golf Club.

Lastly, I would like to wish Melody, Heather, Steve & Nigel & the Committees a wonderful stress-free year with the support of all the members.

Wishing you all health & happy golfing,

Past Lady Captain Paula





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Ladies Foursomes Championship Prize Winners



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Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain



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Report from the Greens Committee

At short notice the writer met with the head green keeper Antonio in the absence of both David Ford and Duncan Evans and Christophe. It just so happens that very rarely the members need some information and availability is impossible.

Antonio is doing an excellent job working with an reduced number of 3/4 greens workers and with equipment which is not as yet sufficient to maintain a course which is not just very good but which could be superb!.

1. Equipment.

We are awaiting the rough cutter which is being paid for and should arrive shortly.

The fairways cutter is still not available and whilst we may have to accept a second hand machine even this is proving difficult.

We do have a root cutter which is being put to good use.

Antonio is obtaining a special rake for the bunkers which should penetrate hard sand and hopefully improve our bunkers playability!

2.Course condition.

The greens are excellent. The content of bent grass at 80% is excellent and at a figure STRI recommended. Good maintenance has prevented weed and fungus issues and the speeds on the meter are 8.5/9.5. The water testing shows 25/30 % on greens and pin positions are changed every 2 days (the writer has suggested avoiding sloping areas).

Irrigation remains a challenge. Repairs are necessary nearly every day on broken sprinkler heads despite water being available from bore holes (we have 10). The plan for satellite irrigation is essential but will prove expensive and may take longer than we had hoped!

The tees are being repaired and are not yet as good as we can expect. Weather conditions and fertilizer and ability to close both tees and fairways for intensive treatment will have to take place probably in June.

The clover mainly on Olives has been cut and treated but remains a problem it should get better!

The fairways will have to remain with placing to defend poor growth resulting from lack of rain and cold nights with a mixture of different grasses. We believe it is possible to recover good growth for the second half of the year.

Members will have seen white crosses on trees which need to be removed for reasons of light and root growth into greens We will need contractors in the near future.

The course could in the opinion of Antonio be not just very good as it is but excellent. As always money will be a factor but income from new members is a testament to an ever improving course.

We are lucky to have a dedicated green keeper with skills to match.

Members as always should feel able to raise concerns to the committee.

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans

Social Golf Report

by Stella Jeffrey and Knut Pedersen

Sunday 19th February 2023

19th of February, the Social was going to be held with QdL. Sadly, we were only given 15 T-times from 8:00 am in the morning. We decided therefore not to play at QdL and do the Social golf at home as normal. We will see if we can make this match in the future with QdL, and they will come up with more starting times. We had a great day with 40 golfers and "Waltz" as the format.

40 persons for dinner, and Chilli con Carne with rice and fried potatoes, was a good alternative for the winter.

The result of the day:

Pines to Corks

- 1st** with 83 points BB9: Peter Young, Joe Allen,
Melody Cotterill and Mai Markey
2nd with 83 points: Albert Crowley, Tony
Hickey, Barbara Kyne and Lisa Burns
3rd with 81 points: Knut Pedersen, Nigel Baker,
Mae McCole and Charlotte Parker

Olives to Pines

- 1st** with 81 points: David Markey, Chris Stretton,
Molly Wainwright and Julie Gavin
2nd with 80 points BB9: Nico de Ruiter, Nils
Leffler, Zoe Pirret and Louise Baker
3rd with 80 points: Bjørn von Hofsten, Per Anton Kleppa,
Jacqueline Griffin and Stella Jeffrey

Next Social will be held 19th of March with Sue and Andy Georges.

Social Golf Report

by Andy and Sue Georges

Sunday 19th March 2023

Following the very successful Wooden Spoon combined with St. Patricks Day on 17th March, our numbers for social golf were a little depleted, we are sure it was everything to do with the golf and nothing to do with the social activities that followed!

The sun shone on 29 golfers for an “Am Am” format with 2 scores to count and 3 scores on the Par 3’s.

31 hungry people gave the “thumbs up” to chicken stroganoff, followed by fresh fruit salad, served (as always) very well by our friendly professional staff.

The winning teams were...

Olives, Pines

Tony Staddon, Lucy Pye, Nils Leffler & Stella Jeffrey	96 points
John Gavin, Paul Cotterill, Barbara Kyne & Helga Crowley	90 points
Jacqueline Griffin, Pat McLaughlin, Knut Pedersen & Janette Staddon	88 points

Pines/Corks

Mark Pye, Kieran Nagle, Julie Gavin & Adrienne Buth	90 points
Pat Galloway & Diana Collins with floater Tony Hickey	89 points
Sue Georges, Greg Griffin, Judy McLaughlin & floater Tony Hickey	83 points

The next social is on 23rd April, the format will be 4 Clubs and a Putter and will be organised by Stella Jeffrey & Adrienne.

Looking forward to a wonderful Easter and hope to see you all on 23rd April.

Andy & Sue



Interclub Report

by Neil Bamber

Our first match was away to last years Champions, Palmares, we remain the only team they have not defeated at home; a very commendable halved match was the result.

We then played newly promoted Silves International at home and sadly lost 3.5-1.5. The atmosphere afterwards was a little quiet, but onwards and upwards.

The team then travelled for our first round knockout match against Espiche. Whilst losing 3-2 on a very unusual course, everyone I felt was relatively happy. The team then played our local rivals Vale do Lobo and came out of that encounter on top, winning 3-2.

Finally, our last match in March was against 2021 Champions Tavira, and I am delighted to report that we won that match a very convincing 4-1 Overall, myself David Ford & Chris Sutton are delighted and we are currently top of Division 1.

We are all feeling splendid in our new team kit and look forward to our matches in April

Neil Bamber
PA Interclub Captain



2023 Tournaments

To be held at
San Lorenzo



3rd December 2022	Mens Roll up
7th December 2022	Ladies Day
23rd December 2022	December Stableford
7th January 2023	Mens Roll up
22nd January 2023	January Stableford
25th January 2023	Ladies Day
10th February 2023	St Valentine
11th February 2023	St Valentine
26th February 2023	February Stableford
4th March 2023	Mens Roll up
17th June 2023	Mens Roll up
18th June 2023	June Stableford
9th July 2023	July Stableford
12th July 2023	Ladies Day
15th July 2023	Mens Roll up
25th July 2023	GALA Week
6th August 2023	August Stableford
17th August 2023	Ladies Day
26th August 2023	Mens Roll up
27th August 2023	Social Golf
2nd December 2023	Mens Roll up
14th December 2023	Ladies Day
17th December 2023	December Stableford



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