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Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Dear Members, I think it only appropriate that the outgoing Director of Golf make this month's lead article.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

The last day of July 2013 was my last day as Director of Golf at Pinheiros Altos. This is my final report for the newsletter - my 112th since its introduction in May 2004 by the then Captain, Mr. Bill Copestake.

I am stepping down as Director of Golf happy in the knowledge that Christophe Rindlisbacher, my right hand man for many years, will take over from me. He has become a great friend of mine and has been a pleasure to work with, and I know he is ready to take Pinheiros Altos forward. I will still be around as I will now be overseeing the golf course's development – something that has always been my passion.

I would like to thank Sheikh Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber, owner of the JJW Hotel Group, for giving me the opportunity to develop this exciting project. It has provided me with a continuous challenge and lots of satisfaction over the last 19 years and for this, I will always be grateful.

I believe that Pinheiros Altos is the best members club in Portugal and I am sure it will go from strength to strength under the new structure. I know that Christophe, Cristina, Sesinando and all the golf staff will continue to do everything they can to

provide the members with the high standard that they expect and deserve.

Pinheiros Altos still has tremendous potential and I know that many things will be done with the relationship between Pinheiros Altos and San Lorenzo for the benefit of the members.

It was great to round off my time at Pinheiros Altos with an excellent Sunshine Classic Gala Week. It included one of the very best Charity Shootouts, fancy dress performances, two superb meals thanks to Chef Nuno, and some stunning golf from the winners Daniel Waters and Mark Altmann.

I must thank the Pinheiros Altos members for their encouragement, support and friendship. Of course, it would not be a golf club if everyone was a friend of the Director of Golf; but I would like to think I have a few!

It only remains for me to wish you all good health and good golfing, and to wish Christophe and his team the very best for the future development of Pinheiros Altos.

Report from Christophe Rindlisbacher

It is not easy for me to write this newsletter, not only because it is my first, but also because it means that my friend Brian Evans is no longer the Director of Golf. I and many others, members and staff, will miss him as the man in charge.

I have no words to express my gratitude to Brian for the last 19 years. We have worked well as a team and I have learnt so much about the game of golf, service to the members and customers, team work, entertainment and most importantly, true friendship.

I wish Brian and Sally all the best for the future. Of course, they will still be around playing on the course, and Brian will be

going on to be a consultant of golf course development, so I am counting on him to help me improve the course for the benefit of all.

It will be a very difficult task for me to take over from Brian as he has set the standard very high, but I feel honoured to be given the chance to take on that challenge. I can assure all Pinheiros Altos Members that I will do everything to develop the Club and the membership and continue to show the Algarve that Pinheiros Altos is the place to be.

Some re-structure of the Pinheiros Altos golf operation will take place over the next few weeks and as always, it is aimed

at improving the level of service in the long term. I am sure that these initiatives will open new doors for future expansion and course development, especially with the help of Brian's consultancy.

The month of July was mainly dominated by the Members' Gala Week which was a great success. We saw Daniel Waters and Mark Altmann win the main prize, which they were entitled to as Daniel is now a single figure handicap player (3,8). The shootout was amazing, everybody put so much effort into their costumes and the atmosphere was just fantastic, as you can see in the photos. David and Zoe Pirret won the shootout followed by Joel Collins and Steve Hersey, which means that the staff team, comprising Polly and myself (yes, I did let her down...) only came third. The Gala Dinner was probably the best I have ever attended (and I have been present at many!) with special mention to Brian who started it with his great Prize Presentation. It was not easy for him as almost everybody was presented with a prize but he made it very enjoyable - even for the few that did not make it into the prizes. I will not name them as they were mentioned many times during Brian's Presentation! The dinner served was also the best I have had in the Clubhouse thanks to

Jorge and Chef Nuno; I am already looking forward to next year's Gala Week where the theme will be RIO!

Daniel Waters also went on to win the Junior Open for the 2nd year running with a score of 78. Peter Ashdown also came out on the day to show his skills at the prize presentation - probably inspired by Brian's performance on the Gala Night!

