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GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain By Mr. Vernon Reed

Can you believe it's March with blue Algarvian skies and lovely warm sunshine, are we the lucky ones or what?

It's been a very busy month for golf at Pinheiros Altos starting for me with the 2011 Captains Charity Day. The golf format was a Texas Scramble with 16 teams playing. Thanks to Paul Wheatley we had a halfway house on the course serving hot pork rolls and Bucks Fizz which, as you can imagine, was enjoyed by all of us. The golf was followed in the evening by a lovely meal, fantastic live entertainment and an auction. NB: Keith Fletcher has now opened a stall at Loulé market selling his homemade marmalade, only €140 a jar!!!! We raised over €7,000 which is a truly outstanding amount in this current economic climate. Some of the money has already been distributed to the chosen charities.

I handed over a cheque to Jimmy Tarbuck, who along with his wife Pauline were my guests of honour for the day. Jimmy is a Patron for the Refugio Aboim Ascensão in Faro and was thrilled with the money raised and the generosity of the Pinheiros Altos members. We also donated €1,000 to the Christie Research into Neck and Head Cancer in memory of Trevor Griffiths and the remainder of the money is for the Lady Captains Charities.

My personal thanks to all who made the day such a success and particularly to Brian and Christophe for their continued support.

The St Valentines Day Scramble was very well attended and my congratulations go to all the prize winners especially Nils and Janet Leffler who won their first tournament together.



From L to R: Jimmy Tarbuck with the Captain



Winners of the Captains Charity Event - From L to R: Iain Cater, Tim Russell, Lubna Sands, Christophe, the Captain and Susan Russell

It was suggested by David Ford that our annual St David's Day Stableford would be an appropriate day to remember Trevor Griffiths. It was an incredible turnout with 88 golfers and 115 for Sunday Lunch which was then followed by an auction with a cheque of €7990 going to the Christie Research into Neck and Head Cancer. Our President Walter Dickson gave a very moving speech as did Trevor's close friends Rob Hancock and Simon Hurd. On the golf front, it was a very close call for the winning golf teams with a ladies team pipping the hot favourites by 1 point. The winning ladies team were absolutely delighted and Jan Dickson held aloft the magnificent trophy whilst giving her winners speech. It was noted that at that very moment there was a huge gust of wind that was perhaps a sign from Trevor asking for a recount!!!! Shirley has asked me to express her personal thanks to everyone who helped to make this day so special.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

I would like to reiterate much of the Captains report.

I am so pleased that the two major events of the February calendar generated so much support and raised so much money for incredibly worthwhile causes.

Pinheiros Altos has supported the Jimmy Tarbuck Classic for the last eighteen years and the Captains Charity Day this year was an extension of this event with the bulk of the funds raised being donated to the Children's refuge in Faro which has consistently benefited from Jimmy's support. It is a very special place and does a wonderful job for the needy children that find themselves in the care of this refugio

The St. David's Day Event was "bittersweet" as it represented the opportunity for Pinheiros Altos to remember Trevor Griffiths who passed away in December after an amazingly brave battle against an aggressive tumour.

Trevor was Club Captain in 2002 and a great supporter of Wales and the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club. He was a fine golfer and a wonderful putter but his golf will be remembered for the shortest backswing ever seen. He was a great cook specializing in curries and along with Shirley entertained the ladies section to luncheons on several occasions to raise money for charity.

You may be interested to know that nearly all the players in the recent winning teams have been having regular lessons with our Golf Pros, Kenny and Ross. As they have some great deals on lessons at the moment it may be worth getting in on the act!

And finally, I would like to mention that in last weeks Roll Up Pat Barrett had an ALBATROSS on the 4th of Pines, when he was asked if he had taken a short iron for his second shot into the green he replied, "No.....a 3 wood with back spin". Well done Pat.

Happy Golfing, Captain Reed signing off

However, he was not the biggest supporter of ladies golf and it was somewhat ironic that the ladies team of Jan Dickson, Josie Waddington, Pat Murrish and Diane Golding should win his memorial event!



Shirley Griffiths presents the St Davids Day Trophy to the winning team
From L toR: Pat Murrish, Jan Dickson, Shirley, Diane Golding and Josie Waddington.

