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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Dear Members,

With a heavy heart and considerable disappointment I wish to inform the Membership that the gents have 'won' this year's Wooden Spoon!

I appreciate this is arguably a contradiction in terms, because in truth we actually lost to a well-drilled ladies' team (10.5 – 6.5). The team were captained and lead by the highly focused Rie Cherubini, who together with a lot of other ladies is still smiling!

The prize however is the ignominy and a rather large 'Wooden Spoon', which will now be retained by the gents until next year.

The result aside... it was a great day, with an excellent entry, and was rounded off with a very enjoyable evening meal with the ladies deservedly in high spirits.

The previous week saw the Autumn Rosebowl Medal won by Graham Lee.

Graham has been on good form recently and this success follows hot on the heels of his runner-up position in the Individual Matchplay in September. He credits his current form to a recent course of lessons from our Club Professionals, and is now reaping the benefits with his first PA Silverware!

Congratulations Graham...a worthy return on investment.

While we still have several Club competitions and functions to enjoy before we welcome in 2014, I wish to provide some early notification that the Committee and Club management are preparing for a Valentine's competition on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th February. We have secured tee-times but entry numbers will be restricted, not least by the available light at that time of year, but also by an equitable allocation of guest entries for residents from the Dona Filipa Hotel. Members are of course welcome to introduce guests, provided they are hotel residents. Outline details are attached to this newsletter and any early indications of interest should be passed to Christophe and Cristina.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing how many potential St. Valentine entrants risk their relationship in the forthcoming Foursomes Championship, and to preparing for the St. Andrew's Day challenge on Saturday 30th November.

Good luck to one and all and enjoy.....

Rosebowl winner Graham Lee receives his trophy from the Captain



'Save the Date'.....The Celts are coming Saturday 30th November St. Andrew's Day

The Celts (Scotland, Ireland & Wales) are challenging the English together with the rest of the world to a challenge match in commemoration of the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. There will be golf followed by an evening dinner to the sound of Ceilidhdonia, a well known Scottish ceilidh band.

Search 'Ceilidhdonia' on YouTube and check them out!

Please watch the Club notice board for details and sign-up.



Menu

Smoked salmon terrine

Roasted lamb served with
gratin potatoes and vegetables

Fruit kebab with
hot chocolate sauce

Wines

Quinta do Carmo
Red and White

*Please contact Jorge if you have
any specific dietary requirement*

Shotgun

start at 10am

Fourball better ball
team Matchplay

Entry Fee

60 Euros

Dinner

Arrive at 7 for 7.30pm start

Dress Code

For Golf Celts – Tartan
English – Red and white

Evening

Tartan accessories

Director of Golf – Monthly Report

The changes to the 7th hole on Olives are now well on the way with the shaping of the Green being finalised much closer to the water and the mounding on the left with pop bunkers among them. The changes will turn this hole into a very challenging finish on the Olives course and even with some delays we are still hoping to play it on the New Year's Day Scramble.

Not much to say about the Wooden Spoon apart that our Club Captain Graeme Thomson is one of the very few men to have won it...

Congratulations to all of the ladies for their win in the Wooden Spoon competition. I'd also like to congratulate them on their many other successful activities through the month of October including the Pink Day (special thank you to Shirley Griffiths), the Ladies Annual Dinner and the Halloween special.

The Men's Roll Up on 26th October saw 16 of the 22 men playing disqualified for not finishing on time (some seemed to think that those rules did not apply anymore). This was, of course, nothing to do with the fact that it made Knut Pedersen and myself the winners on the day.

The following Men's Roll Up on 2nd November was memorable for Graeme Thomson's hole in one on 9th of Pines, which was well celebrated with plenty of drinks and pizza. Unfortunately, a rule was broken by our past Captain Mr. David Markey who invited ladies to the Men's Roll Up presentation. This rule breaking would usually mean that he would be dropped three shots. However, after some reconsideration, I realized that it was not fair to penalize all of his future partners therefore I decided to instead exclude him from the Men's Roll Up for the next 6 weeks.

Congratulations to Graeme Thomson and also to Sergey Naumov who also had a hole in one the previous day on the same hole. The fact that you cannot see the green anymore from the tee blocked by the pine trees must be an advantage.

I look forward to seeing many of you signing up for forthcoming tournaments starting with the Foursomes Championship on 9th & 10th November. This will be followed by the Social Day with Quinta do Lago Club on 24th November and of course the St. Andrews Day Challenge on 30th November.

Keep an eye open for the Christmas board which will be in the Clubhouse soon. On it, you can sign up for the various Christmas and New Year's events as well as enter the New Year's Eve dinner with the Golf Office.

