

Altos



Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Dear Fellow Members,

I'm delighted to inform you that your committee, along with the assistance of the Club management, have begun the process of creating an interactive website for members. Please note, it's still in its infancy and will undoubtedly have the odd teething issue while we seek to broaden its functionality.

At present it can be accessed through <http://www.pinheirosaltos.com/golf-tournaments>, and allows you to register for forthcoming competitions.

Longer term, we envisage having a secure members access within the Pinheiros Altos corporate website and hope to make this a proactive members tool for the benefit of all.

It will certainly improve from active use and I would encourage all members to review and provide feedback to the golf office so we can understand what improvements and refinements are appropriate to our membership.

Our AGM is rapidly approaching and accordingly my year as your Captain is nearing its end. I will of course summarise my year at the AGM, but as this newsletter will be my last, and in the certain knowledge that not all members are able to attend, I would like to record my appreciation to the membership for their generous support throughout my year. I consider the community spirit to be alive and well within PA and as your captain I've been privileged to be a beneficiary during the 2013/14 season.

I have been extremely fortunate to share my year with a very energetic Lady Captain in Rie Cherubini, who it has been a delight to work with. She makes no secret of her competitiveness and still revels in presenting me with the 'Wooden Spoon'. Rie... I congratulate you on a very successful year on and off the course - and on your recent fifth 'Hole-in-One' at the 9th of Pines during the Matchplay Sunday Stableford.

I must also mention Christophe Rindlisbacher for whom it has been an unexpected transitional year and who with the assistance of Cristina Fernandes is doing an exceptional job as our new Director of Golf.

Finally I wish to thank my wife Fiona and our family for their considerable support and assistance, particularly with ideas for the various functions organised throughout my year in office.

My year has been very enjoyable for many reasons but particularly for the unexpected Championship wins. Firstly with Fiona in the Foursomes last November, which stunned everyone, not least ourselves... and now last weekend it has truly been capped off with victory in the Mens Fourball Matchplay, with a very tolerant Declan Quilligan. For some it's club selection, but for me it's evidently partner selection and I'm very grateful to them both.

In closing I wish to send my best wishes to David Pirret as incoming Club Captain and Adrienne Buth as incoming Lady Captain, together with their respective Vice Captains Stewart and Cathy Harper for the forthcoming 2014/15 season and assure them of my continuing support.

Yours aye,
Graeme

Director of Golf – Monthly Report

Dear Members,

April is a very busy month this year as we have our usual Golf Club AGM, Captain's Drive in, with the Spring Medal two days later... and the Easter Scramble on Easter Sunday. The following week we have the APPA AGM and tournament open to every member, followed by a Social Jazz dinner. The Stroke-play Championship will be played over the last week-end of April. As you can see there is plenty to do over Easter, so please do not forget to sign for the various competitions, and as mentioned by the Captain you can now do it online.

The last few weeks has been very much concentrated on refreshing the Golf Club Rules which are now being finalized after taking some comments from various members into consideration, and will soon be re-published on the website. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their very important input in improving the Rules and structure of the Club. The members of the Golf Club Committee have put many hours into this project, which will enhance the day to day operation of the Golf Club. I look forward to the AGM, at which time the refreshed Golf Club Rules and new structure will finally be put into operation. This will without a doubt improve the communication to the wider Membership and give members the opportunity to better express their views through the various sub-committees... which will in turn feed back to the Golf Club Committee.

March saw David Dixon winning the St David's Stableford and Phil Schofield taking the St. Patrick's Medal.

The Men's Pairs match-play was played over 4 days and concluded on the last Sunday of March. Our Club Captain Graeme Thomson again showed his skills at selecting good partners, when he managed to pick the 2013 Match-play Champion, Declan Quilligan. Graeme & Declan, however, did not have an easy task as they won their opening matches on the 22nd and on the 19th holes respectively. They won the final on Sunday by beating Rainer Grimm & Martin Jessup. Congratulations to the new Men's pair match-play Champion Graeme Thomson & Declan Quilligan!



The Men's pair Matchplay winners Graeme Thomson and Declan Quilligan with Christophe.



Runners up of the Men's pair Matchplay Rainer Grimm and Martin Jessup with Graeme and Christophe.

Also Congratulations to Rie Cherubini on her Hole in one on that same day which will also be posted on the board as it was part of a competition.