Two special golfing feats were performed in February with nurse Stella (Jeffrey) having her first hole-in-one after only 6 months of serious golfing (it must be that pin point accuracy gained from giving injections!) and Pat Barrett scored the rarest of birds when

he made an Albatross 2 at the par 5 fourth on Pines. Strange that etiquette dictates that Stella buys a round of drinks for her eagle but Pat gets away with it for his Albatross!



From L toR: Brian with his star pupil Nurse Stella and her Hole-in-one certificate.

Work continues on the course with the emphasis moving from calçada paths to the trimming of pine trees. I must apologise to the property owners whose peace has been disturbed by the incessant noise of the chain saw but its all in a good cause and yet again I am sure everyone will join with me in congratulating Sesinando and his staff on the continued excellent presentation of the course and in particular the greens.

We are getting ever closer to removing the stakes from the new pine trees, allowing them to fend for themselves and start to inflict ever increasing problems for you golfers!

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 21st April 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Agenda

1. 10:00 a.m. Meeting is opened by Chairman of the AGM, President of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club Mr. Walter Dickson.
2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain Mr. Vernon Reed.
3. Mr. Vernon Reed summarizes his year and introduces the Captain for the coming year Mr. John Linley.

4. The Captains acceptance speech.
5. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions.
6. The Chairman closes the meeting.



From L toR: 2011 Captain Mr. John Linley and his Vice Captain Mr. David Markey.

Mr. Roy Baddeley and Mr. William Scott are the members nominated representatives and will be standing for re-election to the Golf Committee at the 2011 A.G.M.

Any nominations for these two positions should be notified in writing to the Golf Office on or before 1st April 2011. Each nomination should be for a Principal Member of a Pinheiros Altos Golf Title and each nomination should have a proposer and seconder each of whom are the Principal Member of a Pinheiros Altos Golf Title.

The 2011 Members Handbook is available on request from the Golf Office.

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 Friday 15th April 2011.

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

Important Dates for your Diary

Captain's Day 2011 Saturday 18th June

Mr. John Linley would like to notify all members of his Captain's Day and looks forward to your support to make it a day to remember.

SUNSHINE CLASSIC GALA WEEK "ANGELS AND DEMONS"



A 72 Hole Stableford
Tournament for Pairs.

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24th to 30th July 2011

Entries can be made through the Golf Office



Competition Results for February

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Qualifying January Medal	1st Division Janice Paterson 2nd Division Claire Bamber	78 Nett 82 Nett	1st Division 2nd Division Wendy Menzies	 85 Nett
Sun 6th	February Medal	Barbara Kyne	72 Nett	Neil Bamber	74 Nett
Wed 9th	Ladies Captain vs Ladies Vice Captain	Shona's Team	4.5	Helen's Team	2.5
Fri 11th	Charity Day	Tim Russell Susan Russell Iain Cater Lubna Sands	56,6 Nett	Kay Ford David Ford Glaustene Small Iain Smith	59.7 Nett
Sun 13rd	St Valentine's Day Scramble	Janet Leffler Nils Leffler	58,8 Nett	Susan Russell Tim Russell	61,6 Nett
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	Rained Off			
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	1st Division Sally Evans 2nd Division Sylvia Mullins	40 Pts 34 Pts	1st Division Barbara Fletcher 2nd Division Shona Callaghan	35 Pts 33 Pts
Sun 27th	St. David's Trophy	Pat Murrish Jan Dickinson Diane Golding Josie Waddington	89 Pts	Neil Bamber Peter Harrison Christian Holst Tim Moores	88 Pts

Ladies Section by Helen Mills

February golf started in beautiful weather for the Medal on the 2nd - after the frost had disappeared from the fairways - with Janice Paterson winning the competition and getting an Eagle on the 4th Pines. Congratulations Janice on winning your first ever Ladies Medal glass. Claire Bamber notched up another glass for her collection with her win in the 2nd Division, well done Claire and keep up the good work.

On February 9th we played the Lady Captain versus Lady Vice Captain matchplay in uncertain weather conditions, we finally gave up after 9 holes and retired to the clubhouse a little damp from the drizzle and my team very damp in spirit. Shona's team won the day with a score of two and a half to four and a half. Congratulations Shona, a good omen for your leadership skills for next year!!

The qualifying stableford competition on 16th was rained off but everyone gathered in the clubhouse anyway for a coffee and chat. The following week the weather could not have been more different for the postponed stableford and Sally Evans, playing off hcp 8, came in with 40 points – a fantastic score - that earned her a shot off her hcp.