Future 7th Green on Olives Course



New Year's Eve

Parity

at

PINHEIROS ALTOS

Bring in the New Year with us in Portugal

Dinner and Live music from

MARIANI

120 € per person

Theme:

Black and Pink



Competition Results for October

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies' Charity Pink Day	Corks to Olives Paula Hickey Annette Newbald	41 Pts	Corks to Olives Ineke Goossens Susie Hobday	40 Pts (bb9)
		Pines to Corks Mai Markey Inge Kura	42 Pts (BF6)	Pines to Corks Thérèse v Doorn Shirley Lamb	42 Pts
Nearest the Pin 2nd Pines – Jenny Harrison Nearest the Pin 8th Olives – Zoe Pirret					
Sun 6th	Autumn Medal Rosebowl	Graham Lee	74 Nett (BN37)	Vernon Reed	74 Nett (BN40)
Wed 9th	Wainwright Qualifier Stableford Corks to Olives	Rie Cherubini	36 Pts	Helen Mills	35 Pts
	Qualifying Medal Olives to Pines	Susan Russell	76 Nett	Meg Black	77 Nett
Fri 11th	Wooden Spoon	Ladies	10 ½	Men	6 ½
Fri 16th	Ladies' Day Reversed 6 – 6 – 6	Pines to Corks Thérèse v Doorn Lisa Burns Pat Murrish	75 Pts	Pines to Corks Janine van de Ree Marian Hill Meg Black	71 Pts (bb9)
		Olives to Pines Helen Mills Bernadette Hardie Janet Leffler	75 Pts	Olives to Pines Rie Cherubini Barbara Fletcher Diane Golding	71 Pts
Fri 18th	Ladies' Individual Stableford	Corks to Olives Lubna Cater	32 Pts (bb9)	Corks to Olives Josie Waddington	32 Pts
		Olives to Pines Helen Mills	38 Pts	Olives to Pines Lisa Burns	35 Pts
Wed 23rd	Ladies' Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Zoe Pirret	73 Nett (bb9)	1st Division Susan Russell	73 Nett
		2nd Division Maried Kooijmans	79 Nett		
Sun 27th	October Stableford	Knut Ellingsen	36 Pts (bb9)	John Barker	36 Pts
Wed 30th	Ladies' Day Tricky 6-6-6	Olives to Pines Helen Mills Marian Jenkins Pat Murrish	65 Pts	Corks to Olives Hilary Jessup Maried Kooijmans Meg Black	66 Pts
		Corks to Olives Denise Reed Annette Newbald Janet Leffler	66 Pts (bb9)		

Ladies' Section by Rie Cherubini

October...what a busy month it was for the Ladies! If you are going to read this report, maybe you should go and make a cup of tea for yourself because it is going to be a long one!

The 9th Pink Day took place on the 2nd. 24 ladies played the 4BBB Stableford competition, all dressed in pink, fifty shades of pink. Rather than writing anything about this sticky, but lovely, day, I'll share this e-mail from Shirley Griffiths, the sponsor of the day, which says it all:

"...I am so thrilled that we made so much money (ca. 1,400 Euros), Maria Lurdes (from Algarve Oncology Association) too was thrilled, the money is for such a worthy cause. She now has the cheque which she is able to use in her campaigns to raise money for the AOA. I cannot thank you and the committee enough for allowing me to sponsor the 9th Pink Day. We would not have had a successful day if it were not for all the ladies who played and supported this day. Also it was magnificent of the Club Captain to return from Scotland and see the ladies off from the start along with David Pirret. We would also like to thank Graeme for his provision of the goody bags. Christophe and the Club were very supportive, with special mention going to Cristina who is always so willing and helpful to produce special printing. I also have to mention Adrienne, she is amazing... fancy making special pink brownies for the ladies!"

Thank you, Shirley, for all of your effort for all these years. Together, we shall make the 10th Pink Day in 2014 even more special!

On Monday the 6th, the PA team welcomed the Carvoeiro team for the Ladies' Friendly Match. Just before leaving the Clubhouse, I was told that there was an accident - a maintenance car crashed into my trolley and a wheel went into pieces. Later, I heard that there was another accident... Adrienne's trolley wheel came off on the 9th hole, broken in pieces! Guess what the match result was with trolley accidents for both the Ladies' Captain and the Ladies' Vice Captain...? Of course, a glorious 4 ½ & ½ win!

On the following Wednesday, the 9th was the qualifier for this year's Wainwright Trophy. After the bitter experience we had last year, the committee introduced a new rule: "seeding" purpose only qualifier. Unfortunately another rule has to be introduced in 2014 as only 12 players signed up. However, the game is on, we 12 shall compete to win the final in April!