Graeme Thomson presenting Rie Cherubini the Hole-in-one certificate.

I look forward to see many Members at the AGM and for all the other Easter activities!

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Clube de Golfe dos Pinheiros
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 17th April 2014
Agenda

9.30 a.m. Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the AGM

Important Note: If less than 50% of members are present the meeting will take place 30 minutes later with any number of members present.

1. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr Graeme Thomson.
2. Mr Graeme Thomson summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr David Pirret.
3. The Captains acceptance speech.
4. Report from the Fiscal Board.
5. Approval of Financial accounts.
6. Approval of the Governing Bodies of Clube de Golfe dos Pinheiros.
7. Approval of the new set of rules.
8. Election of the Members representative for the Committee.
9. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
10. Any other business.

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 in respect of the forthcoming A.G.M. made in writing and presented by the due date will be answered at the A.G.M.

If any Principal member would like to stand for election as a Member's representative to the committee, he/she should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by a principal member in writing, on or before **Thursday, 3rd April 2014**.

Competition Results for March

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2nd	St David's Stableford	David Dixon	34 Pts (bb9)	Nigel Collins	34 Pts
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Christine Soden	78 Nett	1st Division Paula Burke	80 Nett
		2nd Division Adrienne Buth	72	2nd Division Paula Burke	74 Nett
Wed 12th	Ladies Day 2 Best Scores	Pines to Corks Hilary Jessup, Mai Markey and Stella Jeffrey	74 Pts	Pines to Corks Rie Cherubini, Melody Cotterill and Mai Markey	72 Pts
		Olives to Pines Susan Russell, Lubna Cater and Dee Hirst	76 Pts	Olives to Pines Majida Lester, Adrienne Buth and Diana Collins	62 Pts (bb9)
Sun 16th	St Patrick's Day Medal	Phil Schofield	69 Nett	Denise Reed	74 Nett (bb9)
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Helen Mills	35 Pts	1st Division Denise Reed	32 Pts
		2nd Division Stella Jeffrey	28 Pts	2nd Division Adrienne Buth	26 Pts
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Reversed Waltz	Corks to Olives Irene Meier-Bohen Shirley Griffiths	67 Pts	Corks to Olives Sue Georges Diana Collins	59 Pts
		Olives to Pines Melody Cotterill Helen Mills Eva Lamaison Shirley Griffiths	68 Pts	Olives to Pines Meg Black Anne Copestake Yvonne White Kathy Grimm	59 Pts
Thur 27th Fri 28th Sat 29th Sun 30th	Men's Pairs Matchplay	Graeme Thomson Declan Quilligan	4/3	Rainer Grimm Martin Jessup	
Sun 30th	Individual Stableford	Rie Cherubini	38 Pts	Niall Counihan	35 Pts (bb9)

Ladies' Section by Rie Cherubini

As I write this activity report for March I hear heavy rain pouring down... April Weather!

On the 5th of March, 8 players from the 1st Division, 7 from the 2nd and a guest, 17-year-old 5 handicapper, Anouk Sohier - granddaughter of Jeanette and Albert Sohier - played the Monthly Medal. It was very foggy in the early morning and very windy all day. The 1st Division players struggled and were impressed by the results of the 2nd Division. Adrienne Buth won with a fantastic net 72 (which was calculated as 69 according to the standard scratch) and Pat Murrish came 2nd with net 74. As far as I remember, this was the first time that the results of the 2nd Division beat that of the 1st on a Medal day.

On following Wednesday, the 12th, 25 ladies enjoyed an easy and relaxing game; the best 2 scores to count on each hole. The tent was very colourful and noisy with many ladies.

20 players played the Qualifying Stableford on the 19th. Helen Mills' 35 points was good enough to win over 32 points by Denise Reed and was calculated as 38 points. On the day, 4 ladies recorded birdies on par 3s and won birdie balls. The consumption of birdie balls has been outstanding in the last 12 months. The ladies are getting better and better!

On the 26th, 25 of us enjoyed Reversed Waltz 3-2-1 over two courses. It was a clear but very cold day with strong north wind.

After the game we all went straight to Lubna Cater's house, who kindly invited all the ladies for lunch to celebrate my retirement (or to kick me out!?!). The table was filled with beautiful dishes and in a very short time all the food was gone because of 36 hungry women! Thank you, Lubna and helpers; Margo, Cathy, Angela, Jo, Linda, Denise and Janet. Another thank you to Iain Cater for wine and Paul Cotterill for serving drinks.





