

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Pirret

The fine weather continued for most of January, with only a slight dip around the Senior Invitational. This year the competition was held over two rounds each at PA and Quinta North, with a field of 80+ players, including several of the top European Tour players. Both courses were in good condition with the greens at PA running at 13. The difficulty of the courses was reflected in the scores with only 20 sub par rounds out of more than 320 rounds played, which may make some of us feel better about our scores at PA!

Social golf was very successful with a large turnout at PA on the 11th and at our joint Social with Quinta do Lago, which gave

some of our members their first taste of the new course. The joint social with QdL will now be an annual fixture, alternating between the two clubs. From the lunchtime conversations, members of both clubs are looking forward to the Ben Hogan match in early May.

In the coming weeks we host the St Valentine's competition with a round each on PA and San Lorenzo, alongside a Gala dinner on the Saturday evening. This was great fun last year and is well worth joining.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

After the New Year's Day Scramble, the highlight of January 2015 was the Algarvian Invitational Senior Tournament, which was played for its third year running. This year it was organized as a joint venture with Quinta do Lago, and played on Pinheiros Altos Pines-Corks course and Quinta do Lago North course, over four very competitive rounds of golf. Andrew Oldcorn managed to shoot two rounds of 68 over the weekend to make him the rightful winner and was presented with €7,000. He was followed closely by José Romero during the last round, who managed second place, while Simon Brown and Domingo Hospital were fighting for third place, finishing third and fourth respectively. The tournament was a great success with 81 players, 55 of which were professionals.

The tournament started with a dinner at Casa do Lago, which was much appreciated by all players and guests. While the presentation took place at Pinheiros Altos on the putting green, and even the sun was part of the day. Both courses were presented in top conditions and all players were very complimentary about the tournament organization, which is a ramp to grow for next year. Of course, the tournament would not have been possible without the on-going support from the sponsor John Waters, who has been sponsoring since the first event. He was joined

this year by Denis O'Brian as a joint sponsor and thanks to them the prize money for the tournament was up to €29,985.

We are already planning next year's tournament, which will be even bigger and surely as well, or most certainly even better, supported than this year. We already have the sponsor confirmed and many of the players are showing interest in returning to the Algarve to play next year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all my staff involved in organizing the tournament and especially the green staff, who, with the help of the greens committee, have made a tremendous effort to recover the golf course. It was presented in fantastic conditions, even on the last day after very heavy rain overnight.

Winter Medal was won on a count back from the back nine by Tim Russell with a 74. The January Stableford was won by our Lady Captain Adrienne Buth with a score of 41 points and would you believe that she was trying to get extra shots at the Handicap Annual Revision, which of course were unanimously refused.

I am delighted that Knut Pedersen has accepted to be the candidate nominated by the committee to be the future Vice-

Captain as from the next AGM, while Mai Markey will be the Lady Vice-Captain. I am sure that both of them will be a great credit to the Golf Committee and I look forward to being able to work with them in developing the Golf Club over the next few years.

In February, our main event is of course the St Valentine's Trophy and I look forward to seeing many of you signing in for this event, which will be played over two days; one round at Pinheiros Altos and the other round at San Lorenzo.

I wish you all a great start to the Golf Season!



Thom Evans being harassed by some of our Lady Members now that they know he can dance.

A.G.M.

The AGM of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday the 2nd April 2015 at 10am in the Clubhouse.

Agenda

- 10am: Meeting is opened by the chairman of the AGM
- The chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain, Mr. David Pirret
- Mr. David Pirret will summarize his year and introduce the Captain for the coming year, Mr. Stewart Harper
- The Captain's acceptance speech
- Report from the Director of Golf, including the response to written questions
- The Chairman closes the meeting

Written Questions

Questions for the Director of Golf at the AGM should be made in writing and presented at the Golf Office on or before Thursday the 19th of March 2015.

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

If any principle member would like to stand for election as Incoming Vice-Captain, they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by four principle members in writing on or before Thursday the 19th of March 2015.

It is my pleasure to present a photo gallery of the present Captains and incoming Captains, Lady Vice-Captain and proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain.



*David Pirret
Club Captain*



*Stewart Harper
Incoming Club Captain*



*Knut Pederson
Proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain*



*Adrienne Buth
Lady Captain*



*Cathy Harper
Incoming Lady Captain*



*Mai Markey
Incoming Lady Vice-Captain*

Handicap Records from U.K. and Ireland

All members of the Club are required to bring their handicap records to the Golf Office when playing competitions in their clubs in U.K. and Ireland. This is so that the Pinheiros Altos EGA handicap can be adjusted accordingly. Any member failing to do so will be in breach of the handicap rules.