Next... the Wooden Spoon!! The phrase that used to bring shame to us women is now music to our ears! High spirits of 34 women combined and brought us the great pleasure of presenting the huge Wooden Spoon to the men. Out of a total of 17 matches, my trusty ladies won 8, halved 5 and lost only 5. I must not forget to mention that those 5 matches were against very tough gents, yet most of them carried their matches to the 18th hole. What a team, and what a result! Thank you again and again, my 33 charming warriors (or is that gentle assassins?).





Janet and Nils Leffler



Robert and Majida Lester with Marian Hill



Bernadette and Philip Hardie



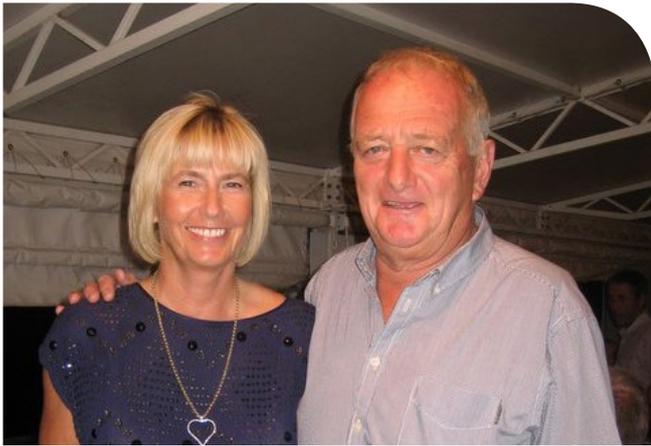
David and Zoe Pirret with John and Sylvia Mullins



Sally Evans, Hamish Rumball and Leigh Anderson



*Mai Markey, Stewart Harper,
Tony and Paula Hickey and Janine van de Ree*



Linda and Paul Dixon



Christine Soden, Lisa Burns, Fiona Thomson and Debbie Madgett

We kept our spirits high the following Monday at Benamor, where 10 of us played the Ladies' Friendly Match. Helen, Denise, Leigh and Zoe got no shot and had to give minimum 6 and maximum 16 shots to the opponents. The golfing angels smiled to us as they did on Friday and allowed us to record a 3 and 2 away win.

On the 16th, 24 ladies played the Reversed 6-6-6 where three scores were to count on first 6 holes, two on second and one on last. I find the normal 6-6-6 very tough, especially when you have Corks as your back nine. So, your ever-happy Ladies' Captain decided to make the day easier and more fun, and believes that all of the ladies had an enjoyable game.

27 ladies played the Individual Stableford competition on Friday the 18th and a total of 35 women got together later at the Ladies' Annual Dinner. We had drinks at the bar first, and each of us received a beautiful red rose as a surprise gift from Christophe. How sweet!

The Ladies' Eclectic Competition prizes were presented by the Ladies' Vice Captain, Adrienne. Unfortunately, more than half of the 16 prize winners were absent on the evening. Nevertheless, the result showed how close the competition was among 43 entrants.

Eclectic Prizes 2013:

<i>1st Division Gross</i>			<i>2nd Division Gross</i>		
1st Place	Nancy Schofield	65 (bb9)	1st Place	Josie Waddington	78
2nd Place	Sally Evans	65	2nd Place	Joanna Young	79
3rd Place	Hilary Jessup	71	3rd Place	Janet Leffler	80
<i>1st Division Nett</i>			<i>2nd Division Nett</i>		
1st Place	Zoe Pirret	57 (bb9)	1st Place	Stella Jeffrey	54
2nd Place	N V Droogenbroeck	57	2nd Place	Linda Dixon	55
3rd Place	Hilary Jessup	58	3rd Place	Adrienne Buth	57
Best Gross Pines	Melaura Parker	36 (CB)	Best Gross Pines	Stella Jeffrey	39
Best Gross Corks	Helen Mills	34	Best Gross Corks	Shirley Griffiths	40



Pat Murrish, Shirley Griffiths and Josie Waddington



Adrienne Buth, Janine van de Ree and Thérèse van Doorn



Rie Cherubini and Cathy Harper



Linda Dixon and Wendy Menzies



*Adrienne Buth
and Helen Mills*



Annette Newbald and Barbara Fletcher



Marian Jenkins and Susie Hobday



Lisa Burns and Diana Collins

The Ladies' Dinner for me marked the end of the front nine and the kick-off of the back nine of my year as the Ladies' Captain. I owe a thank you to many people: Brian, Christophe, Cristina and the golf staff for all of their support in making every Ladies' event enjoyable and successful; Jorge and his team in the restaurant for the fantastic service and the lovely meals; The Ladies' Committee members, Adrienne, Therese, Yvonne, Diana, Zoe and Janet for their continuous hard work and commitment for the Section; and finally all of the ladies for participating in the events and for supporting me. I could not have reached this halfway house without the help from all of you. Thank you!

