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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Stewart Harper

My first committee took place on the 27th of April and I was able to welcome our new Vice Captain Knut Pedersen. Mai Markey and the President were still in Ireland but business was dealt with in our usual time scale of 60/90 minutes. Both ex-captains remain on the committee and bring a helpful level of experience to the new members. The division of responsibility between local heads works well.

Our aim for the year is to see if the improvements to the course and club house can be maintained, and in addition we can find better uses for the club house and a higher level of catering for the members. There is much to be done and I will try and keep members updated as we progress through the year.

Though this is a very busy time of year, a useful meeting took place with our Club Director Christophe and Dona Filipa Manager Luis Filipe. This will hopefully lead to a wine tasting, giving a better choice of wines to members and a channel of communication with catering managers for future events.

The Captains Day on June the 13th is coming up fast. Details will be available shortly. I am hoping for an excellent day with good golf, good food and entertainment. I "toyed" with the idea of "black tie" but hoping for a hot evening decided "smart casual" was more appropriate; with ladies "best frocks" and a preference for jackets for men.

The Lady Captain and I have decided that this job is definitely full time! Hers more than mine. She will either become a computer whiz or be delegating very soon so watch out ladies!

I did get to go away last weekend with the President and 15 others to the K Club. The prize for guessing the number of balls lost over the three days was amongst many memorable moments... the total was 128! I only lost two!

David Pirret showed that without the responsibilities of Captain his golf was incomparable, winning the "Ballesteros Cup" (don't ask) by five shots over the three days. His best score was in almost unplayable driving rain and wind. Your President was as ever a perfect host at the "Gleneagles of Ireland".

Lastly, as most of you are aware, Jorge has left the club. He went rather suddenly, having decided to use some holiday allowance.

With Christophe's agreement, the President and I would like the members to volunteer a small contribution to a leaving gift, which will be presented to Jorge at a Saturday morning Roll-Up at the end of the month. An envelope will be available at the club reception. This is totally voluntary but Jorge has been a good manager for the club for over 10 years and I am sure the members will be generous. I wish him well in his new venture. My Greens Report will follow!



Club Captain and Lady Captain with the Easter Scramble Winners Tony Hickey, Paul, James and Melody Cotterill and Dan Henderson.



Easter Scramble Runners-up Robert Lester, Tim and Susan Russell and Nils and Janet Leffler.



Easter Scramble 3rd Place John and Sumbaline Waters, Lynn Brand, John Barrett and Amelia Drumm.



Easter Scramble 4th Place David and Kay Ford, Christine Soden, Debbie Madgett and Marian Jenkins.



Easter Scramble 5th Place Knut Pedersen, Morten and Tini Rolfser, Thérèse van Doorn and Remo Cherubini.



Easter Scramble Best Pro Team Gordon Brand, Peter and Joanna Young and Rainer and Kathy Grimm.



Past Captains and Spring Medal Winner Keith Fletcher receiving the trophy from the Club Captain and Lady Captain.



Stableford Winners



Medal Winners



Most Improved Man Golfer Mike Hassid



Most Improved Lady Golfer Stella Jeffrey



Easter spirit



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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

April has been a very busy month, with many competitions and social events for members; and the support during this month by the members has been exceptional. Many new owners took part in the activities and the club has all to gain for.

April started with our usual Easter Sunday Scramble, which had a great turn-out of 135 playing on the day. Golf was followed by the Easter Sunday BBQ. The big winners of the day, who finished 13 under par, were Tony Hickey, Dan Henderson, Paul, Melody and Jamie Cotterill with a 3,5 shot lead.

The following week saw the Club Stroke-Play Championship take place. We had great weather and one of the best turn-outs

for what was a tough test of golf from the back tees Medal Play over two days. Dan Henderson is the new Club Champion with gross scores of 76 and 78. While Sally Evans became Club Champion for her 5th time with scores of 83 and 87, and was also the only player matching her handicap over the two days. Congratulations to Dan and Sally!

The APPA AGM took place on the 7th of April and was followed by the usual Golf Tournament and Dinner in the evening. Again the turn-out for this competition was one of the best we have had for years and many new owners took place in the day, which was won by Bert Keuppens with 37 points.



APPA Winner Bert Keuppens and Wife Françoise Keuppens



APPA President Roger Kitson and APPA Runner-Up Dee Hirst



APPA Member 3rd Place Robert Lester



Non APPA Member Winner John Irving



Non APPA Member Runner-Up Melody Cotterill



Roger and Elizabeth Kitson



Club President David Markey with Monica and Dirk Blaesing



Karl Markey and Shirley Griffiths



Linda Bentley and John Linley



Fritz Richter and Peggy Muth



Eva Lamaison and Dorris Carp

The St George's Day Stableford was won by Adrienne Buth, which confirms that the ladies continue to clean-up on Medals and Stableford. Fortunately we changed the format at the AGM and decided to have a man and lady winner, which meant Tony Hickey was the best man of the day behind three ladies!

