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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF CLUB



Introduction from the Captain

Mr Steve Coull

Here we go again, these reports seem to be coming thick and fast...

This month has been quite a rollercoaster ride, as the Coull household (or at least one of us) seems to have embraced the concept of overindulgence. Golfing or at least at the club every day, which is generally accompanied by generous amounts of alcohol, extravagant lunches or dinners, and now the lively BBQ season in full swing, its destined to get worse. Amidst all this, I am realizing the importance of practicing moderation as a necessary discipline. While we're still in the planning stage and contemplating the best approach, I am fully committed to embarking on this journey of self-control, one day soon, and so say all of us!

The month of June kicked off with the Ben Hogan match at Quinta da Lago, where mixed pairs engaged in a competitive, yet friendly matchplay better ball. The event has been held over the last 17 years and I think we are pretty even at 9-8 wins to PA.

Regretfully, this year, the final result didn't go in our favour, with an unbelievable turnaround from an initial 7-2 lead to a 10 ½ - 9 ½ loss. It's still hard to swallow, so very close and what might have been, just ½ a point away from retaining the trophy, but in the end, it was the fabulous experience and camaraderie that truly mattered. The day was filled with warmth and hospitality, allowing for the formation of new friendships.

We extend our congratulations to all the participants for taking part in this challenging event. Walking into such an arena isn't always easy, but your presence and enthusiasm made it a memorable day for everyone involved. I'd also like to express my gratitude to Sue (my wife), who selflessly stepped up as a late replacement, even though she initially didn't intend to play. With only an hour's notice and already a pre-planned Sunday under way, I called her from the car park at QDL and asked her to play, her willingness to fill in deserves appreciation, thank you Sue, and speedy recovery Molly.

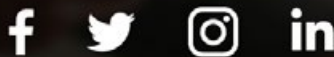
Special recognition goes to the Vice Captains, Nigel and Heather, for their outstanding organization of the event. Their efforts were truly invaluable and greatly appreciated by all. Furthermore, I'd like to congratulate Lady Captain Melody for partnering me and securing a close fought win in our match. Well done all and thank you.

Looking ahead, perhaps, it's important to find a way to incorporate new members into future matches. It's crucial to provide equal opportunities for everyone to enjoy this event, whilst retaining some of the established relationships, and not forgetting that it's also important to win. Perhaps, next year, when the event takes place at PA on June 2nd, we can implement a selection process that mixes it up a little bit in an attempt for greater inclusivity,

although this may mean that previous players may well dip out, but again we need to cater for the majority and "spread the love." Whilst still fielding a competitive team, not an easy one, but I'm sure Nigel will work it out somehow.

Portuguese Day was filled with an exhilarating competitive spirit that ignited with the pairings and draw. Oh, what a task that was! The process felt like a captivating Saturday night soap opera, with Christophe effortlessly playing multiple roles - the police, the judge, the jury, and even the cunning criminal! A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the participants who made this event a grand success. With over 100 people joining in, it truly blossomed into something remarkable.

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Portuguese Day Celebrations



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Picnic on the green, this was totally organised by your Vice Captain Nigel, with assistance from Christophe and to all those that supported and enjoyed it, thank you.

The picnic itself was a great first effort, two fabulous bands that soon had everyone on their feet dancing away, there was mountains of food (and drink) brought by everyone and it was great to see everyone having such a good time. Again, loads of new members, non-playing partners and guests, this is a great way for everyone to integrate into the "PA family".

I have previously expressed this openly, but I want to reiterate that Nigel is being an incredible source of support. I sincerely hope that when he chooses his Vice next year, he finds someone with whom he can cultivate a similar relationship with, such a bond truly enhances life and contributes to the overall well-being of the club. It truly makes life much smoother and benefits the club as a whole. Working alongside someone you can trust, depend on, and share a good laugh with, it's invaluable. However, I must admit that it can be slightly distracting during competitions when our primary focus shifts from winning to simply outperforming each other, which I'm currently not having much success at!

June Stableford played at San Lorenzo, was played in perfect conditions, the course was in great condition but it would be remiss of me not to mention the fire which destroyed the buildings, dreadfully sad to see it in this state, hopefully this situation will get sorted sooner rather than later, and thank goodness no one was injured. Congratulations to Susan Russell who just pipped Ingrid Blain to the top step of the podium, well done to the girls, again!