Ingrid Hollier, Diana Collins and Sue Georges



Sabine Schlegel and Thérèse van Doorn



Helen Mills, Denise Reed, Shirley Lamb and Kathy Grimm



Cathy Harper, Leigh Anderson and Rie Cherubini



Rie Cherubini, Shirley Griffiths, Irene Meier-Boehm and Melody Cotterill



Jan Dickson and Hilary Jessup

This is my last report for the year 2013-2014.

A year ago Therese handed the captaincy over to me together with a pressure to be the Lady Captain for the first time in my life, right after such an experienced Captain. The first 2 months seemed forever and the last 10 months passed with super turbo engine. I repeat the same sentence over and over; I enjoyed every single moment of the last 12 months.

It is all thanks to people around me: Christophe, Cristina, all the golf staff, Jorge and his team, the Club Committee. At this opportunity I would like to especially thank Graeme for his tremendous support throughout the year, and to congratulate him not only for his successful captaincy, but also for his miraculous achievement to win two championships in his year (he must like having partners though...), and let's not forget, he even managed to win the Wooden Spoon!

I would like to thank "my" committee members; Adrienne, Therese, Yvonne, Diana, Zoe and Janet for helping me all the time. The meetings were always enjoyable with active discussions and new ideas.



Last but not least, my BIGGEST thank you goes to all the ladies who encouraged and supported me with their smiles and kind words. It was an absolute pleasure to serve my time for organizing weekly activities, which I learned a lot from. I must treasure this wonderful experience forever.

THANK YOU!

Social Golf by Roy Baddeley

On a very blustery, windy day, 44 players played a very enjoyable 'Waltz' (one score to count on 1st, 2 scores to count on 2nd and 3 scores to count on 3rd) played on Pines/Corks and Corks/Olives courses. In spite of the very strong wind some very good scores were achieved. Afterwards we all sat down for our special social meal with lots of camaraderie and friendship in social banter. My thanks go to Jorge who gave us an excellent meal.

	Pines to Corks Course		Corks to Olives Course	
1st Place	Tony Hickey Heidi Ellingsen Cheever Hardwick Meg Black	79 Pts	Knut Ellingsen Sue Georges Zoë Pirret Helen Mills	82 Pts
2nd Place	David Pirret Dee Hirst Remo Cherubini Linda Bentley	73 Pts	David Markey Marianne Wirén Nils Leffler Pat Galloway	79 Pts

The next Social game will be on 6th April so come and join us for a real Fun Afternoon.

Interclub by Christian Holst

The season is now well underway. Our first match against Silves International was won 5-0 and as I am writing this our next match is two days away, and against Quinta do Lago at home, provided the weather improves sufficiently.

There are two more matches this month, against Boavista away on the 22nd and at home against Carvoeiro on the 28th.

Although we have a good core of players for the team I would still encourage more of you to contact me one way or the other if you are interested in playing.

The away matches in particular can be challenging and since every individual match counts it is important to have the strongest team possible.

Forthcoming Events

April and May

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

Sat 3rd May – Mens Roll Up

Sun 4th May – May Medal

Wed 7th May – Ladies Day

Sat 10th May – Mens Roll Up

Wed 14th May – Ladies Day

Fri 16th May – Past Lady Captain's Day

Sat 17th May – Ladies Day

Sun 18th May – May Stableford

Wed 21st May – Ladies Day

Thurs 22nd May – Mixed pairs Matchplay

Fri 23rd May – Mixed pairs Matchplay

Sat 24th May – Mixed pairs Mathplay

Sun 25th May – Mixed pairs Mathcplay

Wed 28th May – Ladies Day

Sat 31st May – Mens Roll Up

PRO TIP by Kenny Fairbairn

Buried lie in a bunker

Move the ball back in your stance to a point just inside your right heel.

Grip the club a little more firmly than normal.

Align the clubface square or even closed to the hole.

Then turn your left shoulder under your chin.

Combined with the adjusted ball position, this leads to your picking the club up quickly with your arms – not with an abrupt breaking of the wrists.

Coming down, hit hard with your right hand.

The club enters the sand at an acute angle and so your follow-through will be short.

The ball will run further on hitting the green, so try to allow for it.