August is a family holiday month and therefore the activity in the golf calendar is not so intense. However, the charity day for the special needs children's swimming team of Loulé is coming up on the 18th August at San Lorenzo. The entry fee for Pinheiros Altos Members is €80 and includes a buggy, finger buffet and Prize presentation at San Lorenzo.

September kicks off with the Club Matchplay Championship on 6th, 7th and 8th and by then, the golf season will be going at full throttle.

I look forward to the continued development of Pinheiros Altos, and I, with the rest of the golf team, wish you all the best for the Summer months.



Pinheiros Altos Grease staff



Les Miserables



Fiona Tucker-Brown, Shrek Tucker-Brown and the donkey



Peter Ashdown and his Shoot Out Group



Shoot-Out finalists



José Gonçalves and his Shoot Out Group



Graham Lee and Eva Lamaison



Sally and Brian Evans



Lady Tremaine and Anastasia Tremaine



Kenny Fairbairn and his Shoot Out Group



Paul and Linda Dixon, Cristina, Monica and Ana



Christine Soden and Jim Cranwell



Denise and Vernon Reed



Molly and Diane the naughty sisters



Melanie Hardie, Janet Linley, Suzanne and Steve Hersey



Willy Wonka (The Captain)



Priscilla Queen of the Desert

Report from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

I confess to some difficulty in writing this month's report... as following such a successful and enjoyable Gala Week, it's been very hard to digest the news of Brian's departure.

Brian's impact and positive influence at Pinheiros Altos has been immense and he has played such an important role in the development of our club since it's humble beginnings.

On behalf of your committee and the entire membership I would like to convey our heartfelt appreciation of all that Brian has achieved, and to wish he and Sally the brightest of futures in whatever direction they choose!

Your committee and I will be meeting in the next few weeks and the first agenda item will be how we can best acknowledge Brian's enormous contribution. We will keep all members informed of our conclusions, of course..

The month of July is quite frankly dominated by the spectre of Gala Week. There are weeks of preparation: for the 'golfers' who seek to perfect their game, and for the 'golfing participants' who are more realistic in their expectation and therefore are more focused on the week's theme, which was 'Musicals'.

You've only to review the selection of photographs to appreciate how successful our annual Gala was this year.

The week began on the preceding Saturday with the warm up ABBA sing-a-long to MAMMA MIA! It was extremely well attended and my thanks must go to Denise and Vernon Reed for their kind assistance with the set up, and to Jorge and his

team who prepared a very enjoyable selection of Pizzas. Note: there are some serious ABBA fans out there!

The Wednesday Shootout is always a real favourite and provides the membership a welcome opportunity to socialise with the club staff and their families. The effort and participation in the annual theme by everyone is fantastic. Not least from our very own 'Rosa' who starred once again as the club's seamstress, helping to prepare the Pinheiros Altos Grease costumes.

The musical theme continued throughout the week and as the final round of golf was completed the balcony was in an up-tempo mood as the competitors lunched and enjoyed a wide selection of well-known songs from famous musicals.

At this point and unbeknown to the membership, Saturday evening was to be Brian's final Gala Dinner and Prize giving. How fitting then that it was to prove such a terrific evening and finale. There was an amusing prize giving speech from Brian, a truly excellent dinner from Jorge and Nuno, and dancing 'till the small hours from the membership.

My congratulations to Daniel Waters and Mark Altmann who are this years champions, and to Hywel Ford and Charlie Ballard who also performed extremely well.

Finally... some advance warning that the theme for next year has been announced as 'RIO', and that the event will include two days golf at San Lorenzo. All of this has already sparked great interest and enthusiasm for Gala Week 2014.



ABBA sing-a-long Stars

Charity Golf Tournament
In benefit of:
Special Needs Children Swimming Team
- Louletano Sports Club -

18 August 2013
Programme:
Shotgun at 14:00 hrs | Prize giving ceremony | Finger buffet
Price per golfer:
100 € (including buggy)
For reservations: 289 359 910 | crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com

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This event is a perfect opportunity to support a really worthwhile cause while having a great day out at the beautiful San Lorenzo Golf Course.
Please note that the entry for Pinheiros Altos Members is 80 Euros (including buggy).