Kudos to Liam, Nigel, and David Warnock for organizing the unofficial yet popular clash between the Celts and the English. What started as a simple event has now become a fantastic day out. The English team, aided by a few talented individuals ("ringers" with a draw straight out of Christophe's play book), emerged victorious,

accompanied by the expected banter and good-natured rivalry. The festivities carried on well into the evening, with a delightful lunch at Sandbanks, followed by a visit to the beach bar, and eventually winding down at the Cheeky. No doubt, some participants woke up on Saturday morning, nursing a severe hangover.

We cannot help but notice the remarkable improvements in the condition of the golf course, and it is essential to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all those involved. The exceptional work done with limited resources is truly commendable, and the efforts put forth are yielding significant results, we still need some rain which isn't coming any time soon. As frequent users of the course, it is our duty and responsibility to set an example to others in caring for OUR golf course.

Simple actions can make an enormous difference in helping the course recover from heavy traffic, especially when water is so scarce. By keeping trolleys away from tees and greens, repairing divots and pitch marks and limiting the number of buggies to two per four-ball, following signage, staying on designated paths for as long as possible, and entering the fairways only, when necessary, we minimize compression on the grass and allow it to recover from wear and tear. Let's use common sense, respect all signs, and demonstrate our care for OUR golf course. Together, we can help preserve its beauty and ensure its longevity.

And just like that, June is nearly behind us. As we prepare for the Captain's Day and then Gala Week, seems like the moderation will just have to wait another month! We can't help but feel excited about the amazing month ahead. If there are any new members who haven't yet registered, we encourage you to do so promptly. Trust us, you're in for an incredible time, this is a perfect way to meet new friends.

Wishing you a great time both on and off the course.
Steve





Picnic on the Green



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Director of Golf – Monthly Report

Hard to believe we are already in July and half of the year is already gone. With the arrival of the Summer we also have the heat wave which has been over the Algarve for a few weeks now and the occupation of the course much lower due to the higher temperature we have witnessed. The course is also suffering from the higher temperature. Many dry patch areas especially on fairways but unfortunately on greens as well. This is mainly due to the broken pump over the last 3 weeks and we are expecting spare parts for repairing the damage this week and start watering more regularly which will hopefully start just before gala week. Unfortunately, the improvements on the dry patch will only show some recovering mid-September but the works of over-seeding & fertilize will start in the next few days. Myself & António our Green-Keeper are confident that grow and dry patches will improve from September onwards with hopefully a milder weather.

June was not a great month for our Club Captain as he started by losing by one point the Ben Hogan Challenge which was played at Quinta do Lago. However, the atmosphere and comradery remain between the 2 clubs and we are looking to build up on that in the future years hopefully by reinstating the social golf between the 2 clubs and with next year's Captain Nigel Spokes being a member at both clubs should help us to just do that. Thank you to Quinta do Lago for welcoming our members on the day.

Our Captain then went on to lose yet another trophy, the famous "Portuguese Day"! Portugal who I had the pleasure of being the Captain of the team won 15-11 and I have to say I managed some real quality players to regain the trophy and not bandits as the Captain seem to insinuate! The cherry on the cake was surely for me to beat our Club Captain Steve Coull and the Head Pro Ross Sutherland 2 & 1 with my very talented partner José Gonçalves. It was another great day at Pinheiros Altos and the bonding between both teams was great to witness. Not too sure how the day ended as my memory starts failing after a few Medronhos!

On the following day we had our new social event the picnic on the green. Unfortunately, I misses that as I had a family commitment as well as a big headache from the previous Portuguese Day! The feed-back from the event was excellent and everyone seem to have really enjoyed the idea even the staff which were on call for the day really said how good the atmosphere at the event. The idea was brought up by the Vice-Captain Nigel Spokes and I am sure we will have a lot more coming from him during his year. Thank you to all of you who took part in this new event to repeat!

The Stableford in June was played at San Lorenzo and the ladies did well as Susan Russell won with 37 points followed by Ingrid Blain with 36 points. Our thoughts go to the san Lorenzo Staff after the disaster that happened in the Clubhouse which left them with very difficult conditions to work and give the required service to the costumers. We hope that situation will get resolve and that everything goes back to some normality as soon as possible.

The June Medal saw another lady win with Chris Soden taking the victory with a net 69. I would like to remind all our members that if you are in the top 3 of the monthly medal or monthly stableford you should pick up your winnings (voucher) in the golf reception.

We are now getting ready for gala Week and hope to see many members taking part in the event which theme this year is Outer Space, I have been spaced out for quite a while so it should not be too difficult to get into this year's theme. I would like to remember all members that you do not have to play all week as we have daily prizes everyday and entry fees for daily competition only as well. If you are on your own we can also find you a partner to play and if you wish to just join the dinners it is also possible. Do not hesitate to contact the golf office if you need more information.

