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# Altos

NEWS



PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

### **A guid New Year tae yin an' aw.....**

Seasonal preparations at Pinheiros began in earnest at the social golf on Sunday 8th December when with the help of Keith Fletcher and some other PA choir members (who also have the X factor), we were treated to a wonderful festive performance from 'The San Lourenzo Singers'... and given their success we very much hope there will be an encore in the not too distant future!

This also provided the ideal opportunity for our membership to focus their efforts in support of 'The Angels Programme', which as many of you will know is an annual initiative organised by ACCA, and coordinated by Jenny Harrison to ensure that children in care receive a gift at Christmas. A very worthy cause and one which is having to deal with an ever-increasing need! Well done to Jenny and all at PA who assisted her in this year's appeal.

Many congratulations to the winners of the various festive competitions which are listed in detail later in this newsletter.

I also wish to congratulate David Ford... who after 40+ years of golfing, eventually had his first hole-in-one at the 2nd on Pines on Sunday 29th December. An expensive pastime as the Champagne began to flow, but at least he can be thankful it didn't happen three days later!

With the Champagne still flowing, the theme for Hogmanay was Pink & Black Tie, and the staff did a wonderful job of appropriately decorating the restaurant.



Jorge, together with Nuno and their colleagues, produced and served an excellent meal, which with the quality wines on offer helped to sustain everybody and keep the party going well into New Year's Day!



*Bernadette Hardie, Fiona Thomson, Shirley Griffiths, Mai Markey, Paula Burke and Linda Bentley*



*Tim Russell, Graeme Thomson and John Stone*



*Susan Russell and David and Zoe Pirret*



*Thom, Sally and Brian Evans*



*Graeme Thomson, Rie Cherubini, Shirley Griffiths and Brian Evans*



*Philip Hardie, Ken Irving and John Wainwright*



*John and Janet Linley*



*Lisa Burns, Alan Bentley and Sumbaline Waters*



*Cyril Forde, Linda Bentley and John Waters*



*Debbie Madgett and Christine Soden*



*David Markey and David Ford*



*Molly Wainwright, Cathy Harper and Lisa Burns*



*David and Kay Ford*

The morning after the night before and 'major credit' to Jorge and his team again (it was almost as if they hadn't gone home!), who were in attendance and ready to provide caffeine on drip or as required!







The New Year's Day Texas Scramble is a wonderful way to start the year, being one of the most popular and best attended club competitions... and so it proved.

As most of you were aware your committee had also decided it was the appropriate event at which to acknowledge Brian Evans for his 19 years contribution to the development of Pinheiros Altos.

Brian was presented with an Oil Painting of his choice and a travel voucher from the Club membership and friends. He also received a framed montage of pictures, prepared by Shirley Griffiths, from Therese van Doorn and Rie Cherubini on behalf of a grateful ladies section, and a book of dedications produced by David Markey on behalf of the Staff and membership.

Finally, and with the excellent video skills of Alan Bentley, we were all treated to a remake of 'THE LIFE OF BRIAN'... Sally had raided the family archives and Alan had worked his magic to produce a very humorous DVD which was enjoyed by everyone and will form a wonderful memento for the Evans family.

Brian then warmly thanked the membership past and present for their support throughout the years, and closed by saying how delighted he was that his good friend Christophe had been appointed as his replacement!

A view which was readily acknowledged and applauded by all those present.

2014 is now upon us and I hope that you are all actively reviewing your Club diary to plan the year ahead.

Please make special note of the St. Valentines tournament in February, details of which are attached.

As I raise my glass... I send my best wishes to you and yours for the coming year, and may it bring all you wish for.

**Slàinte Mhath**

## Director of Golf – Monthly Report

December 2013 was, as usual, a busy month in the Members calendar with many Christmas competitions. I would like to thank Ross for running the Turkey Flutter and the Boxing Day, and also thank Roger for running the roll ups to allow me to take some time off with the Family over Christmas. Many Members mentioned how good they were at the job, which greatly pleased me of course, as they have clearly been very well trained indeed.

