

Altos news

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Introduction from the New Captain – Mr Nigel Spokes



Welcome everybody to the June Newsletter.

I know Stewart will cover this later however congratulations to The Greenkeeping Team on keeping the course open under very difficult circumstances, hopefully by the time you are reading this message the new pumps will be working flat out and the course on it's way to a full recovery.

Let's start with the golf and of course The Ben Hogan

The Ben Hogan trophy has come home for a 10th time in 18 matches, your team was brutal in winning sixteen matches with two half's and one loss, let's focus on the winners and congratulations to all the players of Pinheiros Altos who played a marvellous dominating game of match play against star friendly rivals Quinta Do Lago.

The QDL Captain Patrick McIn gave a heartfelt speech, slightly longer than mine and the vice captains has sent a message that despite the heavy loss confirmed their members had a great day.

Malcom and Irene Howarth were the only team from QDL to win a match, Malcolm is a past member of PA and I understand he entertained his table with many stories of the good old days at PA.

Many thanks again to everybody for their efforts in a resounding victory and especially Susan Russell who answered a text a midnight and agreed to play the following morning.

Mixed Matchplay

Following so many victories in the Ben Hogan it shows that we can all find a winning partner, so please consider joining in in the future,

Tracey & I had a fortunate win against the winners for the last two years but could not compete against the Sutton team who dovetailed very well and were the runners up to Leeza Lynn & Fraser Graig.

Congratulations to the Interclub on their first away win for a long time on the 23rd April, the same day the English managed beat the Rest of the World in the St. Georges Day National Challenge, The Kitchen did a great job with the Cottage Pie & Spotted Dick of which some members were a little nervous.

Congratulations to all the recent winners who will be mentioned in other reports.

PICNIC on the Green

Over a hundred members and guests enjoyed a sunny afternoon on the green with music from The Snowmen, your vice captain Hugh introduced himself and welcomed everybody to the event.

The club looked after us with the venue, tables, chairs and of course cold Beer.

Every table of members stepped up and produced a real feast, the problem was portion control with the leftovers being a little excessive, we even had members feeding visitors as they left the course.

Surprisingly one group had to send somebody home to get some more refreshments in the liquid variety.

The evening finished with Gerry Naughton bringing out his guitar and entertaining us for another hour or so.

The excess of income was given to the staff and a small donation to the PA Charity Account.

Once again I would like to thank the club and the staff for helping organise this fun event.

If anybody would like to organise another Picnic next year please let myself or Hugh know.

18th June, we currently have 60 plus off to Julias for a lunch with music by Katie, I'm told she is a lot of fun to listen and dance to. so just call them and book your table confirming you are in the PA Party 289 396 512, see the notice board for more details.

29th June, we have my Captain's day, which I'm very much looking forward to.

4th July we have Nine & Wine sponsored by Bill at Prime Wines, hoping for a 15.00 shotgun with a mixed two ball with one score to count.

I hope as many of you will take part in a little if not all to Gala Week with Back to the Sixties as the Fancy Dress

Kindest regards

Nigel





Strokeplay Championship Prize Winners



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Club Captains presenting the Trophy and prizes to the Mixed Pairs Matchplay Winners Fraser Craig and Leeza Lynn



Club Captains presenting the prizes to the Mixed Pairs Matchplay Runners Up Christine and Neil Sutton



New Members Cocktail

Eventos de Golfe / *Golf Events by* **JJW HOTELS** 2024/2025



HOTEL	EVENTO / TORNEIO <i>EVENT & TOURNAMENT</i>	DATAS <i>DATES</i>
Dona Filipa Hotel	XXIV International Amateur Tournament	23/11/2024 – 30/11/2024
Dona Filipa Hotel	JJW International Amateur Senior Tournament	16/02/2025 – 23/02/2025
Dona Filipa Hotel	Spring Amateur Tournament	12/04/2025 – 19/04/2025
Penina Hotel & Golf Resort	IX Penina Golf Week	11/05/2025 – 17/05/2025
Penina Hotel & Golf Resort	XXXIV Sir Henry Cotton Trophy	24/05/2025

Director of Golf – Monthly Report



There have been many tournaments since our last newsletter and I will start with the Club Championship which were not mentioned and I would like to congratulate both Club Champions Dan Henderson for the men and Sarah James on her first Club Championship Title. Runner ups were John Farrell & Jacqueline Griffin and the net winners Keith Inman & Dawn Warnock.