Competition Results for July

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Medal	1st Division Molly Wainwright	72 Nett	1st Division Sally Evans	75 Nett
		2nd Division Marian Hill	79 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)	2nd Division Pat Murrish	79 Nett
Sun 7th	July Stableford	Adrienne Buth	37 Pts	Neil Bamber	36 Pts
Wed 10th	2 Best Scores on each hole at San Lorenzo	Zoe Pirret Margo Fletcher Joanna Young Linda Bentley			
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	1st Division Zoe Pirret	35 Pts	1st Division Thérèse v Doorn	32 Pts (<i>bb6</i>)
		2nd Division Adrienne Buth	34 Pts	2nd Division Fiona Thomson	33 Pts
Sat 20th	Summer Medal	Stephen Flanagan	71 Nett	Peter Young	72 Nett

Competition Results cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 21st to Sat 27th	GALA WEEK	Daniel Waters Mark Altman	158 Pts		
		Hywel Ford Charlie Ballard	125 Gross		
Tues 30th	Junior Open	Luke Stadler Daniel Waters	69 Nett 76 Gross	James Porter Luke Stadler	85 Nett 80 Gross
		<i>9 Holes</i> Luke Rotheroe			
		<i>5 Holes</i> David Martins			
Wed 31st	Ladies Day 1 score for par 3, 2 for par 4 and 3 for par 5	<i>Corks to Olives</i> Hilary Jessup Janine van de Ree Josie Waddington	69	<i>Corks to Olives</i> Thérèse v Doorn Molly Wainwright Fiona Thomson	68
		<i>Pines to Corks</i> Melaura Parker Christine Soden Stella Jeffrey	66 (bb9)	<i>Pines to Corks</i> Slaney Mullen Sam Waters Diana Collins	66

Ladies Section by Rie Cherubini

The Medal on the 3rd was organised by the Lady Vice Captain, Adrienne Buth due to my absence. Six ladies from the 1st division and nine from the 2nd played.

On the following Monday, the 8th, we had ten ladies from Benamor for a Friendly Match. The team brought me a glorious 4,5-0,5 win - and the very nice buffet-style lunch made it even better! The temperature climbed very high and unfortunately, one of the opponents had to be taken to the clinic after the match because of the heat. She was unlucky to be beaten by Cathy Harper-Linda Bentley pair, but very lucky to have Linda as her nurse! I shall make sure that Linda is around before fainting in future. We were all very happy to have this lady back to our lunch table afterwards.

The club must have been very quiet on the 10th as we had the Ladies Day at San Lorenzo. Thanks to Christophe who managed to get tee times just before 11, we all enjoyed a little longer in bed. Four teams of four players recorded the two best scores on each hole. The red tee on the 18th has been moved

forwards thanks to the female members of San Lorenzo. Has this permanent move made the hole easier? Please let me know what you think.

The Qualifying Stableford took place on the 17th. Usually we have more ladies from the 2nd division than the 1st and for most of the qualifying competitions, I have had to put the both divisions on the same course due to lack of numbers. However, for a change, we had 15 from the 1st division and 26 players in total and could use two courses.

Later in the day, Therese van Doorn, Yvonne White and I once again visited ASCA, the old people's home in Almancil. This time it was to present a cheque of €5,000, which they spent on a cleaning machine for a special floor, a food-distributing trolley, air-mattresses and uniforms for staff. Those goods have been put in use immediately and were very much appreciated.

There was no Ladies Day during the Gala Week which meant I had a week off as the Ladies' Captain. Instead of making the

draw at the Academy Cafe on Tuesday, I had a manicure and a pedicure. Perhaps it would be nice to have the Gala Week every month...!