The Turkey Flutter was well supported with 44 players, and won yet again by Stella Jeffrey... meaning I will be paying very special attention to her handicap when doing the annual revision this month. We had 56 players at the Boxing Day and the winners were Sally & Thom Evans.

The Eclectic competition sponsored by Florida Golf (thanks to Chris Hales) was won for the men by Tim Russell, with a score of 64, and for the ladies Sally Evans won her second set of clubs, for a second year running, with a score of 65. Kelvin White & Barbara Kyne were the Nett Winners of the competition. I am pleased to announce that Chris Hales & Florida Golf will continue to sponsor this competition through 2014 and that all the Monthly medals will count for the eclectic.

The New Year's Day Scramble was a very special one this year with 135 players on the day and a presentation to acknowledge Brian Evans' 19 years as our Director of Golf. The presentation was a great success and surely one Brian will remember. I would like to thank all the members for their support, in particular Alan Bentley for producing the new version of "The Life of Brian". The Trophy is now the "Brian Evans New Year Scramble Trophy" and was presented by Brian Evans to the winning team of Terry & Sandra Little, John Parsons, Cyril & Hilary Forde.

On 19th December, Jenny Harrison, in partnership with Pinheiros Altos - represented by our Vice Captain Mr. David Pirret and his wife Zoe - had the pleasure to host 6 young boys from Candeias Childrens' Home. The idea was to give them an introduction to the game of golf, and an experience of the intricate maintenance work that goes on at the course. This was followed by a lunch, very kindly provided by Jorge... and an enjoyable day was had by all.



I would like to congratulate Jenny Harrison for all her hard work towards the ACCA foundation through this year; her dedication to the cause has been remarkable. A big thank you to all the Members who are continuously supporting such an important foundation.





Dear All,

Thank you for your continued support of ACCA throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful for all of your help and kind donations, and are putting the money we have raised to good use to improve the lives of disadvantaged children throughout the Algarve.

This year we launched the back to school programme, providing children with essential school materials and it was a great success. We tried to give each child the basics (bags, exercise books, pens, etc) but each pack also contained something special (a sparkly pencil, cool rubber or similar) to brighten their day.

The Angel programme, (which ensures that children in care receive at least one present for Christmas,) continues to grow. This year we provided presents for 1400 children, who were truly grateful for your generosity on Christmas day.

Our charity Christmas cards, designed by children from the homes we support, and produced thanks to four extremely kind sponsors, proved popular, selling out completely and raising over 600 euros.

We also raised 16000 euros as The Masters official charity, which they matched, giving a grand total of 32000 euros. We will spend this money on a variety of urgent projects including refurbishing bathroom facilities in two children's homes in Faro and Alvor, where conditions are desperate, as well as providing medical treatment to many individual children.

We will keep you all updated throughout the coming year and you can follow us on facebook for news of our current projects and fund raising events.  
[www.facebook.com/accakids](http://www.facebook.com/accakids)

Thanks again for your kindness, generosity and continued support of our work. Your donations are always very welcome but we are also extremely grateful for help provided by volunteers. Should you wish to become more involved with ACCA as a helper or volunteer please let me know and I will be happy to give you more information.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year,

Jenny Harrison  
On behalf of ACCA  
[www.accakids.com](http://www.accakids.com)

The 2nd Algarvian Invitational will be taking place from 17th until 19th January 2014 and there is already a full field of 78 players confirmed. The top 4 seniors from the 2013 European Seniors Tour ranking have confirmed their entries, which will turn this tournament into a must play event for many of the seniors looking to play the qualifying school the following week in the Algarve.

I together with all the staff would like to wish all the Members of Pinheiros Altos and their families a very Happy New Year and a great golfing year!