The Mixed pairs Matchplay had a good entry and was played over 4 days but may well change next year to be played across the year and a set date for the Semi-Final & Final. The Mixed pairs Matchplay champion were Leeza Lynn & Fraser Craig beating another very strong pair in the final Neil & Chris Sutton. Congratulations to Leeza & Fraser.

The Spring medal was won by the Lady Captain Heather Conroy with a fantastic score of 68 while the May medal was won by John Bondoc with a score of 69. His new role of running the men's weekly stableford seems to bring some good results. Many members have already joined the weekly stableford and any member willing to join can do it through this APP (right hand bottom button) and enter the WhatsApp group run by John Bondoc.

We recommend every member to produce as many qualifying cards as possible to make sure handicap of each individual are more accurate. The Weekly men's stableford is a great opportunity to do so.

The April Stableford was won with 39 points by Sergey Naumov and the May Stableford also with 39 points by Lisa Burns.

It was decided in committee that some of the Club Monthly Medals and Stableford would be played on Saturdays to allow more members who do not play Sundays to enter those tournaments. The calendar has been altered to show the new days for those tournaments.

The men roll up continues to be played at 8 am almost every Saturday morning and men members who wish to enter must register on the day until 7h50 in the Clubhouse and the draw is made at 8am. Players in the men roll up willing to enter the medal or stableford when played on the same day can sign up for it at registration and therefore will have to putt out. Not easy for men's roll up players!

When the men roll up is at San Lorenzo there will be a sign up on the APP the week before and the draw will be made on the Friday at 12pm so players must be signed in before. Again, if the medal or the Stableford is played on the same day men will have the option to enter.

As most of you are aware, the golf course has suffered from the lack of irrigation due to a defunct pump station, the green staff has done a great job at keeping the greens in very good playing condition during very difficult times. The fairways have been kept alive and I am very happy to announce that as I am writing this newsletter, 2 new pumps are being installed and the watering should start to be normal (80% capacity) as from tomorrow 12th June. One last pump will be repaired and re-install during the month of June making the irrigation capacity to 100%. All our efforts are geared to present the course in the best conditions possible for the Captain day on 29th June and later in July for gala week.

A different vision within the company seems to be taking place, giving more incentive in recovering the golf courses which in the long term will help all other outlets of the company to grow. It is still early days and babies' step but I am confident that we may see more support in developing the courses in the next few months and on-going. The 50 buggies from the rental fleet are being refurbish and new batteries set in securing

a big enough fleet for the need of the members and visitors altogether. This will give us some time to decide on the possible acquisition of new fleet for all 3 courses within the group.

Other discussions are taking place to find solutions to the renewal of machineries on the golf course which will also help for a better & more efficient maintenance raising the perception of all courses within the group.

The club continues to be very active and the many social events are well supported and new ideas from your committee well taken in. Re-sale of golf titles has been on-going and many new members are introduced to the Club to ensure its continuity and continues to be the place to join as member in the Algarve.

Hard to believe we are already so near to the Summer and yet another Members Gala Week in 6 weeks. But before of course the Captains day on 29th June and the sign-up is already on the APP for that. So please make sure you sign up for it early. With the summer at the door there will be quite a few tournaments played at San Lorenzo so make sure you keep an eye at your busy calendar.

I look forward to see many of you at the Club enjoying in a couple of weeks the greener fairways!

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Ladies Invitation Day



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XXIV INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT 23RD NOV. - 30RD NOV. 2024

Program

- 24th, Sun.** Practice Round – from 9:16 AM
Welcome Cocktail at 7:00 PM
- 25th, Mon.** Aggregated Stableford – 1st round – from 10:04 AM
- 26th, Tue.** Aggregated Stableford – 2nd round – from 10:04 AM
- 27th, Wed.** Rest Day
- 28th, Thu.** Aggregated Stableford – Final round – from 10:04 AM
- 29th, 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 Heather Conroy



The Ladies' section has been very busy with lots of different activities on and off the course!

