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NEWS



PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Pirret

Firstly, let me thank everyone who attended the annual general meeting. I have received many positive comments about the AGM and the changes that were voted through, which we now need to put into to action to improve our club. Particular thanks goes to all those who joined me for the drive-in lunch when we raised €2,650 for ACCA, which is my principal charity.



The transition of the Outgoing Captain Mr Graeme Thomson to incoming Captain Mr David Pirret



Outgoing President Mr Walter Dickson and incoming President Mr David Markey



Captain's Drive-In



Christophe with Past Presidents Walter Dickson and Malcolm Helder



Captain and wife Zoë



The Drive-In winner Philip Hardie and the Captain



Sue Georges, Diana and Nigel Collins and Jenny Harrison.



Bernadette and Philip Hardie with Fiona Thomson



The Captain starting his campaign against racism



Captain's Drive-In Runners Up



Captain's Drive-In Winners



Frank and Mary Ward



Tim Russell, Paul and James Cotterill

I am sure it will be a pleasure working with our new Lady Captain Adrienne, and also Vice Captains Stewart and Cathy Harper, during the year.

Unfortunately, my first big event – the Easter Scramble – fell victim to torrential rain which flooded the greens (and subsequently us too) after just 4 holes. We may have been rained off the course but we had a good party, with excellent food and service from Jorge and his team, by the end of which the sun returned to Pinheiros.

The Strokeplay Championship was held in great conditions and congratulations goes to Tim Russell for winning the Men's prize for the third year in a row, and to Sally Evans for winning the Ladies' Prize.

At the time of writing we are preparing for the Ben Hogan Trophy against our friends at Quinta do Lago. This year, all matches will be played at PA so I hope the home advantage will see us victorious, giving us a 6-4 lead on the 10th anniversary of the competition.

From the 22nd May we have the Mixed Pairs Matchplay, and I hope we will have a large turnout for this event.

Sadly, I have to report that Quintino, one of our greenkeepers, died in April after a long illness. In order to assist his family we are hoping to raise some funds at the Hillbillies vs Sanddancers event on the 7th June. A number of us were at the K Club last week and due to generous donations we have already raised €420 for his family.

I wish everyone a great year on and off the course.

Director of Golf – Monthly Report

Tim Russell is the Pinheiros Altos Men's Club Champion for his third year in a row, while Sally Evans became the Pinheiros Altos Ladies Club Champion for the 4th time since she won it for the first time in 2004. Congratulations to both of them on their fantastic performance of what is an endurance test of golf, involving playing 36 holes medal of the back tees. Congratulations to Mike Hassid, who won the nett overall with his first round of 65 nett. He is now back to single figures with his new handicap of 9.



The Captain and Strokeplay Championship Runner Up Declan Quilligan



Lady Captain and Strokeplay Championship Lady Runner up Susan Russell



Lady Captain and Joanna Young Nett lady winner



The Captain and Mike Hassid Nett men winner

April 2014 was by far one the busiest months of golf, social events and activities we've had for a long time. The very busy week of Easter started with the ladies' AGM, when Rie Cherubini passed her duty of Lady Captain to Adrienne Buth in great style with a partial striptease for the 40 ladies present, and myself (someone had to represent the company). Adrienne Buth went on to do her drive-in which went exceptionally well.

3 days later, it was time for the Golf AGM, which had one of the best attendance for many years, with over 120 members present where Graeme Thomson introduced the new Pinheiros Altos Captain David Pirret. One of the highlights of the AGM was the approval of the new structure and Golf Club rules that are now in operation. The creation of the sub-committees (greens, house, social, competitions/handicap and disciplinary) should help the communication between members and the company. I would like to ask all members to use the channels of the committee and its sub-committees to give their suggestions regarding what can be improved. This is so these matters can be discussed by the committee and dealt with when possible.

The new golf rules and structure can be found in the Pinheiros Altos website under www.pinheirosaltos.com/members/golf-club-documents.



Stuart Beevers, Joe Hardwick and Alan Bentley

The AGM was followed by the Captain's drive-in, which followed in the footsteps of the Lady Captain with an excellent drive. A 9-hole competition and the Captains drive-in lunch was offered by the incoming Captain Mr David Pirret to the 106 members present, which raised €2,650 for charity.

My congratulations go to Graeme Thomson and Rie Cherubini on their very successful time in office. My best wishes also go to David Pirret & Adrienne Buth for their coming year in office.