## Competition Results for December

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 4th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Thérèse v Doorn	76 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Susan Russell	77 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Daphne Higginson	79 Nett		
Wed 11th	Ladies Day 5 Clubs and a Putter	<b>Pines to Corks</b> Susan Russell Margo Fletcher Sandra Seddon	76 Pts	<b>Pines to Corks</b> Anne Copestake Adrienne Buth Vera Watkins	72 Pts
		<b>Olives to Pines</b> Hilary Jessup Diana Collins Kathy Grimm	80 Pts	<b>Olives to Pines</b> Rie Cherubini Wendy Menzies Ingrid Hollier	73 Pts
Sun 15th	December Medal	Susan Russell	74 Nett	Adrienne Buth	75 Nett
Wed 18th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Thérèse v Doorn	34 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Margo Fletcher	33 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Stella Jeffrey	30 Pts		
Sun 22nd	Christmas Turkey Flutter	Stella Jeffrey	36 Pts	Joe Hardwick	31 Pts (bb6)
Thurs 26th	Boxing Day	Sally Evans Thom Evans	40 Pts	Nancy Schofield Phil Schofield	38 Pts

## New Year's Day Scramble Results – Wednesday 1st January 2014

	TEAM	H'CP	SCORE
Winners	Terry Little Sandra Little John Parsons Cyril Forde Hilary Forde	7,0	-10 (B6 -3)
Pro Team	Gordon Brand Peter Young Joanna Young Stuart Anderson Leigh Anderson	1,0	-11
2nd Place	Tim Moores Stuart Beevers Rainer Grimm Kathy Grimm Justin Ryan	4,0	-10 (B6 -2)
3rd Place	Vernon Reed Denise Reed Chris Rindlisbacher Thom Evans Sally Evans	1,5	-9,5
4th Place	Martin Jessup Hilary Jessup Christian Holst John Scouler Rie Cherubini	1,0	1,0
5th Place	Ian Hepworth James Aitken Deidre O'Flynn Slaney Mullen Darrell Quirk	4,5	-8,5

## Ladies' Section by Rie Cherubini

Happy New Year!

Before talking about 2014, I must report on our activities in December that started with the Monthly Medal on the 4th, and played by a total of 16 players.

On the 11th we had the Ladies Day Christmas Special. After having such fun at the previous Sunday's Social Golf with 4 clubs and putter, I was thinking of 3 clubs and putter for the day. However, I was convinced by a couple of committee members that I should be generous for Christmas... and settled on 5 clubs and putter, 2 best scores to count on each hole and extra-generosity of "preferred lies".

As 2013 happened to be a tough year for many people around the world, through either financial difficulty or by natural disaster, the committee decided not to exchange gifts like previous years. Instead the ladies were asked to contribute some money to charity boxes, either for those in the Philippines or for the Lady Captain's charity fund.

After the round we enjoyed mulled wine, pizza and chips provided by the Ladies Section, and a huge cake provided by Vera Watkins who was celebrating her birthday. As a special gift (?!), the committee prepared a quiz on the rules of golf and winners received chocolates as prizes. It was a very windy day, but all of us had a good time both on and off the golf course.



*Lubna Cater, Zoe Pirret and Stella Jeffrey*



*Rie Cherubini, Ingrid Hollier and Wendy Menzies*



*Adrienne Buth, Vera Watkins and Anne Copstake*



*Marianne Wiren, Helen Mills and Janet Leffler*



*Susan Russell, Margo Fletcher and Sandra Seddon*



*Yvonne White, Shirley Griffiths and Janine van de Ree*



*Thérèse van Doorn, Pat Murrish and Jenny Harrison*



*Diana Collins, Hilary Jessup and Kathy Grimm*

As every year, we put a mail box for Christmas cards in the Ladies Locker room. In addition, this year - with help from Cristina - I made a board for those who preferred to spend money on the charities of their choice and to express their best wishes to everyone. This new initiative received very positive feedback, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who understood and supported the project.

The last Ladies Day of 2013 was the 18th and 17 ladies (12 from the 1st division and 5 from the 2nd) played the Qualifying Stableford.