Please make sure you do bring handicap records and if in any doubt, do not hesitate to contact the Golf Office.

Annual Handicap Revision

The annual handicap revision took place in January. Please check your handicap on the handicap board to find out if it has changed

Ross and Kenny Roll in the Putts and Roll Back the Years

Our very own club teaching professionals, Ross Sutherland and Kenny Fairbairn reminded us that they can also “play a bit”, with an impressive third place in the prestigious Desert Mountain “Rattler” Invitational Pro Am in Arizona last month.

Ross and Kenny were guests of Tim and Susan Russell for some pre-Christmas sunshine golf and teamed up, under the Pinheiros banner, with Tim and another Desert Mountain Golf Club member, Russell Thornton (also Scottish). The four man team, (two out of four to count), shot 14 under par over two medal rounds on the difficult Chirachua and Geronimo courses. Both measure over 7,000 yards from the back tees, with difficult transitions and greens rolling at 12.4 on the Stimpometer, so a tough test.

In early November, Desert Mountain Golf Club hosted the final event of the Charles Schwab Cup (the Fed Ex Cup for Seniors), won this year by Bernard Langer.

Some of the tour professionals stayed on for a few weeks in the Scottsdale area and were able to play in the Rattler along with regular PGA and Canadian Tour players. Each of the 36 teams were allowed two professionals and two amateurs (including some US Amateur and Walker Cup players).

Tim said “...it is good to be reminded how lucky we are to have Ross and Kenny at PA, great players as well as superb teachers

of the game”, “...although I think our pre-tournament Vegas trip to mentally prepare for the event did the trick”. Sounds unlikely but a real achievement and a good tonic for 2015, as well as putting Portugal and Pinheiros Altos on the map in Scottsdale. “Way to go guys”.



Competition Results for January

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 4th	Winter Medal	Tim Russell	74 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)	Neil Bamber	74 Nett
Wed 7th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Sue Georges	72 Nett	1st Division Sally Evans	75 Nett
		2nd Division Lisa Burns	79 Nett	2nd Division Molly Wainwright	84 Nett
Wed 14th	Ladies Day Team Competition	Hilary Jessup Win Walton Janet Leffler	69 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Janine van de Ree Adrienne Buth Hilary Jessup	69 Pts

Competition Results cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 21st	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Thérèse van Doorn	33 Pts	1st Division Susan Russell	32 Pts
		2nd Division Pat Murrish	31 Pts	2nd Division Melody Cotterill	29 Pts
Sun 25th	January Stableford	Adrienne Buth	41 Pts	Nancy Schofield	37 Pts
Sun 28th	Lady Captain Vs Lady Vice-Captain	Lady Vice-Captain's Team	37 Pts	Denise Reed	35 Pts

Ladies Section - by Adrienne Buth

January was a relatively quite month. We had very cold Wednesday mornings, but it was dry and sunny.

Cathy Harper took care of the Medal on Wednesday the 7th of January. On both divisions there were a few "No Return" cards. Sue Georges had a very good result of 72 points nett and Lisa Burns earned her Medal Glass not only with her game, but also with her diplomacy with her playing partners.

On the 14th of January, there were 26 players and the format was three scores to count on the first six holes, two on the next six and just one on the last six. Hilary Jessup took her job as floater very seriously and both her teams had 69 points, and ended first and second!

Well played Thérèse van Doorn and Pat Murrish, who won the qualifying Stableford on the 21st of January in the first and second division.

The 28th of January saw the match between the teams of the Lady Vice-Captain versus the Lady Captain's team. The orange team must have been very impressed by the good players in red and white. Cathy Harper's team won with 4 ½ vs ½! After the game I offered Pimms to toast on my new handicap of 18,6 (it dropped four shots in just a month).

Don't forget to sign up for the Ladies Foursomes on Wednesday the 11th of February and of course, the Club's St Valentine's Tournament.



Nancy Schofield, Stella Jeffrey, Janet Leffler and Helen Mills



Melody Cotterill, Margo Fletcher, Hilary Jessup and Josie Waddington



Kathy Grimm, Susan Russell, Rie Cherubini and Shona Callaghan



Mai Markey, Linda Bentley, Molly Wainwright and Judy Hanson

Wainwright Trophy

The final of the Wainwright Trophy will be played on Wednesday the 25th of March.