Following our tremendous win against the Cloggies we quickly moved on with a Ladies Friendly match on the 25th April against Vila Sol at home. The visiting team were impressed with the condition of the course as we'd recently had a lot of rain and the fairways were looking very green and lush. Over the years of playing our friendly matches we've built up good relationships with the lady members there and we always have fun playing against them. The result was 3 – 2 to us and the match was followed by a lovely lunch in the clubhouse.

The 1st May was our Invitational Day, which comprised of a competition followed by lunch and a raffle. It was attended by 58 ladies from different clubs locally and abroad.

Janette Staddon (PA) and Lena Heinz (Levante) won the competition with 45 points. The day was a huge success and the raffle raised 1300 euros. This money is being used to buy equipment for small, local, underfunded schools which is a cause close to my heart.

The 14th May was our Social lunch at Siam Thai Restaurant near Santa Barbara de Nexe, this event was attended by 20 ladies and we had the whole restaurant to ourselves.

The food was excellent, and the company great. It is always so nice to see the ladies who don't play golf as well as those who do! Our next social event is on Tuesday 11th June with a walking tour in Faro followed by lunch.

The 28th/29th May was our long-awaited away trip to the brand-new Dunas Golf Course by Terras da Comporta. Designed by renowned golf architect David McLay-Kidd and inspired by the Links courses of his native Scotland, this course constructed over 38.4 hectares did not disappoint and it was challenging for all as we tee'd off from different tee boxes according to our handicap!

The staff at the club were great and all the ladies were presented with personalised water bottles and bag tags before their first round. We played two days (one Scramble and one Shamble game) at Dunas and had the exclusive use of a small boutique hotel in Santiago de Cacem. We had a wine tasting session from

organic wine growers Herdade do Cebolal before our dinner which was delicious with wine freely flowing!

In all it was a wonderful trip with 36 ladies taking part with many new members as well as our more established members. There were some great moments on the trip with new members hitting balls onto the green in the longest drive competitions and our wonderful member Barbara Fletcher having her very first pint of lager!!!