Farewell to 2013 and welcome to 2014, the Year of the Horse. According to the Chinese calendar the Year of the Horse is known as the year of leaders who wants to make a difference in the world. 2014 is a year filled with grit, determination, vitality, endurance and true spirit that will keep everyone strong in a year full of turning points... each of us is a leader of our own life and ambitions, and each of us can make this year a better one with the strength and wisdom of the Horse. Wishing you all the best!

## Social Golf by Graeme Thomson

The final social of 2013 took place on Sunday 8th December and had been organised with a festive theme in mind! The San Lourenzo Singers were booked for a post dinner performance and the Christmas tree was prepared to receive the Children's gifts for ACCA.

Even the golf course wished to play its part, when at one point during the round it appeared as if we had organised snow to fall.



This however turned out to be ash from a forest fire, and it seemed to be everywhere!

Undeterred, we played on with our '4 clubs and a putter', and given the team scoring...it begs the question: 'why do we all normally choose to take a full set?'

### Pines/Corks

1st Place	Helen Mills, Sandra Seddon, Alan Bentley, & Mike Shepherd.	76 Points
2nd Place	Rie Cherubini, Michiel van Doorn, John Carver, & Vera Watkins.	74 Points

### Olives/Pines

1st Place	Bertil Wiren, Sylvia Mullins Graeme Thomson, Kieran Nagle.	80 Points
2nd Place	Therese van Doorn, Peter Mills, Lene Techeron, Nils Leffler.	76 Points



*Winners on the Pines and Corks Course*



*Winners on the Olives and Pines Course*

Some 40 social golfers and partners were joined by a further 30 choir members and guests for mulled wine and an excellent Christmas meal provided by Jorge, Nuno and staff - who were subsequently presented with a festive gratuity by Therese van Doorn and Roy Baddeley on behalf of all social participants throughout 2013.



The San Lourenzo Singers under the musical directorship of Joyce Whitelaw has only recently been formed and includes a number of talented Pinheiros Altos members. In only their second public performance, they kindly agreed to perform a range of Carols and contemporary music... to the considerable enjoyment of all!



Towards the end of the evening, the gifts from under the tree were presented to Jenny Harrison, who on behalf of ACCA kindly thanked Pinheiros members for continuing to support 'The Angel Programme'.

Please watch the club notice board for our next social on Sunday 18th January.

## Forthcoming Events

### January and February

Wed 1st January – New Year’s Scramble (No Ladies Day)

Sat 4th January – Mens Roll Up

Sun 5th January – Winter Medal

Wed 8th January – Ladies Day

Sat 11th January – Mens Roll Up

Sun 12th January – 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 15th January – Ladies Day

Thu 16th January – Algarve Invitational Seniors

Fri 17th January – Algarve Invitational Seniors

Sat 18th January – Algarve Invitational Seniors

Sun 19th January – Algarve Invitational Seniors

Wed 22nd January – Ladies Day

Sat 25th January – Mens Roll Up

Sun 26th January – January Stableford

Wed 29th January – Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain

Sat 1st February – Mens Roll Up

Sun 2nd February – February Medal

Wed 5th February – Ladies Day

Sat 8th February – Mens Roll Up

Sun 9th February – 18 Holes Social Golf at Quinta do Lago

Wed 12th February – Ladies Foursomes Championship

Fri 14th February – St Valentine’s Day

(San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos)

Sat 15th February – St Valentine’s Day

(San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos)

Wed 19th February – Ladies Day

Sat 22nd February – Mens Roll Up

Sun 23rd February – February Stableford

Wed 26th February – Ladies Day

## PRO TIP by Ross Sutherland

### Start The Downswing With Left Knee

How to deliver the club property from inside the target line

If you’re having trouble keeping your swing consistent when a match is on the line, key on your left knee to start your downswing.

When you practise, remember to support your backswing with your right leg, then move your left knee and thigh first laterally, then rotationally, to your left. This allows your arms to drop the club inside the target line on the downswing for long and consistent shots.



