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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Dear Fellow Members,

The month of February is generally one of the quieter months in our Club's active diary... it's the time of year when many of our resident members head off on holidays to warmer climes and more settled weather, in order to recharge their batteries (figuratively speaking) for the year ahead.

Recently, however, we've introduced a couple of events for February which have certainly sparked interest with the membership and have been well supported.

The first and in its second year now is the reciprocal social with Quinta do Lago.

Which, despite the weather intervention, is going from strength to strength, and I must thank Iain Callaghan of PA and Mark Foot of QdL for all their additional coordination on this occasion. Please see the Social update later in this newsletter.

The second was our re-vamped St. Valentine's Tournament held over two days and two courses: Pinheiros Altos & San Lorenzo, with a very enjoyable dinner dance at the Dona Filipa Hotel.



*Linda Moffat, Graeme Thomson
and Carolyn Stait*



*Moira Jones, Alan Bentley
and Lisa Burns*



Denise and Vernon Reed



Melody and Paul Cotterill



Patricia Roberts, David Pirret and Helena Menbinick



Diana Collins, Ken Irving and Lisa Burns



Margo Lamb, Glenys Graves, & Esme McRae



The Captain and Sofia

The overall winning partnership were our Lady Captain and Inter-Club Captain... Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst, who had an exceptional second day on San Lorenzo.

The competition was a mixed 2 ball better-ball stableford on $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap, open to members and guests, and with the majority of participants playing with their spouses it could have proved fractious!

38 couples (partnerships) took part, of which 16 pairings were visiting guests resident in the Dona Filipa Hotel. This arrangement proved highly beneficial and afforded the membership the opportunity to play San Lorenzo on preferential terms.

I feel duty bound to thank not just the visiting guests, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have indicated an interest in returning next year, but also to the many members who purposely returned to the Algarve and supported this inaugural event. €1500 Euros was raised from the 'Buy a Mulligan' helium balloons for the 'Friends of Faro Cardiology' unit in Faro Hospital, and a further €1527.77 Euros was raised for our Lady Captain's charities through 'Silent Auction' bids on two 4ball vouchers.

I wish to record my appreciation to the following members for their generosity and assistance with this event: Ian Hepworth, Paul Jervis, David Ford and David Markey, and also the successful auction bidders: Mike Sharp, a recently new member who with his wife Fiona will now be enjoying a visit to Woburn; and lastly Bob and Sandi Beatson, who travelled from Vale da Pinta to participate and will shortly be visiting the KClub in Dublin.



Graeme and Fiona Thomson



Christophe, the Captain and the Overall winners Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst



Willie and Janice Paterson the Best Gross team receive their prize.



Runners Up John and Sumbaline Waters



Best Pro Team Linda Moffat and David Walker



Best Guests team Fergal and Jeannette Mulchrone



Alan and Linda Bentley with Lisa Burns



David and Kay Ford with Barbara Fletcher



Zoë Pirret, Bob Beatson and Helena Menbinick



Mai Markey with Kieran and Kay Nagle



Tim and Susan Russell with Janet Leffler



Graeme Thomson, Moira and Malcolm Jones



Stewart and Cathy Harper



Ian and Christine Hepworth, Christine Soden, Debbie Madgett and Paul Jervis

Director of Golf – Monthly Report

Dear Members,

February 2014 saw the St Valentine Challenge played for the first time at San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos golf courses as a 2 round tournament. This was the first of two competitions being played over the two courses this year, the next one being the Members Gala Week in July.

The St Valentine was a great success with 38 couples playing, between Pinheiros Altos members and guests, who were hosted at the Dona Filipa. I would like to thank Luis Filipe, Manager of the Dona Filipa Hotel and António Santos, Golf Director at San Lorenzo Golf Course for their support in running this event. Also a big thank you to all participants who helped us manage to raise over €3.000 for the various charities. Congratulations to Christian Holst & Rie Cherubini who had a fantastic round of 44 points at San Lorenzo to take the victory on a count back. Most importantly everyone involved seemed to have enjoyed the 3 days tournament and activities, and all have shown interest to be return next year for this event.