Ladies Away Trip



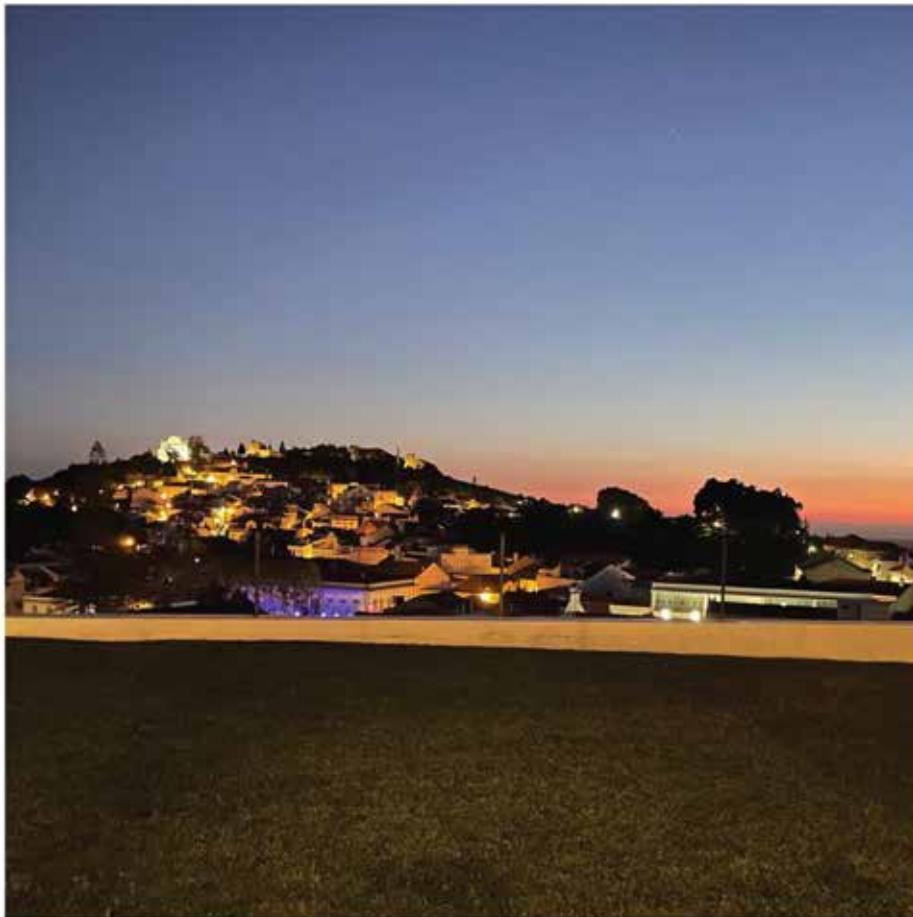
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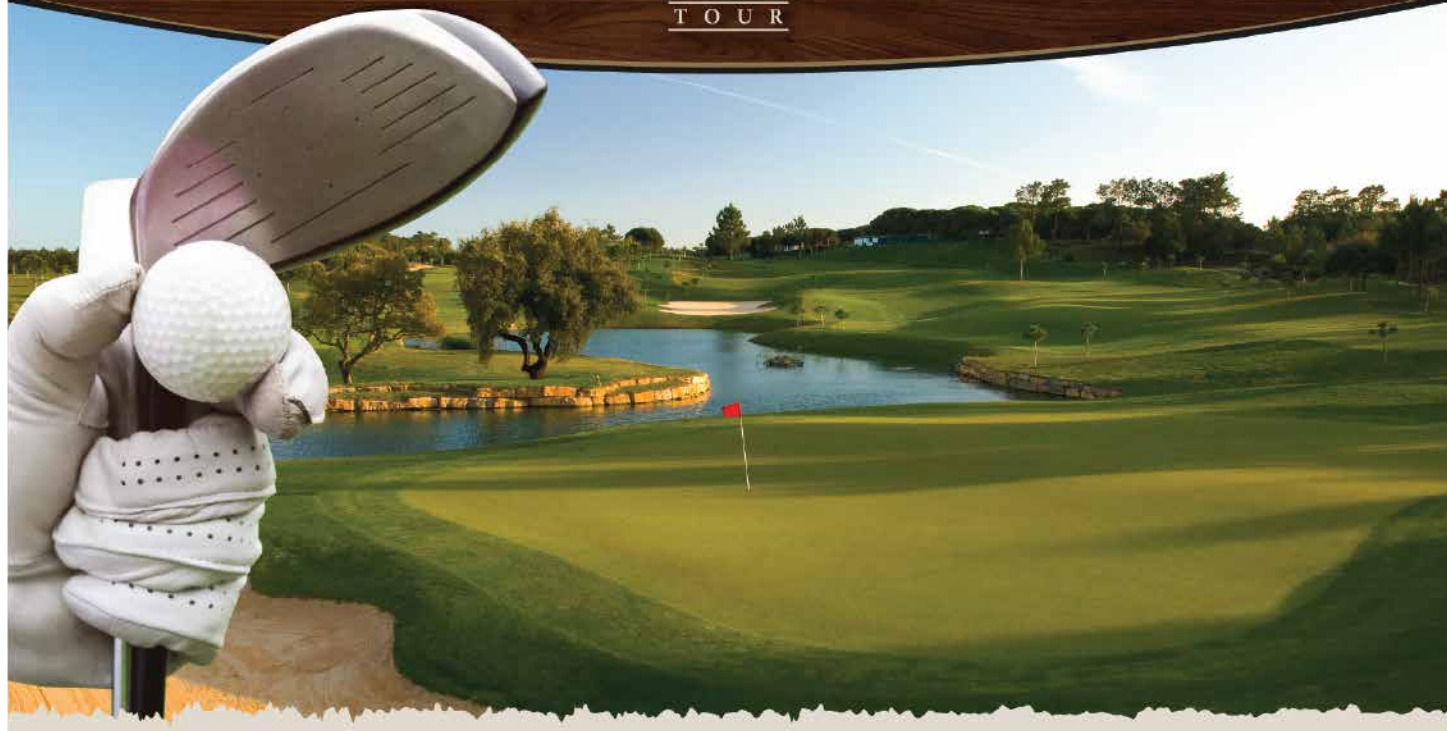