As all of you are probably aware, Jorge Afonso from catering has moved on and left Pinheiros Altos. I would like to thank him for all of his hard work and dedication over the last few years in running the club house in a professional way and wish him well in his new career.

Rui Tomé who has been with Pinheiros Altos since 1999 and worked closely with Jorge over the years, will now be the manager for catering at Pinheiros Altos. I am sure that his experience will be of great help in maintaining the service of catering at Pinheiros Altos. I wish him great success in his new role and will give him all of my support.

May is a very busy month on the golf course and the pace of play will be based on 4 balls, therefore, whenever possible make

sure you try to arrange 4 balls to avoid being held up on the course.

Also, we have the mixed pairs Match-Play Championship for the Russell Salver between the 21st and 24th of May. On the 28th of May, there will be the first tournament of the Portuguese Senior Golf Association South Region held at Pinheiros Altos. This tournament is open to men over 55 years old and ladies over 50 years old from all federated clubs in Portugal. It will be the first tournament of this association and we look to be developing it over the next few months for the official launch in 2016. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Also, do not forget that Captains Day is coming up very shortly on the 13th of June 2015 and we look forward to having many of you here for the day.

It remains to me to wish all the members good golfing at Pinheiros Altos!



Club Captain Stewart Harper and Lady Captain Cathy Harper with the Stroke-Play Championship Mens Runner-up Tim Russell



Stroke-Play Championship Mens Nett Winner Knut Ellingsen



Stroke-Play Championship Ladies Nett Winner Barbara Kyne



Stroke-Play Championship Mens Nett 2nd Place Chris Hales



Stroke-Play Championship Ladies Nett 2nd Place Zoë Pirret



Stroke-Play Championship Mens Nett 3rd Place John Scouler



Stroke-Play Championship Best 1st Round Men Nick Tucker-Brown



Stroke-Play Championship Best 1st Round Ladies Susan Russell



Stroke-Play Championship Best 2nd Round Men Tony Hickey



Stroke-Play Championship Best 2nd Round Ladies Christine Soden

Interclub by Christian Holst

We have played only one match since the last newsletter, which was at Home against Parque da Floresta and we won 4-1.

Our next match is at Home against Quinta do Vale on the 14th of May. This will be followed by

two tough matches against Alto Away and Home on the 28th of May and 4th of June.

It is still early days and difficult to judge if any of the other teams are standing out, but “so far so good”.

Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Sally Evans 2nd Division Lisa Burns	70 Nett 70 Nett	1st Division Denise Reed 2nd Division Molly Wainwright	75 Nett 77 Nett
Thur 2nd	Captain's Drive-in	Winners - Pines Iain Callaghan Shona Callaghan Paul Jervis Eva Lamaison Steve Quail	28,85	Winners - Corks Nick Gras Andy Georges Sue Georges Viv Lewis Lynn Lewis	30,1
Sat 4th	Spring Medal	Keith Fletcher	71 Nett	Rod Brown	72 Nett
Sun 15th	Easter Scramble	Paul Cotterill Melody Cotterill James Cotterill Dan Henderson Tony Hickey	-13	Janet Leffler Nils Leffler Tim Russell Susan Russell Robert Lester	-9,5 (BN -7,25)
Tues 7th	APPA Competition	Bert Keuppens	37 Pts (bbn)	Dee Hirst	37 Pts
Wed 8th	Ladies Day	Cancelled due to Bad Weather			
Sat 11th Sun 12th	Strokeplay Championship	Men Dan Henderson Ladies Sally Evans	154 gross 170 gross	Men Tim Russell Ladies Rie Cherubini	163 gross 176 gross
Wed 15th	Ladies Day	Cancelled due to Bad Weather			
Wed 22nd	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Margo Fletcher 2nd Division Linda Dixon	34 Pts 33 Pts	1st Division Zoë Pirret 2nd Division Pat Murrish	33 Pts (bb9) 33 Pts
Sun 26th	St George's Stableford	Best Lady Adrienne Buth	38 Pts	Best Man Tony Hickey	33 Pts
Wed 29th	Ladies Day	2 Ball Better Ball Match-Play			

Ladies Section - by Cathy Harper

The month of April started well with good weather, but it soon turned sour. Our second competition was rained off after 9 holes and the following week rain stopped play completely, as thunder and lightning were the order of the day.