Registration of the St Valentines Tournament



Lisa Burns and Ken Irving



Philip and Bernadette Hardie with Glenys and Russell Graves



Nigel and Diana Collins with Mike Shepherd

Staked Trees

The St Valentine competition was the first competition played that allowed relief from the staked trees... from now, every competition played will allow relief from the remaining staked trees and revert to the usual rules.

Astro-Turf on the Driving Range

The setting of the artificial grass on the driving range is now complete on both ends of the range. We will be using the artificial grass throughout the whole of March and early April, as we have many groups from the hotels during that period. The aim is to revert back onto the grass during the Easter time. There will always be an area reserved to Members, even when we are playing from the artificial grass.

This year by having Easter later in April, the month of March is not such a busy one as tournaments are concerned, however, keep an eye for the Social golf on 9th March, St Patrick's Day medal on 16th and also the Men's Pairs Matchplay from 27th March... with the final being played on 30th March together with a Stableford competition open to all Members followed by the Prize Presentation.

The Easter board will soon be up in the main Clubhouse for all members to sign up for the various competitions of the Easter season. Make sure you get your names down soon to avoid disappointments.

From March until May, as always, it is the busiest season on the golf course at Pinheiros Altos and all other golf courses in the Algarve. This year does not seem to be any exception to that and therefore my advice is to, whenever possible, arrange to play in 4 balls as the pace of play on the golf course is based on teams of 4 balls. This will help make your games more enjoyable during this busy season.

Enjoy your Golf and I look forward to seeing many Members at the Club!

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on

Thursday 17th April 2014 at 10 a.m.

in the Clubhouse.

Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. Graeme Thomson.
3. Mr. Graeme Thomson summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. David Pirret.
4. The Captains acceptance speech.
5. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
6. The Chairman closes the meeting.

Questions for the Director of Golf at the A.G.M. should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Thursday 3rd April 2014.

Only questions made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered by the Director of Golf at the A.G.M.

If any principal member would like to stand for election as member's representatives to the Golf Committee they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by a principal member in writing, on or before **Thursday 3rd April 2014.**

It is my pleasure to present a photo gallery of the present and incoming Captains.



Graeme Thomson
Club Captain



David Pirret
Incoming Club Captain



Stewart Harper
Incoming Club Vice Captain



Rie Cherubini
Lady Captain



Adrienne Buth
Incoming Lady Captain



Cathy Harper
Incoming Lady Vice Captain

Competition Results for February

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2nd	February Medal	Philip Schofield	73 Nett (bb9)	Per Anton Kleppa	73 Nett
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Rie Cherubini	73 Nett	1st Division Thérèse v Doorn	75 Nett
		2nd Division Fiona Thomson	76 Nett	2nd Division Lisa Burns	77 Nett (bb6)
Wed 12th	Ladies Foursomes Championship	Thérèse v Doorn Adrienne Buth	34 Pts	Margo Fletcher Barbara Fletcher	33 Pts
Fri 14th Sat 15th	St Valentine's Day Mixed Tournament	Christian Holst Rie Cherubini	79 Pts (best 2nd round)	John Waters Sumbaline Waters	79 Pts
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Nancy Schofield	39 Pts	1st Division Janice Paterson	36 Pts (bb9)
		2nd Division Melody Cotterill	35 Pts	2nd Division Eva Lamaison	31 Pts
Sun 23rd	February Stableford	Kelvin White	36 Pts	Melody Cotterill	35 Pts (bb9)
Wed 26th	Ladies Day			Four Ball Better Ball Matchplay	

Ladies' Section by Rie Cherubini

The weather in the morning on Wednesday the 5th was one of those any Lady Captain will hate... We had very strong wind and rain overnight and it was very dark and humid in the morning. 16 of us started our round for the Monthly Medal, fully prepared for rain, but the weather got better and better, and we actually enjoyed the day out.