After the Gala Week, which involved lots of golfing and partying, I was wondering how many ladies would sign up for the 31st. My worries were put to rest when 25 ladies signed up and enjoyed the team competition.

I am very pleased to announce that, as of the 31st of July, we have 82 members in the Ladies Section. After all, July was a good month with many entries on Wednesdays!



The cheque presentation

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

With temperatures reaching into the thirties, a sedate Waltz was the appropriate format for July's Social Golf competition. Some thirty-one players set off, in 1-2-3 rhythm on the two courses, at the height of the midday sun.

Some very good scores were achieved on both courses with the winning team on Pines/Corks being greatly assisted by a Hole-in-One on the 5th of Corks by Sue Georges, scoring five team points! Her husband Andy was thrilled to bits for Sue and delighted to treat us all to a glass of Champagne in congratulations and celebration.

Thirty-five players and guests sat down to a very enjoyable and well presented supper, along with water and wine to suit all palates generously donated by Nigel Collins in anticipation of his Seventieth Birthday. Cheers, Nigel - We all hope you have a very happy year!

Now to the prizewinners and it's with a little embarrassment that the organisers are featured in the winning teams on

both courses - I say "a little embarrassment" as neither Roy nor I felt inclined to re-donate our bottles despite the mocking cries of "Fix!" "Fix!". The winning team on Pines/Corks comprised of Joel Collins, Alan Bentley, Roy Baddeley and the aforementioned Sue Georges scoring 81 points, followed in second place by Heinz Kura, Jürgen Ternieden, Zoe Pirret and Wendy Collins with 77 points. On Olives/Pines the winners were birthday boy Nigel Collins plus Fiona Thomson, Sandra Seddon (playing her first full 18 holes in quite some time - well done Sandra) plus yours truly scoring 77 points and the runners-up, with 71 points, was the team of Andy Georges, Peter Wolters, Linda Bentley and Inge Kura.

The next Social Golf event will be a Team Am-Am competition to be held on Sunday 25th August and organised by Thérèse van Doorn and Jeannette Sohler - so sign up, come along and have a fun Sunday afternoon.

Interclub by Christian Holst

The league position as it now stands:

Team	Played	Home	Pts	Away	Pts	Bonus	Total
Carvoeiro	14	6	15	8	10	3	28
Vilamoura	14	8	21	6	3	1	25
Pinheiros Altos	10	6	18	4	3	1	22
Vale do Lobo	9	5	13	4	4	1	18
Laranjal	9	5	12	4	3	1	16
Tavira	11	5	12	6	2	0	14
Morgado	11	6	14	5	0	0	14
Palmares	11	5	10	6	0	0	10
Quinta do Vale	11	4	4	7	1	0	5

We played our last match before the “summer break” at Vilamoura and had a very good win. Thanks to everyone playing so far this year - great performance.

We are clearly in contention providing a good performance in our two remaining home matches against Vale do Lobo and Quinta do Vale - and scoring a few more points in our remaining four away matches. I therefore hope we can have the strongest team available for the remaining part of the season.

Our remaining schedule is as follows:

3rd September	Tavira (A)
12th September	Quinta do Vale (H)
16th September	Carvoeiro (A)
26th September	Vale do Lobo (H)
1st October	Quinta do Vale (A)
12th October	Laranjal (A)

PRO TIP – Kenny Fairbairn

Rotate on Short Shots

Many players try to bring the club back straight along the target line with an arms-only move.

Instead, I let the clubhead travel on its natural plane on a curve around my body. I rotate my forearms, fold my right elbow and make a very small pivot.

Having this lower body movement is more natural and fluid. My arms aren't swinging the club back; I'm doing that with a slight pivot of the knees and hips, and with forearm rotation.

Try it, it works.