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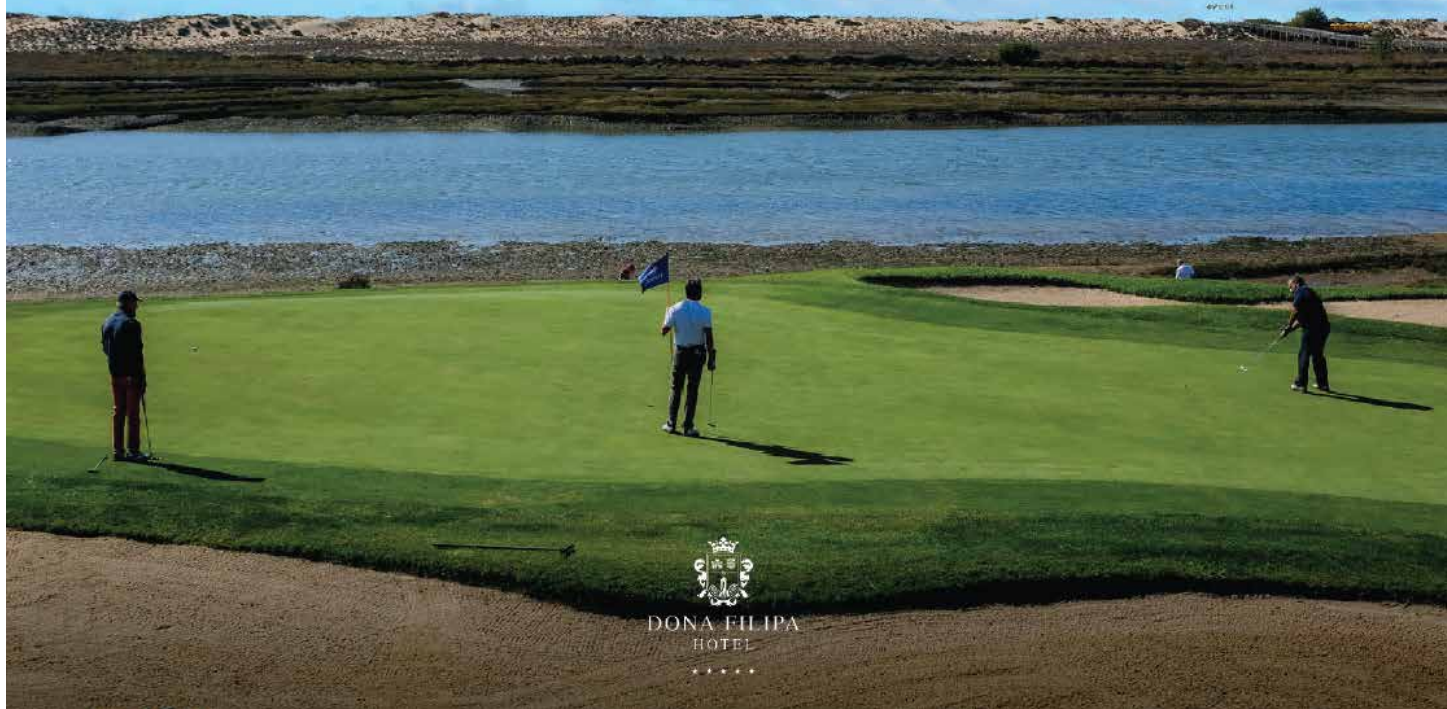
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Report from the Greens Committee