Due to the weather on the previous day, I thought that the Medal on the 23rd was in danger of being cancelled. Although there were a few withdrawals, 14 ladies played and it never rained. We were very lucky as those who played later that afternoon got very wet.

The Halloween Special was the finale to a very busy October! On the crisp and chilly morning, 21 ladies challenged the tricky 6-6-6 (devil's numbers!) with two scores to count on first 6 holes, three on second and one on last. They were all dressed in black and orange and added colour and noise to the Clubhouse, and enjoyed a special treat, a gorgeous Halloween cake made by Vera Martins who only finished it at 3am that morning!



Have you finished your tea yet?



Social Golf by Roy Baddeley

On a beautiful sunny afternoon on the 20th October, 56 members and guests took part in a Texas Scramble.

There were some great scores returned from teams playing Olives / Pines and also teams on Corks / Olives.

After a very good meal courtesy of Jorge and his staff and much social banter, the prizes were presented to:

	Pines to Corks		Corks to Olives	
1st Place	Tony Hickey Albert Sohier Helen Mills Annette Newbald	67.2 Pts	Knut Ellingsen Barry Murphy Chandra Patel Thérèse van Doorn	62.4 Pts
2nd Place	Michiel van Doorn Orlando Hill Jürgen Ternieden Sandra Seddon	68.4 Pts	Andy Georges Peter Mills Lisa Burns Christel Ternieden	68.4 Pts
3rd Place	Stewart Harper Andy Watkins Carol Counihan Adrienne Buth	70.2 Pts	Niall Counihan Bob Seddon Roger Kitson Marian Hill	69.4 Pts

The next Social will be a joint team event with Quinta do Lago on the 24th November.

As before, the number of players from each club will be limited to 36 members so do not miss out on a great day.

Interclub by Christian Holst

Unfortunately we lost the last away match against Laranjal 4-1. 3 of the four matches lost went to the 18th so we put up a better fight than the numbers show. Laranjal won our division, 1 point ahead of PA and Vale do Lobo, but came second on better internal scoring against VdL.

The play off matches between Alto, the other division winner, and Laranjal have not been completed yet.

Later in the month we will participate in the Finals Day where all clubs field a 6 member team. I have picked the 5 players with the most matches played, along with myself.

We had a great performance this year but in order to win we need a slightly better away record. I have some thought on the best way forward on this which I will get back to. The support for the team is great and hopefully the objective of winning as many matches as possible is now well accepted. I am sorry I cannot please everyone when picking the team.

As all matches in both divisions have been completed, it is now clear who will be in our division next year. With a very small caveat it looks like our opponents will be: Alto, Boavista, Quinta do Lago, Parque de Floresta, Carvoeiro, Morgado and Palmares. I will try to get Christophe to rent a house for us further West...!

Thanks again for a great season and look forward to next year.

Forthcoming Events

November and December 2013

Sat 2nd November – Men's Roll Up

Sun 3rd November – November Medal

Wed 6th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 9th November – Foursomes Championship

Sun 10th November – Foursomes Championship

Wed 13th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 16th November – Men's Roll Up

Sun 17th November – 18 Hole Social Golf

Wed 20th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 23rd November – Men's Roll Up

Sun 24th November – November Stableford

Wed 27th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 30th November – St. Andrews Challenge

Wed 4th December – Ladies' Day

Sat 7th December – Men's Roll Up

Sun 8th December – 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 11th December – Ladies' Day

Sat 14th December – Men's Roll Up

Sun 15th December – December Medal

Wed 18th December – Ladies' Day

Sat 21st December – Men's Roll Up

Sun 22nd December – Christmas Turkey Flutter

Thurs 26th December – Boxing Day American Foursomes

Sat 28th December – Men's Roll Up

PRO TIP by Ross Sutherland

SHOULDER TILT

Keep the left side low at the top of the backswing for accuracy.

On full shots, your shoulder turn can become too level at the top of the backswing and a blocked shot to the right often results. You can really see this when hitting your driver. Completing your backswing with the proper shoulder tilt – left shoulder lower than your right – helps swing the club down on plane and square the clubface at impact.



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

Name	
E-mail	
Club	h'cp

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 :
Welcome 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 - occupancy **€390**

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

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

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

Maximum Guests (non-members: 80 players (early reservation 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
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