I began to think I was the rain maker but things improved towards the end of the month. We played a qualifying Stableford, which was won by Margo Fletcher in the first division and Linda Dixon in the second division. The May Medal was won by Helen Mills in the first division and by Molly Wainwright in the second division.

It was lovely to have Mariëd Koojman and Diane Golding back with us and to welcome three new lady members into our midst; Kelly Browne, Sally Wingrove and Evelyn Amy. We look forward to them all joining us in the ladies competitions and club events.

We played our first ladies friendly match against Vila Sol away. We had a most enjoyable day there and the result was indeed friendly as we drew 2 ½ 2 ½. We were given a delicious lunch and, all in all, it was a day to remember.

We were all wearing our new club colours and were truly “in the pink”. Unfortunately the lady from Vila Sol who kindly took our photograph cut our heads off, so we need to take a new team photo at our next match!

We all enjoyed our games against Quinta do Lago in the Ben Hogan competition. Although the result was not what we hoped for, both the North Course and South Course were a joy to play... and there is always next year!

We are looking forward to our Ladies Invitation Day on May the 27th and we will welcome many ladies from other local clubs to play with us.

Finally and rather importantly, Linda Bentley is hosting an Ascot Ladies Day on June the 18th in order to raise money for the children's homes in Alvor and in Olhão. Please support this worthy cause. You do not have to be a golfer, just bring a big hat and a big heart to support this very important charity.



Ladies Day

ROYAL ASCOT

12 noon to 5pm
Thursday 18th June 2015

Open to all Lady members of
Pinheiros Altos Golf Club,
Places are limited

Ticket price for access to the
Royal Enclosure is 20 Euro
plus 15 Euro for your bets
payable on entry

Your hospitality package
includes all food and
beverages consumed in the
Royal Enclosure

**All profits will go to the Lady
Captains Charity**

Ladies Day is hosted by Linda Bentley at her home. Los Altos, Sitio dos Quartos. To reserve your place on the rails please use the sign up sheet at the club or RSVP to **ajlbentley@gmail.com**

To ensure entry, Posh Frocks and big hats are a must. Prize awarded for the most creative hat

The sign-up sheet is on the Ladies Board.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Invitation Day, on Captains Day on June the 13th and at Linda's in June.

Good golfing in the meantime.

Report from the Greens Committee

In our last report we hoped that the better weather expected (more rain and warmer nights) would show in improved growth and better playing conditions. In part this is the case, but there are still issues in relation to some fairways and greens. Generally the tees are much improved compared to last year and the greens are healthy, but after the “seeding” and some reappearance of poa grasses (which have been treated), the speed of the greens are a lot slower. The micro tining and “ironing” of the greens is starting again and speeds should improve.

There have been a few complaints about the rough and the course is therefore quite “tidy”; although it does seem we may have fallen behind in the schedule of cutting, which is very intensive at this time of the year. I have not played for 10 days so may be out of date? It is unfortunate that we have not been able to withdraw the clean and place as yet.

Our main concern is poor growth on some fairways (particularly Olives 2/7), with too many weed grasses and

bunkers still with excessive soft sand. Both need dealing with.

Christophe has agreed that our consultant can play a more “hands-on” role, working with the Greens Committee and Sisenando. The terms are being agreed very shortly. Carlos Guerreiro has agreed to carry out a monthly inspection and then prepare a written report. This will be discussed at a meeting with the committee and management including the Greens Manager.

With management agreement, the recommendations will then be carried out.

Like all clubs, the funds available for the course are not limitless and what we have we must use to the best of our ability. Hopefully this decision will make us more efficient and therefore successful? We remain optimistic.

Stewart Harper (Captain) Gordon Todd, Tony Hickey.

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

There was an excellent turnout of 36 players for this month's Social Golf, considering it was a dreaded Yellow Ball competition! The rules were somewhat softened from the customary “sudden death” format, to the yellow ball continuing from hole-to-hole, but void (scoring zero) on any hole that it went out of bounds or into the water. In itself, yellow ball always creates considerable controversy and a great deal of pressure upon the incumbent player. This was magnified on this occasion by Zoe's insistence of “No Gimmies” and every counting score having to putt out!

All this reflected in the scores, with only one team beating the nominal par of 144 points; namely that of Stewart Harper, John Bayston, Ineke Goossens and Shona Callaghan amassing 145 points on Pines/Corks. The runners-up (David Pirret, Alan Bentley, Deirdre Forde and Lise Kristiansen) scored 131 points. On Olives/Pines the scores were much lower, with the winning team comprising Helen Mills, Sylvia Mullins, Andy Georges

and Iain Callaghan scoring 130 points. They were followed in second place by Knut Ellingsen, Remo Cherubini, Adrienne Buth and Bente Pedersen on 110 points.