The Committee met in full on the 7th of June.

This report will be very brief as the condition of the course remains very much as it was in our last report.

The burnt fairways are in desperate need of the promised irrigation which will only be available once the irrigation pumps are both supplied and fitted to our main bore holes. We hoped to have them in place last week but Christophe our Club Director has been as concerned as the Committee at the delay. This week, we were assured, begin the restoration of the course. Our course Head Greenkeeper, Antonio, believes “green fairways” will take 10 to 14 days for the required restoration once pumps are working.

In the meantime, golf is still being played although our reputation as a course of choice to both our members and visitors is being sorely tested.

Antonio has been able to keep both the greens and approaches watered and very playable and is doing a remarkable job in these difficult times.

The Committee hope that our next report will confirm our recovery and we acknowledge that our Director Christophe is as concerned as we are at the delays.

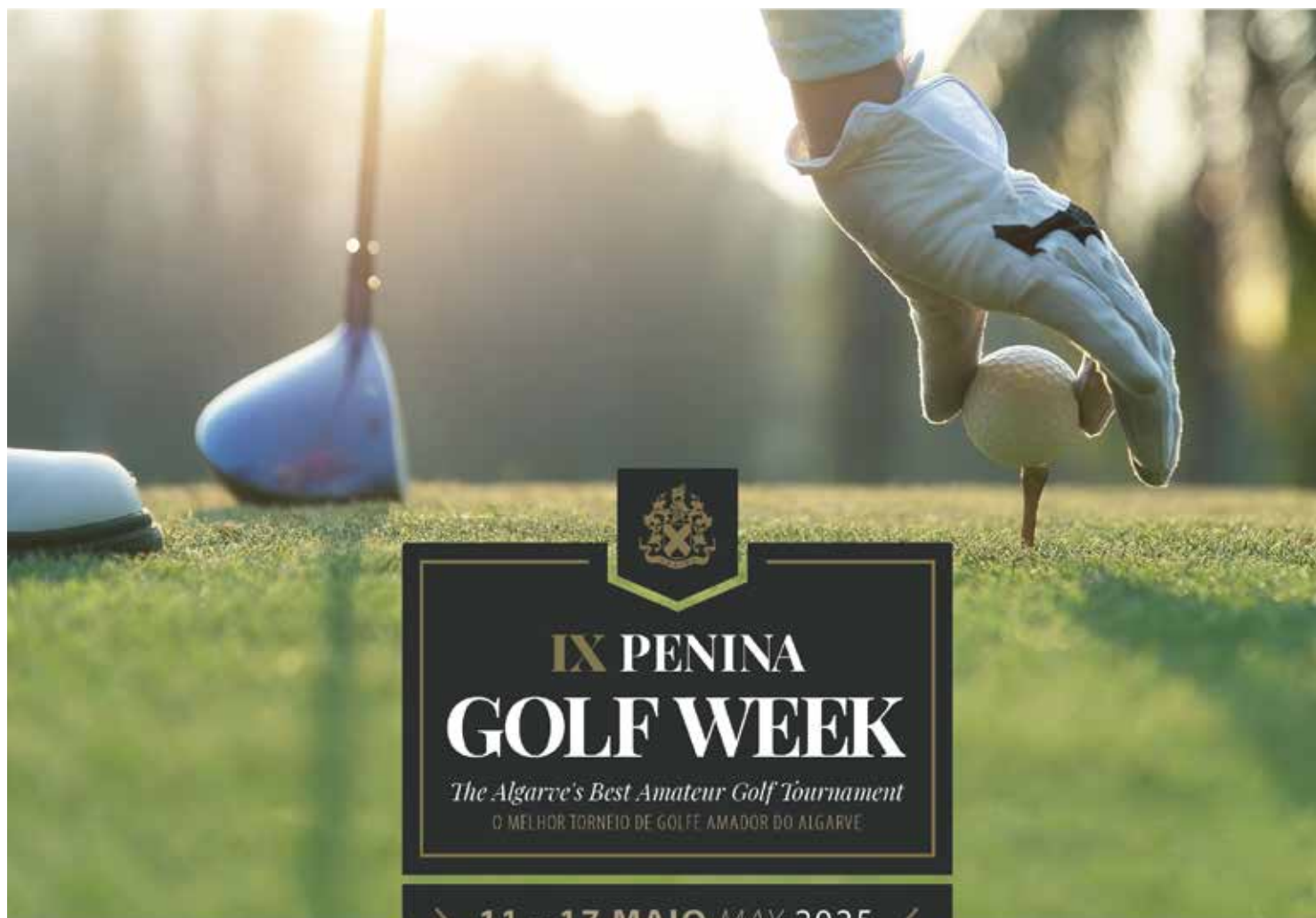
There have been changes in management within the Portugal Management which we are advised has released much need funding.