Wainwright Trophy

To be Played by 27th February

Final 25th March 2015

Adrienne Buth
Margo Fletcher
Sue Georges
Sally Evans

Sally Evans

Wainwright Plate

To be Played by 27th February

Final 25th March 2015

Hilary Jessup
Paula Hickey
Thérèse van Doorn
Denise Reed

PRO TIP - Ross Sutherland

Wrist Cock on Chips

Stiff arms and hands can kill feel around the green

Look at any of the great short game players, like Seve Ballesteros or Phil Mickelson, and i guarantee that you'll see wrist and hand action, and even a bit of leg action - even on

the smallest chips. The great short game players all use soft hands and some arms. I'm not talking about sloppy hand action, but it's definitely not stiff-wristed or rigid.

Report from the Greens Committee

Over four days in January, PA with Quinta Do Lago (North Course) ran the Algarve Invitation for seniors. We received many complimentary comments as to the condition of the course. Particular mention should be made as to the speed of our greens, which were over 13 on the “stimp metre”. Mr Evans tells me were quicker than the North Course! Also, after the very heavy rain on Saturday night/ Sunday morning none of the fairways at PA were flooded, as were none of the bunkers.

I believe the work of verti draining fairways and rolling the greens has seen a significant improvement in the course and we must thank our green staff for being ready to change how we prepare the course.

Substantial work is still to be done over the following months, but already the 7th of Olives has been reshaped. Also, the addition of the palms as well as reducing the banking and bunkers has given a much more pleasing appearance to the hole. We intend to reduce the green size to allow for a second cut around the perimeter and to grow the bank; this will reduce the number of balls slipping into the water, but sadly not prevent it entirely!

The cold nights have caused our fairways to lose a lot of their colour but the greens and tees that were over seeded are showing good improvement. We are preparing the greens to be slightly slower and aim for a “stimp” of 10/11. With our sloping greens, this speed will be challenging enough! We still hope to encourage root development in the greens

when growth returns in order to prevent infection, and give a healthy sward and colour to the surfaces.

The fairways remain a challenge. Members will appreciate that there has been very little growth on many due to a combination of compaction and some of the early top soils being washed away. We hope that the deep tining and appropriate feeding will bring them back to life, but it will take time! There has already been intensive weeding, removal of weed grasses and returfing of badly affected areas. Poor areas will be marked as “GUR” where appropriate.

I hope to meet again with Carlos Guerrero, the agronomist and Carlos Rocha of JJW; both are important to the future improvement of the course. I will update members next month.

Lastly, Tony Hickey joins the committee this month as Rie Cherubini has retired, but continues as a main committee member. I wish to thank her for all the support she has given to Gordon and I.

Tony used to own a golf course in Ireland and we welcome his experience and expertise on to the committee.

With the support of Christophe and the green staff, we hope we are on our way to delivering a course we can feel proud of!

Stewart Harper, Gordon Todd

Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

What in heaven’s name is a Nine/Nine? What kind of format is that? Almost everybody queried! Well, in truth, it can be any separate format for each of the two nines, which the organisers choose to select - fiendish or otherwise! So, in glorious sunshine, clear blue skies and in temperatures well above the seasonal norm, twelve teams of four set off for the first Social Golf event of the New Year.

The format: Better two Stableford scores to count on par 4s and par 5s, but ALL to count on the par 3s on the front nine, with the better two to count on par 3s and 4s, but ALL to count on the par 5s on the back nine...none too fiendish, methinks!

49 of us sat down to a very enjoyable supper, after which the prizes were awarded to the following winners and runners up:

On Pines/Corks, the winning team was Malcolm Hollier, Alan Bentley, Wendy Collins and Heidi Ellingsen, scoring an excellent 97 points. The runner-up team comprised of Knut Ellingsen, Fritz Richter, Eva Lamaison and Ineke Goossens. On Corks/Olives, the winners were Nigel Collins, Knut Pedersen, Sue Georges and Adrienne Buth, followed by Nils Leffler, John Guy, Stella Jeffrey and Shona Callaghan in second place.

Another good fun event and a fitting swan song for Roy Baddeley, who retired after nearly ten years' service on the Social Committee, for which he was heartily applauded.

Forthcoming Social Golf dates are: A) The combined event with Quinta do Lago to be played on the new North Course on the 1st of February, and B) a Waltz on the 8th of March, organised by Molly and Paula.

Interclub by Christian Holst

The AGM of the Algarve Interclub League was held on the 13th of January. One new club is joining the league this year – Castro Marim. Therefore, in total, there will be 20 clubs participating this season.