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CALENDAR

02.AUG 19:30 – Around the World

Evening shows: Flamenco, oriental, Latin and ballroom dance (by Free Dance Academy)
Price per Adult: 45.00€
(includes: dinner, drinks during dinner and show)

04.AUG 19:30 – Fishermen & Folklore

Evening show: Folklore (by Folklore Group of Faro)
Price per Adult: 49.00€
(includes: dinner and show)

07.AUG 19:30 – Champanhe & Fashion

Evening show: Fashion show (by Antonio Manuel boutique & Boom Models)
Showroom at the Atlantic Club
Price per Adult: 53€
(includes: dinner and show)

09.AUG 19:30 – Sounds of Fado

Evening show: Live Concert with Isa de Brito
Price per Adult: 42.50€
(includes: dinner, drinks during dinner and show)

11.AUG 19:30 – Fishermen & Folklore

Evening show: Folklore (by Folklore Group of Faro)
Price per Adult: 49.00€
(includes: dinner and show)

16.AUG 19:30 – Arabian Nights

Evening show: Oriental & live djembe performance (by Free Dance Academy)
Price per Adult: 45.00€
(includes: dinner, drinks during dinner and show)

18.AUG 19:30 – Fishermen & Folklore

Evening show: Folklore (by Folklore Group of Faro)
Price per Adult: 49.00€
(includes: dinner and show)

23.AUG 19:30 – World of Pirates

Evening show: Contemporary dance and theatrical performance (by Free Dance Academy)
Price per Adult: 47.50€
(includes: dinner, drinks during dinner and show)

25.AUG 19:30 – Fishermen & Folklore

Evening show: Folklore (by Folklore Group of Faro)
Price per Adult: 49.00€
(includes: dinner and show)

30.AUG 19:30 – Moulin Rouge

Evening show: Burlesque dance (by Free Dance Academy)
Price per Adult: 47.50€
(includes: dinner, drinks during dinner and show)



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TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ALL EVENTS:

Restaurant opening time: 7:30pm. Shows will start at 9pm and terminate at approximately 11pm.
Children (<12 yrs) staying at the Hotel benefit from 50% discount and free access to the Kangaroo Club.
Exclusive to children staying at the Hotel: free dinner and access to the Kangaroo Club.

Appa Autumn Social

12th September 2013

The 2013 APPA Autumn Social Event will take place at lunch time on Thursday, 12th September at the Estamine Restaurant. This restaurant is the only building on the Ilha Deserta, a deserted island which is a short trip by boat from Faro (see www.animaris.pt for further information). There will be a four course lunch, followed by coffee; this will cost €50,00 per person, including wine, water and soft drinks at the table.

All APPA owners, members of Pinheiros Altos Golf Club and their guests are welcome to attend

Places at the Event will be reserved in the order in which payment is received by Cristina Fernandes at the Pinheiros Altos Golf Office.

Payment can be made in cash or by cheque denominated in Euros. If you wish to make a direct transfer to APPA's bank account, please contact Cristina (tel. 289 35 99 53 – email cfernandes@pinheirosaltos.pt).



Full details will be sent before the Event to those who have told Cristina that they intend to come.

Forthcoming Events August - September 2013

Sat 3rd Aug	Men's Roll Up	Sun 1st Sep	September Stableford
Sun 4th Aug	August Stableford	Wed 4th Sep	Ladies Invitation Day
Wed 7th Aug	Ladies Medal	Fri 6th Sep	Matchplay Championship
Sat 10th Aug	Men's Roll Up	Sat 7th Sep	Matychplay Championship
Wed 14th Aug	Ladies Day	Sun 8th Sep	Matchplay Championship
Sat 17th Aug	Men's Roll Up	Wed 11th Sep	Ladies Day
Sun 18th Aug	August Medal	Sat 14th Sep	Mens Roll Up
Wed 21st Aug	Ladies Day	Sun 15th Sep	September Medal
Sat 24th Aug	Men's Roll Up	Wed 18th Sep	Ladies Day
Sun 25th Aug	18 Holes Social Golf	Sat 21st Sep	Mens Roll Up
Wed 28th Aug	Ladies Day	Sun 22nd Sep	18 Holes Social Golf
Sat 31st Aug	Men's Roll Up	Wed 25th Sep	Ladies Day
		Sat 28th Sep	Mens Roll Up