The golfing God again tested me on the 12th, the morning of the Ladies Foursomes Championship... not raining, but almost raining. When I arrived to the club at 7:15, the green keepers working around the green on the 1st hole of Pines made up my mind: we must play as long as the course is playable. Both the reception and I received quite a few phone calls from those who were expecting to hear that they could stay in bed. I wasn't very popular then, however, it turned out to be an absolutely playable day with a few misty showers and some sunshine. After the game, we all enjoyed sparkling wine, finger food and pizzas provided by the Ladies Section. Therese and Adrienne basked in their third victory. They have won this championship every other year... the rest of us may have a chance next year then!?



Shirley Griffiths presents the Trophy to the Foursomes Winners Thérèse van Doorn and Adrienne Buth



The Lady Captain Rie Cherubini and the Foursomes winners Thérèse van Doorn and Adrienne Buth



Runners Up Margo Fletcher and Barbara Fletcher with the Lady Captain.



3rd Place Hilary Jessup and Majida Lester receiving their prize.

On the 19th, 12 ladies of the 1st division and 8 of the 2nd division played the Qualifying Stableford. It was chilly in the morning, but the temperature warmed up nicely to ensure some very pleasant to play golf. The Big Three, the lowest handicappers of the day, Janice, Susan and Nancy went out together and came back as the winners of the 1st division: Nancy with 39 points, Janice (bb9) and Susan with 36 points. The winner of the 2nd division was Melody with 35 points. All 4 ladies lowered their handicaps. Congratulations!

Following the request from some ladies, I organized Four Ball Matchplay on the 26th for 24 ladies, over two courses. The weather was one of those all the Lady Captains will love... clear blue sky!

PINHEIROS ALTOS LADIES SECTION COLLECTIONS FOR SALVATION ARMY



On each Wednesday in March 2014, Pinheiros Altos Ladies Section will be collecting foodstuffs and other essentials to give to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families in the area. We ask all the members to assist in this worthy cause by donating some of the items mentioned below.

Non-perishable food

UHT Milk (suitable for children), cereals, flour, sugar, rice, pasta, biscuits. Oil, canned goods (ie. Tuna, sausages, beans)

Cleaning materials

Washing powder, washing-up liquid, bleach, surface cleaners, bathroom cleaners

Personal hygiene items

Soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls

Baby necessities

Disposable nappies, baby powder, baby lotion, shampoo, nappy cream

Pinheiros Altos Member Shirt

It is a pleasure to announce that we have new Club Member shirt. The shirt is by Tommy Hilfiger, white pique, half-sleeve 100% cotton for gents and French-sleeve and/or sleeveless 96% cotton 4% polyester for ladies, with grey PA logo and "CLUB MEMBER" embroidery. The shirt is exclusively for the PA members and the price is 40 Euros.

The shirt will be our Inter Club League team shirt. We also recommend members to wear the shirt when they represent the club.

At this opportunity, we thank Rosa who responded positively to our demand (it has to be cotton and available to all members with special price) and found the supplier.

You can try the shirt at the PA shop and Rosa will order if there is no stock of your size.

Graeme Thomson, Club Captain

Christian Holst, Inter Club Captain

Rie Cherubini, Lady Captain



Interclub by Christian Holst

There is not much new to report since the February Newsletter.

I have already received indications of availability from a good number of you but I still encourage as many as possible either to enter on the respective entrance sheets as they are posted or contact me directly. An updated match schedule is on the board in the Club House.

Our first match is due on 20th March against Silves International at home. Next match after that is against Quinta do Lago away on 3rd April.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible as the season starts properly. I also encourage you to buy the new club shirt as soon as you can.

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

For the second time in its short history, the combined P.A./Q. do L. Social Golf event had to be abandoned due to the vagaries of the weather... one of the recurrent problems with November (P.A.) and February (Q.do L.) fixtures. Despite best endeavours, the scheduled early start of 08-16 didn't allow Saturday night's revellers to remain in, or return to, bed by the time the decision was made to cancel the day's golf.

Due to Quinta North being closed, and a limited number of available tee times, we were restricted to thirty-two players from each club: Our list was over-subscribed and places had to be allocated on a first come basis, so apologies to those whose names weren't able to be included in the draw.

Notwithstanding the weather and the abandoned golf, the social part of the fixture went ahead as planned with all of the nominated players from each club plus guests, enjoying an excellent lunch ("enormous" Chicken Pie followed by dessert and coffee) in convivial atmosphere and genial hospitality at the Q. do L. Members Clubhouse.