The big change, of course, is the introduction of a three division system based on merit. We will, as stated in the last newsletter, be playing in Division 1. The winner of this division will be the overall champion and there will be three teams relegated and promoted respectively from each division every year. As a result of this, each division will comprise of seven teams (six in Division 3) and the number of matches will therefore be somewhat reduced compared to other years. That should suit most of us. The other teams in our division will be Alto, Parque da Floresta, Boavista, Vila Sol, Levante (Quinta da Ria) and Quinta do Vale. I am aware that serious appearance money may be required for the away matches furthest to the west and east.

The fixture list should be on the notice board by the time you read this and I would encourage as many of you as possible to put your names and contact details down as potential players. Individual lists for each match will be put up in due course and I will also be communicating directly if you provide your e-mail address. If for some reason you would prefer to give details to me directly, please use christian@holst.oslo.no.

Our first match is on the **26th of March** at home against Boavista.

For those of you interested in following the league, you will be able to find details of matches, league standings and other news on www.interclubalgarve.com.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible of you during the 2015 season.

Interclub 2015 Fixture List

Date	Club	Venue	1st Tee time
Thur 26th March	Boavista	Home	8:42
Thur 9th April	Quinta do Vale	Away	
Thur 16th April	Parque da Floresta	Home	8:42
Thur 14th May	Quinta do Vale	Home	8:42
Thur 28th May	Alto	Away	
Thur 4th June	Alto	Home	8:42
Thur 11th June	Boavista	Away	
Tue 8th Sep	Vila Sol	Home	8:42
Thur 17th Sep	Parque da Floresta	Away	
Thur 24th Sep	Vila Sol	Away	
Thur 1st Oct	Levante	Home	8:42
Thur 8th Oct	Levante	Away	

Team Uniform: White Shirt, Beige/Khaki Trousers/ Skirt and Navy Jumper

Pinheiros Altos Event at Loch Lomond

As I mentioned at New Year I am trying to organise the event for this year. The only available dates for a party of our size are Monday – Wednesday (27th, 28th and 29th July) or Saturday – Monday (8th, 9th and 10th August)

The package will include:

Three nights' accommodation with two rounds of golf; Welcome reception and informal dining on the first night, Barbeque meal at the private lodges on the second night; and, "Formal" dinner and prize giving at Rossdhu House on the final evening.

The approximate overall cost (excluding drinks) for golf and accommodation (2 people per room) will be £950 per person. Caddies are available at approximately £60/round and pre-booking is required.

I would appreciate expressions of interest from any member who is interested in this fabulous event as soon as possible. You can send your interest and your preferred dates via email to directors@patersonsquarries.co.uk

Kind Regards.
Willie Paterson



Forthcoming Events February – March 2015

Sun 1st February	18 Holes Social Golf at Quinta do Lago
Tues 3rd February	Club Roll Up
Wed 4th February	Ladies Day
Sat 7th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 8th February	February Medal
Tues 10th February	Club Roll Up
Wed 11th February	Ladies Foursomes Championship
Fri 13th February	St Valentine's Day (San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos)
Sat 14th February	St Valentine's Day (San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos)
	NO ROLL UP
Tues 17th February	Club Roll Up
Wed 18th February	Ladies Day
Sat 21st February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd February	February Stableford
Tues 24th February	Club Roll Up
Wed 25th February	Ladies Day
Sat 28th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 1st March	St David's Stableford
Tues 3rd March	Club Roll Up
Wed 4th March	Ladies Day
Sat 7th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 8th March	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 10th March	Club Roll Up
Wed 11th March	Ladies Day
Sat 14th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15th March	St Patrick's Day Medal
Tues 17th March	Club Roll Up
Wed 18th March	Ladies Day
Thurs 19th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Fri 20th March	Men Pairs Matchplay
Sat 21st March	Men Pairs Matchplay and Mens Roll Up
Sun 22nd March	Men Pairs Matchplay & Stableford
Tues 24th March	Club Roll Up
Wed 25th March	Madrinha Trophy
Sat 28th March	Mens Roll Up
Mon 30th March	Ladies AGM & Drive In



PINHEIROS ALTOS GOLF COURSE
VALENTINES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Guarantee your presence at our II Valentine's Day Mixed Golf Tournament,
on the 13th and 14th February 2015,
at Pinheiros Altos GC and San Lorenzo GC.
Accommodation packages available for
Dona Filipa Hotel and Formosa Park Apartment Hotel

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