I look forward to see many of you at Gala Week and looking forward to another great members gala week!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS **PLEASE CHECK THE APP!**



XXIII INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT 25TH NOV. - 02ND DEC. 2023

Program

- 26th, Sun.** Practice Round – from 9:16 AM
Welcome Cocktail at 7:00 PM
- 27th, Mon.** Aggregated Stableford – 1st round – from 10:04 AM
- 28th, Tue.** Aggregated Stableford – 2nd round – from 10:04 AM
- 29th, Wed.** Rest Day
- 30th, Thu.** Aggregated Stableford – Final round – from 10:04 AM
- 1st, Fri.** Four Ball Better Ball – 2 player's Team – from 10:04 AM
Cocktail followed by Prize Presentation Dinner at 7:00 PM



Prizes:

For the 3rd day Aggregated Stableford:
– Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd;
– Nearest the Pin in each day.

For the Four Ball Better Ball:
– 1st, 2nd, and Nearest the Pin.

Maximum playing handicap 28 Men or 36 Ladies.
All handicaps shall be converted according to the
published tables of Course Rating.

Electronic measurement is permitted. Ties are decided by the best result on the Last Round, the Last Nine, Six, or Three holes of the course or the Last Hole. The Best Gross prize is not accumulative with the overall 1st, 2nd or 3rd prizes. The starting for the Final Round of the Aggregated Stableford shall be according to the result over the two initial days. The Best Scorers to start at first.



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Ladies Section – by Melody Cotterill

Another busy month for the ladies, and the weather certainly did not hold us back. So pleased that so many Ladies participate in many of the Club competitions and not just those organised by the Ladies section. Long may it continue.

The first event the Ladies had this month was on the 5th June - Past Lady Captains day. The majority of our past Captain's participated. Very important to me as they are all great friends and advisors. The day was made very special as Debbie Madgett achieved her first hole in one in a competition on the 2nd of Corks! Wow 5 points! Then a call to Christine to bring Champagne! So we had double celebrations!

The overall winner though was Adrienne with 38 points, then Lisa Burns and Debbie Madgett.

This month's ladies social lunch was at Raízes in Quarteira kindly organised by Adrienne - very different as it was Vegetarian - a new experience for most of us but enjoyable too.

On the 28th of the month we organised a Wednesday at Ombria the new course outside of Loule - it was hot and very challenging especially when you don't know the course.

However, this didn't stop the winning team of Dawn Warnock, Tracey Spokes, Marna Edwards and Carol Knight scoring 93 Stableford points 2 to count.

Dawn Warnock had a hole in one a few days earlier there - I think her team were trying to replicate! On our day away though it was Adrienne Buth who had nearest the pin

Thinking I must keep a note of all the holes in one in my year as Captain - perhaps then organise a comp at the end of the year for those who have done this. So could I ask if any lady member has since I have been Lady Captain to let me know. Any course counts - just need to know date and course. Thank you!



Ladies Away Day to Ombria Golf Course Winning Team Tracey Spokes, Carol Knight, Marna Edwards and Dawn Warnock.

Happy Golfing to you all and I hope to see many of you during Gala week if not before.

Best wishes

Melody



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Past Lady Captain's Lunch



Eventos de Golfe *Golf Events* by **JJW HOTELS**

HOTEL	EVENTO / TORNEIO EVENT / TOURNAMENT	DATAS DATES
Dona Filipa Hotel	International Amateur Tournament	25/11/2023 – 02/12/2023
Dona Filipa Hotel	Amateur Senior Tour	18/02/2024 – 25/02/2024
Dona Filipa Hotel	Spring Amateur Tournament	23/03/2024 – 30/03/2024
Penina Hotel & Golf Resort	Penina Golf Week	05/05/2024 – 11/05/2024



Pinheiros Altos Interclub Team against Silves – 14th June

Report from the Greens Committee

The committee have not been able to meet this month but will do so later this month when we will be able to report in more detail.

However, Christophe is anxious to send out his normal news report as there has been much activity over the last few weeks. This report is therefore very short and the writer hopes it covers the main issues for most members.

Brown patches on fairways and greens

Antonio advises that this is because the pumps which allow irrigation have been down. They were not new but a new pump is expected any day which will allow irrigation in the brown area and we believe rectify the appearance.

The greens remain very playable and put well

Secondly there is concern about long grass at the edges of the fairways on Olives. We have the new rough cutter, but this problem and the clover on Olives has not been dealt with because of lack of manpower. Antonio is dealing with a constant problem of staff shortage and we hope this is a problem which can be solved?