Warm words of welcome and thanks were expressed by David Proctor, Captain of Quinta, prior to lunch which were reciprocated by our Captain, Graeme, expressing thanks for the generous hospitality and looking forward to the next combined Social on 23rd November at P.A.



The Lady Captain Rie Cherubini and David Proctor Captain of Quinta do Lago.



The Captain Graeme Thomson and Jane Reason the Lady Captain of Quinta do Lago



Convivial atmosphere at the Quinta do Lago Members Clubhouse.



Convivial atmosphere at the Quinta do Lago Members Clubhouse.

Our next Social Golf date is Sunday 9th March - a Waltz, organised by Jeannette Sohler and Roy Baddeley.

Forthcoming Events

March and April

Sat 1st March – Mens Roll Up

Sun 2nd March – St David's Stableford

Wed 5th March – Ladies Day

Sat 8th March – Mens Roll Up

Sun 9th March – 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 12th March – Ladies Day

Sat 15th March – Mens Roll Up

Sun 16th March – St Patrick's Day Medal

Wed 19th March – Ladies Day

Sat 22nd March – Mens Roll Up

Wed 26th March – Ladies Day

Thurs 27th March – Men Pairs Matchplay

Fri 28th March – Men Pairs Matchplay

Sat 29th March – Men Pairs Matchplay

Sun 30th March – Men Pairs Matchplay

Wed 2nd April – Ladies Day

Sat 5th April – Mens Roll Up

Sun 6th April – 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 9th April – Madrinha Trophy

Sat 12th April – Mens Roll Up

Sun 13th April – St Georges Stableford

Mon 14th April – Ladies AGM & Drive-In

Wed 16th April – Ladies Day

Thurs 17th April – Golf AGM & Captains Drive-In

Sat 19th April – Spring Medal & Past Captains Day
(No Roll Up)

Sun 20th April – Easter Scramble

Tues 22nd April – APPA AGM, Competition and Dinner

Wed 23rd April – Ladies Day

Sat 26th April – Strokeplay Championship (No Roll Up)

Sun 27th April – Stropkeplay Championship

Wed 30th April – Ladies Day

PRO TIP by Ross Sutherland

Keep the head still but let it turn

A golfer can allow his head to turn during the swing, provided he keeps it in one position relative to the ball.





5th March 2014

Dear Rie,

Thank you for your continued support of ACCA and for the kind donation of €1527.77 raised from the Silent Auction on Valentine's Day.

Shortly before Christmas, last year, we were contacted by the Rotary Club in Estoi on behalf of a 9yr old girl. Margarida was born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita, a genetic disorder which affects her joints and restricts full movement of her legs; as a result she was confined to a wheelchair.

Her doctor, Francisco Saint 'Anna from Donna Estefânia Hospital in Lisbon, advised her family that Margarida would be able to walk with the aid of callipers, however, it would take over two years for her to receive them due to Social Security waiting lists.

The callipers Margarida needs are hand-made and cost over €1500. Her family have a very limited income and would not be able to afford to buy them privately. The Rotary Club of Estoi had succeeded in raising €465 but needed help to raise the remainder.

As a result of your generous donation Margarida has received her callipers.

Gwenda, an ACCA volunteer, recently visited Margarida and her family and saw her running around with her friends, playing and enjoying her new-found freedom.

"Last week, I spent a lovely day with Margarida in Estoi. She is a bright, intelligent lively girl, who is so grateful to have her legs back. She was running everywhere and only has to use crutches when she is going on long walks. Her parents are very humble and grateful.

She will need replacement callipers in about 2 years, but she should get these through the Social Security, if she starts the process now."

Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the Pinheiros Altos Members for their generosity and kindness.

Many Thanks

Jenny Harrison
On behalf of ACCA
www.accakids.com



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06th–12th April 2014



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- Welcome Buffet Dinner including wine, soft drinks, mineral water and coffee at Sagres Restaurant
- Gala Dinner including house wine, soft drinks, mineral water and coffee in private room
- 50 driving range practice balls on golfing days

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