I would like to thank Therese Van Doorn, Walter Dickson, Roy Baddeley and Iain Callaghan for their input and all their support over the many years, as they have decided to leave the committee this year.

On Good Friday, 24 members got together to play the 3rd 'Joe the Pro' Challenge to celebrate his 82nd Birthday. The Competition was won by a couple of bandits Stuart Beevers and Alan Bentley, who have definitely caught the attention of the handicap committee. Well done Stuart and Alan!



Lady Captain and Spring Medal winner Declan Quilligan

Unfortunately, this year we were not as lucky as last year with the weather and the Easter Scramble had to be called off due to adverse weather conditions. However, everybody came back for 12pm to proceed with the lunch, which turned out to be a great success.



Johnny Lee, Ross Sutherland, Jamie O'Doherty and Paul Grenhalp



Hilary Jessup, Robert Lester and Rie Cherubini



Susan Russell, Nils Leffler and Stella Jeffrey



Lisa Burns, Alan Bentley and Zoë Pirret



Stewart Harper, Adrienne Buth and David Pirret



Christine Soden, David Ford and Debbie Madgett

The trophy of the most improved man of the year was presented to Peter Young, while Susan Russell was the most improved lady of the year. All the medals and Stableford winners of the year as well as the Spring Medal winners were presented at the lunch. We also drew some of the prizes of the Easter Scramble out of a hat, and the Captain managed to pick his own team for a prize as his first duty in office. Well done Captain!



Most improved man of the year Peter Young receiving the trophy from the Lady Captain



Most improved lady of the year Susan Russell receiving the trophy from the Captain



Stableford winners



Medal Winners



The three lucky teams that were drawn out the hat to receive a prize



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The APPA tournament that followed the Easter weekend was a great success, with a record 49 entrants and 68 attendees at the dinner, which was a great meal provided by Jorge and his staff, as per usual. The winner, with 36 points, was Philip Hardie, who saw his handicap being cut based on his performance.



Rita Brown with Dorris and Joop Carp



Roger and Liz Kitson



Lisa Burns, Philip Hardie and Linda Bentley

Ingrid Hollier, Sandra Seddon, Sylvia Mullins, Isabel Clark and Valerie Bayston





Christophe and Roger Kitson presenting the trophy to the APPA Competition winner Philip Hardie

Works on the path on holes 1 on Corks and 7 on Olives and other areas will start this month. Also, the green staff will improve the quality of the bunkers with some new sand, which has already been applied on the first 2 holes of Pinheiros course. This will be an on-going task during the year.

The course continues to be very busy during May, so please try to play in 4 balls as much as possible. The pace of play on the Golf Course is based on 4 balls and will make your rounds more enjoyable.

Upcoming events include the Ben Hogan Trophy, which will be played entirely at Pinheiros Altos this year, as Quinta do Lago has one course closed. However, to even things out, we will be playing both rounds at Quinta do Lago next year, including one round on Quinta do Lago North.

The Mixed Pairs Matchplay event will start on 22nd May, and you still have time to enter a team. Also, keep your eyes peeled, as we will soon be introducing a mixed roll-up on Tuesdays lunch times, open to all Members of the Club. More information will be posted on the board and in the next newsletter.

Please note that you can now enter tournaments and check results online at the following link:
www.pinheirosaltos.com/golf-tournaments.

I would especially like to thank Cristina in the Golf Office and all my staff in the shop, reception, golf course and the green staff for their hard work and assistance in the last few weeks.

Enjoy your Golf at Pinheiros Altos Golf Club!

Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	Cancelled due to bad weather			
Wed 9th	Madrinha Trophy	Rie Cherubini Stella Jeffrey	35 Pts	Susan Russell Melody Cotterill	33 Pts
Sun 13th	St Georges Stableford	Angela Roberts	36 Pts (bb9)	Zoë Pirret	36 Pts
Mon 14th	New Captains 9 holes team game	Zoë Pirret Susie Hobday Lisa Burns Anne Tucker Brown			
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<i>1st Division</i> Christine Soden	34 Pts	<i>1st Division</i> Susan Russell	33 Pts (bbn)
		<i>2nd Division</i> Kathy Grimm	35 Pts	<i>2nd Division</i> Stella Jeffrey	34 Pts
Thurs 17th	Captain's Drive-In	Ken Irving Lisa Burns Peter Young Joanna Young Hilary Jessup	-8,35	David Davies Angela Davies Nigel Collins Diana Collins Jenny Harrison	-7,85
Sat 19th	Spring Medal	Declan Quilligan	64 Nett	Mike Hassid	69 Nett
Sun 20th	Easter Scramble	Cancelled due to bad weather			
Tues 22nd	APPA Competition	Philip Hardie	36 Pts	Eva Lamaison	34 Pts (bb9)
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Stableford with Hidden Partners	Joanna Young		Fiona Thomson	
Sat 26th Sun 27th	Strokeplay Championship	Tim Russell Sally Evans	159 184	Declan Quilligan Susan Russell	162 187 (best 2nd Day)
Wed 30th	Ladies Day Yellow Ball	Thérèse v Doorn Leigh Anderson Lubna Cater Melody Cotterill	81 Pts	Helen Mills Sue Georges Kathy Grimm Stella Jeffrey	75 Pts

Ladies' Section by Adrienne Buth

I was told that the ladies section is well organised, and it's true. In April 2014, we had to confront all kind of weather conditions and the 5 Wednesdays were organised by three different Lady Captains. There were two committee meetings and the ladies AGM, which were both busy, because many members chose to spend their Easter holidays in the Algarve.

April's Ladies Medal literally fell in the water. It was a pity because we had never seen so many ladies with a higher handicap on the signup sheet. The competition was cancelled, but Zoë Pirret and Helen Mills decided to play their final match for the Wainwright trophy. Rie Cherubini accompanied them as referee. I heard that a ball had disappeared in the bunker of the 1st of Corks, which was full of water. Luckily, they managed to fish it out and find some sand that wasn't closer to the hole. Well done to Helen, because your name will be on the trophy; Congratulations!



Wainwright trophy finalists Zoë Pirret and Helen Mills



Madrinha winners Stella Jeffrey and Rie Cherubini

The week before, just before Lubna's lunch, Denise Reed won the plate, beating Cathy Harper.

The Madrinha Greensome Trophy, held on April 9th, was attended by 22 ladies and won by Rie Cherubini and Stella Jeffrey. The second prize went to Susan Russell and Melody Cotterill, and the third to Lisa Burns and Diana Collins. It was great to have combinations of low and high handicaps in the winners' teams.



Madrinha runners up Susan Russell and Melody Cotterill with Rie



Rie and Madrinha 3rd place Diana Collins and Lisa Burns

A few days before handing me the “big black bag” Rie gave a truck full of goods to charity. Captain Luis of the Salvation Army collected the goods and was delighted and grateful for the generosity of the PA members. Thank you.



On Sunday the 13th of April, I personally managed to have my lowest score ever for a Stableford (St George’s). Thank you Anne and Nick Tucker-Brown for your patience and your company on my last day of being Vice Lady Captain.

Of course there was no need to be nervous for the ladies AGM. Everything went well. Rie surprised us with a “striptease” and I am sure that she will enjoy her freedom and that she will be a good advisor. All the ladies enjoyed her year and I hope you all will love her almond trees.

Captain Luis from the Salvation Army collecting the goods.



The Ladies Committee ready to start the AGM

Rie made a whole list of all the ladies who had won a prize. Just one was new for us: the most improved golfer of the year. Congratulations Susan Russell.

Big thanks go to Diana Collins, Yvonne White and Therese van Doorn, who are leaving the committee, and a warm welcome to Mai Markey, Wendy Collins and the Lady Vice Captain Cathy Harper.

Shona Callaghan's little green flag was the nearest to my drive, and thanks to the wind it wasn't too bad (that sounds very British doesn't it?). The competition was won by Zoë Pirret, Lisa Burns, Anne Tucker-Brown and Susie Hobday.



Susan Russell receiving her prize for the most improved lady Golfer of the year



Adrienne Buth and Shona Callaghan



Lady Captains Drive In



Lady Captain Adrienne Buth and Lady Vice Captain Cathy Harper



9 Hole competition winners Susie Hobday, Anne Tucker Brown, Lisa Burns and Zoë Pirret with Adrienne.



Good Friday Ladies Easter Hat contest

Jorge and Nuno did their very best on the presentation of the Dutch cheeses and bitterballen. The ladies had a good laugh, and it was a great end to a very important day for our section.