Vale do Lobo 6th January 2014

Dear Members,

I am writing this open letter to say a big thank you to the Pinheiros Altos Membership for its support and friendship during my time as Director of Golf.

I would also like to ask those members I have upset at any time (95% of you no doubt!) to forgive me. I can only assure you that I always had the best interest of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club at heart, even with the ladies section, which probably thinks that it has made such tremendous progress over the years in spite, rather than because of, me!

While I expected a presentation to me on New Years Day I was not prepared for the emotional roller coaster caused by Alan Bentleys production of "The life of Brian"! The photo album from the staff produced by David Markey and the collage from the ladies created by Shirley Griffiths. I must therefore apologise to everyone there for the very "shaky" presentation of my short speech and thank everyone involved in making the day so memorable for me.

Over the years each Club Captain and Lady Captain has contributes in their own way to the successful development of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club and I do not have enough space here to recount their exploits although I might write a book one day!

As for the Presidents, Bernie Mayer, Malcolm Helder and Walter Dickson (a few more chapters!) I thank each of them for their total support and long may Walter continue in his roll.

The golf staff at Pinheiros Altos have my most heartfelt thanks and there is no doubt that they have been the biggest contributing factor in creating the friendly atmosphere which Pinheiros Altos is renowned for today.

I am so happy that Christophe has taken over from me as Director of Golf. Over the years he has become one of my best friends and he totally understands the necessity to continue to develop the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club in, what is, a proprietary golf course operation both in the best interest of the membership and the Company. I wish Chris and his team every success in the future.

So, wherever I am and whatever I do in the future I will always remember Pinheiros Altos, the members and staff with great affection and I wish you all health, wealth, happiness and of course, good golfing!

Yours sincerely,

Brian Evans





## The Inaugural St. Valentine's Day Mixed Golf Tournament

*Friday 14th & Saturday 15th February 2014*



3 nights at the Dona Filipa Hotel

3 rounds of golf (Pinheiros Altos and San Lorenzo)

Cocktails

Gala Dinner

and many prizes



# Entry Form

## The Inaugural St. Valentine's Day Mixed Golf Tournament

*Friday 14th & Saturday 15th February 2014*

Name	
E-mail	
Club	h'cp

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### Itinerary

**Thurs - 13th February :**

8.00am– 1.00pm  
Reserved tee-times, practice round at Pinheiros Altos  
'Check-in' from 2pm at the Dona Filipa Hotel  
7:30pm – 8:30pm :  
Cocktail reception & registration in the Dona Filipa hotel.

**Fri - 14th February :**

1st Round St. Valentine's Tournament Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo,  
details provided at registration Evening at your leisure

**Sat - 15th February :**

2nd round St. Valentine's Tournament  
Your alternate round at either San Lorenzo or Pinheiros Altos  
7:30pm Reception for 8:00pm Gala Dinner & Dance, and prize presentation at  
The Dona Filipa Hotel

**Sun - 16th February :**

Check-out by noon from the hotel

### Accommodation at The Dona Filipa Hotel – Vale do Lobo

**'Classic Room' Package:** 2 pax sharing Double/Twin room **€560 (Total per couple)**  
Single room **€390**

**'Deluxe Room' Package:** 2 pax sharing Double/Twin room **€599 (Total per couple)**  
Single room **€445**

**Each Package Includes:** 3 nights accommodation, 3 rounds of golf, daily prizes,  
and also the Cocktail reception & Gala Dinner.

**Additional:** Extra nights and/or golf can be requested and quoted separately.

Maximum of 80 non-members allowed. Early reservation is encouraged

Closing date for entries: Friday 17th January, 2014

**SIGN UP FOR MEMBERS WILL BE POSTED ON THE MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD**

Entries should be sent by email to  
Christophe Rindlisbacher on crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com or to Cristina Fernandes on cfernandes@jjwhotels.com