Congratulations to Vernon for a great Captain's Charity day on 11th Feb, a fun competition and a great evening of dining and dancing. A good time was had by all and lots of money raised for good causes.

Valentine's Day was another opportunity for a club get together with many members sporting red attire in honour of St Valentine for a scramble.

PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

Quick tip for chipping to help prevent the dreaded "scooping" in the air motion. As you set up, place another ball about a foot behind the ball you are going to hit.

This should help you keep your weight on your left foot and help you make a descending blow into the ball rather than trying to help the ball into the air with your hands.

Congratulations to Janet and Nils Leffler the overall winners of the competition and to Susan and Tim Russell for a great best gross score.



From L to R: Helen Mills, Christophe, Janet and Nils Leffler and the Captain.

The St. David's Day competition in memory of Trevor Griffiths was won by an all woman team, Pat Murrish, Josie Waddington, Diane Golding and Jan Dickson. It was said, more than once, that Trevor would have demanded a recount had he been here! Congratulations ladies on a great win on what was a very emotional day for many, not least Shirley who was surrounded by friends and family for a wonderful tribute to Trevor.

St David's day was further marked by Stella Jeffrey who had a HOLE IN ONE on 5th Corks, a fantastic milestone in her short golfing career. Congratulations Stella – this will pave the way to more great successes on the golf course I am sure.

Dates for your diary:

Wed 9th March

Ladies Foursomes – get your partners lined up.

Wed 30th March

Lady Captain versus Past Lady Captain matchplay

Monday 18th April

Ladies AGM and Lady Captain's Drive-in

Thursday 21st April

Club AGM

Social Golf

by Iain Callaghan

February's Social Golf event was held on Sunday 20th with 44 players taking part. Fortunately, the weather stayed fair on the day, following a spate of heavy showers and an unsettled period earlier in the week. After an excellent supper enjoyed by 48 players and guests the hotly contested prizes were awarded to the teams in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places on both courses.

The competition format was a Two Ball Better Ball Stableford with a final total for each playing four by combining the two scores, which evoked the unusual reaction of encouraging the "opposition" all the way round!

In close scoring matches, just one point separating the first five teams, the winning combination on Olives/Pines was the team comprising Roger Kitson and Diana Collins paired with Jürgen Ternieden and Tony Hickey with a score of 72 points, just one point ahead of newcomer Knut Pedersen playing with Wendy Menzies paired with Andy Watkins and Marian Jenkins.

The winning team on Pines/Corks was made up of John Mullins and Eva Lamaison playing with Ben Walden and Judy Hanson scoring 77 points, closely followed in second place by Albert Sohier and Liz Beal playing alongside Brian Scott and Vera Watkins again just one point behind on 76.

The next Social Competition, on 13th March, will be a "Yellow Ball", in teams of 3 or 4, organised by Jeanette Sohier and Roy Baddeley to which a very warm welcome is extended to newcomers and regulars alike.

Interclub

by Neil Bamber

With the new season under way the team has started well. Our first match was another 5-0 victory followed by a 4-1 win against Benamor.

We have two more home matches in March against Vilamoura on March 8th and then Boavista on March 29th.

Forthcoming Events

March and April

Wed 2nd March	Ladies Day
Sat 5th March	Mens Roll Up
Wed 9th March	Ladies Day
Sat 12th March	Ladies Day
Sun 13th March	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 16th March	Ladies Day
Sat 19th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th March	St. Patrick's Day Medal
Wed 23rd March	Ladies Day
Sat 26th March	Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th March	March Stableford
Mon 28th March	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 30th March	Ladies Day
Sat 2nd April	Mens Roll Up
Wed 6th April	Ladies Day
Sat 9th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 10th April	April Stableford
Wed 13th April	Ladies Day
Sat 16th April	Mens Roll Up
Sun 17th April	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 20th April	Ladies Day
Thurs 21st April	Golf AGM
Sat 23rd April	St. George Spring Medal
Sun 24th April	Easter Scramble
Tues 26th April	APPA Competition
Wed 27th April	Ladies Day
Sat 30th April	Strokeplay Championship
Sun 1st May	Strokeplay Championship

Both teams that played our course commented on the excellent conditions but struggled on the very hard and fast greens, long may this continue.

Next month I am confident that I will be reporting further successes.