Pinheiros Altos remains as both a course which tests the best golfers and could, with investment challenge both the golf and social demands of the members. We dearly hope our next report reflects these hopes.

Stewart Harper Chairman

David Ford

Duncan Evans



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Social Golf Report -

by Andy and Sue Georges

Social Golf Report Sunday 21st April 2024

Another great Sunday Social with 56 players and 7 guests for supper!

We were able to welcome 7 first timers to “Our Social Golf Club”, which Pinheiros surely is.

The weather and scores were very good, Andy reminded everyone that the social committee, in addition to running the event are also responsible for arranging the weather.

In fact, it's difficult to remember one where rain stopped play, so it seems... the committee gets that bit right.

The Texas Scramble began on Thursday evening, it shuffled and scrambled through to Sunday at 11:46 and somehow managed to tee off 14 four balls, most of them nothing like the first draw.

We became Italian for supper with Lasagne, garlic bread and salad, followed by not Italian Apple pie and ice cream.

Results:

Pines / Corks

1st	Zoe Pirret, David Warnock, Kieran Nagle, Tanya Scouler	62,8 points
2nd	Tony Staddon, Fielding Norton, Melody Cotterill, Heather Conroy	64,5 points
3rd	Bernd Gorger, Peter Young, Stella Jeffrey, Lisa Channing	64,8 points
4th	Darren Lynch, Sue Georges, John Carver, Zita Kennedy	66,5 points

Olives / Pines

1st	John Conroy, Paul Black, Mai Markey, Jane Peters	63,8 points
2nd	Rosie Agnew, Lori Sommer, Harri Nordstrom, Paul Cotterill	65,2 points
3rd	Joe Allen, Gregory Griffin, Ann Brit Lenartsson, Ann Campbell	65,6 points
4th	Jacqueline Griffin, Per Anton Kleppa, Paul Hanby, Se Kennedy	66,1 points

The next social on Sunday 12th May a “Waltz” run by Sue Georges and Cathy Harper, will probably be history by the time this report is published, so the following one will be Sunday 9th June “Who Stole the Par 4's” and will be organised by Cathy Harper and Stella Jeffrey.

Thank you all for supporting this monthly event.

Andy and Sue Georges

Social Golf Report -

by Ken Irving and Sue Georges

Social Golf Report Sunday 12th May 2024

Our 5th social golf of 2024 enjoyed yet another sunshine blessed day with 35 players and 2 guests for supper.

The format was a waltz, an easy start with one score to count, building the pressure on holes 2 and 3 and repeating this format for the rest of the round.

The wine was strongly contested with some great scores from the 6 winning teams, and all 3 of the floaters featured in those teams.

Our supper was Chilli con Carne, followed by fresh fruit salad and ice cream. We shouldn't forget to mention the friendly yet very professional service from our restaurant and bar team, we are lucky to have them.

Results:

Pine / Corks

1st	Per Anton Kleppa, Stella Jeffrey, Meg Black and floater Nigel Spokes	84 points
2nd	Matt Venker, Dawn Warnock, Elaine Collings and floater Lisa Burns	82 points
3rd	Paul Black, Mike Collings, Zoe Pirret and Deidre Kelly	79 points

Olives / Pines

1st	Alan Wills, David Warnock, Tracey Spokes and floater Molly Wainwright	86 points
2nd	Roger Hancock, Ansley Tolland, Val Rennie and Debbie Carver	81 points*
3rd	Barry O'Brien, Paul Hanby, Joanna Young and Tanya Scouler (*Back nine 43 and **Back nine 38)	81 points**

The next social will be on Sunday 9th June, "Who Stole the Par 4's", and as Ken said "If you don't know what that is... sign up, come along and find out!"

This will be run by Stella Jeffrey and Cathy Harper.

Thankyou to everyone that played and looking forward to seeing our regulars, new players and more guests at future events.

Ken Irving and Sue Georges



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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