This function was Jorge's swan-song event at Pinheiros and appropriately, following an excellent supper, he was given a standing ovation in recognition of his many years' service at the club.

The next Social Golf event will be held on the 31st of May and will be a Team AM-AM competition organised by Dirk Blaesing and Nils Leffler.

Please also note that the entry lists for all Social Golf Events will close at 5pm on the preceding Wednesday to allow adequate notice for catering requirements.



PRO TIP - Kenny Fairbairn

Setting your Feet

Dig into the Sand to Produce a Solid Base for your Swing

You need good footing in the sand, especially if the sand is soft or sugary. The average player doesn't work his feet into the sand vigorously enough. Then playing the shot, he slides around and loses his balance, making a bad shot very probable. You have to twist your feet into the sand until the movement of your feet is restricted. In soft sand, I'll twist my feet until the sand is well above the soles of my shoes.

Forthcoming Events May – June 2015

Sat 2nd May	Men's Roll-Up
Sun 3rd May	May Medal
Tues 5th May	Club Roll-Up
Wed 6th May	Ladies Day
Fri 8th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA
Sat 9th May	Men's Roll-Up and The Ben Hogan Trophy QDL V PA
Tues 12th May	Club Roll-Up
Wed 13th May	Ladies Day
Fri 15th May	Past Lady Captains Day
Sat 16th May	Men's Roll-Up
Sun 17th May	May Stableford
Tues 19th May	Club Roll-Up
Wed 20th May	Ladies Day
Thurs 21st May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Fri 22nd May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sat 23rd May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Sun 24th May	Mixed Pairs Matchplay
Tues 26th May	Club Roll-Up
Wed 27th May	Ladies Invitation Day
Sat 30th May	Men's Roll-Up
Sun 31st May	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 2nd June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 3rd June	Ladies Day
Sat 6th June	Mens Roll-Up
Sun 7th June	June Medal
Tues 9th June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 10th June	Ladies Day
Sat 13th June	Captains Day (No Roll-Up)
Tues 16th June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 17th June	Ladies Day
Sat 20th June	Mens Roll-Up
Sun 21st June	June Stableford
Tues 23rd June	Club Roll-Up
Wed 24th June	Ladies Day
Sat 27th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers (No Roll-Up)
Tues 30th June	Club Roll-Up

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Associação Portuguesa de Seniores de Golfe

South Region

Opening Tournament 28th May 2015

Individual Stableford

Followed by lunch & Prize Presentation

€40 including Green-fee & Lunch

Pinheiros Altos Members €20

Men – 55 years old & over

Ladies – 50 years old & over

Information & Entries: Christophe Rindlisbacher

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Phone- 289 359910

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Members Gala Week & Sunshine Classic Challenge

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26th July to 1st August 2015

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ENTRY FORM

Player no. 1 - Name: _____

Phone no. _____

E-mail: _____

H'cp _____ (certificate required upon registration)

Player no. 2 - Name: _____

Phone no. _____

E-mail: _____

H'cp _____ (certificate required upon registration)

ENTRY FEE Sunshine Classic Pairs event

Member 120 Euros each / Guest 250 Euros each

Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Friday 31st July 2015

Entry Fee includes

B.B.Q & Shoot-Out on 29th July 2015, Brunch on 30th July 2015

Gala Dinner on 1st August 2015 and fantastic daily and overall prizes.

Players of the Pairs event may enter any of the optional events during Gala week at no extra cost

Monday 27 th July 2015	- Greensome at Pinheiros Altos	AM__	PM__
Tuesday 28 th July 2015	- 4 ball Better at San Lorenzo	AM__	PM__
Wednesday 27 th July 2015	- Myths & Legends Fancy dress shoot out	4pm	
Friday 31 st July 2015	- 2 ball Scramble at Pinheiros Altos	AM__	PM__

ENTRY FEE Members Gala Week Optional events ONLY

Member 80 Euros each / Guest 200 Euros each

Sunday 26th, Tuesday 28th & Thursday 30th July 2015

Entry Fee includes

Gala Dinner on 1st August 2015 and fantastic daily and overall prizes.

Player Name: _____

Phone no. _____

E-mail: _____

H'cp _____ (certificate required upon registration)

Sunday 26th July 2015 - Flag competition (medal format) (arrange own 4 ball)

Tuesday 28th July 2015- Individual Stableford at San Lorenzo AM__ PM__

Thursday 30th July 2015 - 5 Ball Scramble 1pm shot gun start (blind draw)

Payment by cheque in Euros to JJW Portugal SA or by cash at the Golf Club Office

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED

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