The course remains very playable and before we report again we hope to see much improvement.

*Stewart Harper chairman,
David Ford,
Duncan Evans.*

SPACE THEME

PINHEIROS ALTOS



GALA WEEK 2023

23RD TO 29TH JULY 2023



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23rd to 29th July 2023

Itinerary

Sunday 23rd July

Registration from 9am until 2pm in the Clubhouse

Monday 24th July

American 4somes at Pinheiros Altos

Team Event

AM Start Times 8h30 to 9h30

PM Start Times 1pm to 2 pm

Tuesday 25th July

2 ball better ball at San Lorenzo

Team Event

Start Times 7.56-8.52, 9.48-10.36 or 12.04-13.56

Wednesday 26th July

Outer Space Shoot Out

BBQ Dinner at 7pm (seating at table)

Extra Tickets are available

Thursday 27th July

Brunch from 10am until 12h30

Brunch sponsored by the Cheeky Pup

Scramble 1pm shot gun start

(blind draw at 12pm)

Friday 28th July

2 ball better ball at Pinheiros Altos

Team Event

Early Start Times 8h30 to 9h30

Late Start Times 1pm to 2pm

Saturday 29th July

8am Men's Roll up for The Brian Evans Trophy

Gala Dinner at PA 7pm (seating)

Extra Ticket are available

Sunshine Classic Gala Week

Members Gala Week & Sunshine Classic Challenge

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23rd to 29th July 2023

Week Format

The members' Gala Week is a team event run over one week of Golf and Social events during the last week of July (23rd-29th July 2023)

The overall winners of the week will be the winners of the pair's event played on **Monday 24th** (American 4somes), **Tuesday 25th** (4 ball better ball at SL) and **Friday 28th** (4 ball better ball at PA). The best aggregate team score of the 3 days will win the Overall tournament.

Any player entered for the full week will have free access to all the other events below during the week but you can also enter each day and event individually:

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Outer Space Fancy Dress Shoot out.

The shoot-out starts at 4pm with a gathering of all the players at the Academy building in their Outer space outfit (**compulsory**).

It is a pairs event however it does not have to be the same pair as played for the main event. Teams are split in various group to play one hole and the winner of each hole plays the final from the 8th on Olives.

The final is followed by the **Outer Space BBQ** and Dancing in the Clubhouse.

Thursday 27th July 2023

4 players Team Scramble & Brunch

The day starts with a brunch in the Clubhouse from 10am until 12.30.

A blind draw for the Scramble is drawn in Public at 12pm and the scramble starts at 1pm shot gun start.

Saturday 29th July 2023

The Men's Roll Up for the Brian Evans Trophy starts at 8am

Gala Dinner & Prize Presentation at 7pm

Followed by Live Music & Dancing

Sign in early and do not miss out on any of the activities !

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23rd to 29th July 2023

ENTRY FORM



Name: _____ Partner - _____

Phone no. _____ Phone no. _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

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Full package ENTRY FEE Sunshine Classic

Member 140 Euros each ☐ Guest 295 Euros each ☐

Pairs Event counting for the Overall

Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th & Friday 28th July 2023

Players of the Pairs Event taking the full package may enter any of the events below at no extra cost

Sunday 23rd July 2023 - Registration & Practice Day from 9am until 2pm

Monday 24th July 2023 - **American 4somes** at PA AM__ PM__ ☐
(Individual day entry fee €20/pax - Guests €60)

Tuesday 25th July 2023 - **2 ball better ball** at SL Early__ Mid__ PM__ ☐
(Individual day entry fee €20/pax - Guests €90)

Wednesday 26th July 2023- **Outer Space shoot out at 4pm** ☐
(Individual day entry fee & BBQ €50 -Guests €70)
Extra Tickets for BBQ €45 / juniors under 14 €25
Partner Name if different from main pair's event: ☐
Partner: _____

Extra BBQ Guest _____

Thursday 27th July 2023 - **Scramble 1pm shot gun start** (blind draw) ☐
(Individual day entry fee & Brunch €20-Guest€60)

Friday 28th July 2023 - **2 ball better ball** at PA AM__ PM__ ☐
(Individual day entry fee €20/pax - Guest €60)

Saturday 29th July 2023 - **Gala Dinner** at PA 7pm ☐
Extra Ticket €70 Extra Guest _____

***For each pairs tournament round there will be AM and PM starts. Please tick your preference. Enter early to avoid disappointment, first come first serve.**

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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