Wednesday 16th of April was a qualifying Stableford. 27 ladies attended with each division playing its own course. The winners were Christine Soden and Kathy Grimm.

The following Wednesday (23rd) we were able to play the course from Pines to Corks. Most of us had the chance to play our first eclectic card. There were great individual scores, with Joanna Young on 40, Fiona Thomson on 38, a few 36s and Melaura had an eagle on the 4th of Pines!

Some ladies were surprised to be in the winning teams thanks to their hidden partners.

The last Wednesday of April was organized by my vice lady captain Cathy Harper. The format was yellow ball and the players enjoyed it. The winners were Therese van Doorn's team and Helen Mills' team were the runners up.

We'll start May with our first friendly match at Laranjal, and we are going to do our very best to regain the Ben Hogan trophy!

Social Golf by Thérèse van Doorn

Summer started this Sunday and 42 players enjoyed playing golf in the beautiful conditions.

We played a team game; two scores to count and all scores to count on the par 3's.

The winners on Corks & Olives were: Diana Collins, Sylvia Mullins, David Pirret and Michiel van Doorn with a superb score of 93 points, followed closely by another great score of 92 points, from Sandra Seddon, Zoe Pirret, Remo Cherubini and Per Kleppa.

Olives & Pines saw the team with Stella Jeffrey, Brian Scott, Alan Bentley and Niall Counihan win with 90 points. The second prize went to Meg Black, Heidi Ellingsen, Dirk Blaesing and Ron Goossens who accumulated 87 points.

Hungry after the hard work, we enjoyed chicken curry and delicious strawberries for supper.

Because May is full of all kind of competitions, the next social golf will be on the 1st June.

Interclub by Christian Holst

As I am writing this, we have played four matches in total, at home against Silves International, Quinta do Lago and Carvoeiro, as well as an away match against Boavista. Results have been pretty good with a total of 25 points at home (maximum 30), but only 2 points scored at Boavista. Our next match is at home against Parque da Floresta on the 8th.

We have two away matches and one home match over the next 4 weeks. By then it should be possible to make a slightly better judgement on our overall chances. Having said that, so far so good.

Support is good and I hope nobody is offended if they are not picked, as I typically have more interested players than we need, which is exactly what we want.

On a separate note, I would like to mention that I will try to put together a team for the Portuguese Senior Team Championship. The format is gross strokeplay over two days, with four man teams (three best scores count each day). The event is play at Aroeiro 1, just south of Lisbon. Eligible players are men who will 55 or over by the end of 2014 (this applies to quite a few of us). If anyone is interested please contact me – I am currently discussing with Christophe and the Committee on the best way to pick the team. This is an official Portuguese Golf Federation Championship and based on what I know about the competition, we should be able to muster a pretty decent team. There is also a similar Ladies competition. It's the same venue, but teams are made up of 3 (2 best each day) and the age restriction is 50 or over by year end.

Forthcoming Events

May and June

Sat 3rd May – Men's Roll Up

Sun 4th May – May Medal

Wed 7th May – Ladies Day

Sat 10th May – Men's 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 Matchplay

Sun 25th May – Mixed pairs Matchplay

Wed 28th May – Ladies Day

Sat 31st May – Men's Roll Up

Sun 1st June – 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 4th June – Ladies Day

Sat 7th June – Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers

Tues 10th June – Portugal V Rest of the World

Wed 11th June – Lady Captain's Day

Sat 14th June – Captain's Day

Wed 18th June – Ladies Day

Sat 21st June – Men's Roll Up

Sun 22nd June – President's Day

incorporating Seniors Championship and June Stableford

Wed 25th June – Ladies Day

Sat 28th June – Men's Roll Up

Sun 29th June – June Medal

PRO TIP by Ross Sutherland

SQUARE SET UP

Line up the clubface first, then the body

The best way to help ensure that your clubhead will be moving on line during impact is to set up the ball correctly. It is important that you realize that setup takes in aim and stance.

First you aim the clubface online behind the ball, and then face yourself at a 90 degree angle to your clubface.

With your clubface on target, any line across your heels, knees, hips or shoulders should be parallel to the line that runs through the ball to your target.

Mr Chris Waddington
1956 – 2014

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Chris Waddington.

Chris was a long standing and very popular member of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club and will be hugely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Mrs Roxanne Charley
1950 – 2014

It is with the deepest regret that I inform the membership of the passing of Mrs Roxanne Charley a former member of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club.