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# Altos

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PINHEIROS ALTOS  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Pirret

August has been a quiet month following Gala week with many members on holiday in other climes.

The men won their match against Cotswold Hills and I would like to thank all those who played for the Club.

As mentioned in the last newsletter there is another Social match for the Men playing the MCC on the 9th October and we will put the sign up sheet on the board very soon as we need 16 players.

Now the Ryder Cup Captains have chosen their wild cards our own Captains have chosen the team colours for the PA Ryder Cup – the USA team will wear white or red shirts and Europe blue or yellow. Signatures on the sign up sheet in the foyer are increasing daily so please make your entry soon – there is no requirement to play all 3 days so everyone can play as much or as little as they wish.

## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

As expected August was very calm after the storm, it gave us time to look back on the Sunshine Classic Members Gala Week which was a great success and I take this opportunity to thank all the players which took part and made it into such an enjoyable week for all.

On 5th August, we had our annual Junior Open with 30 juniors taking part in a great day organized by our Pro Peter Ashdown and sponsored by Mr. Malcolm Helder, also with the help of some past Captains on the day. The Champion was Pinheiros Altos member James Porter and congratulations to him on what I am sure will be the first of many more trophies.

Stella Jeffrey once again won the August Stableford while Graham Goodkind won the August Medal and did not go unnoticed as he also took my money by the last Roll Up of August. Some people just never learn.

September will now start to be busier as the golf season is now on the way and make sure your names are down for the Matchplay Championship in mid-September and also for the Ryder Cup at the end of the months which will be played in the morning to allow watching the real thing on TV. Pressure is on Europe to win the Trophy in Gleneagles but I know we have a few American supporters around as well!

Another important day is 1st October for the Pink day which will be open not only to the ladies but to all the members of the Club and it is such a good cause to support.

I look forward to see as many of you around for the forthcoming events.



### Jessica Hall

A team of six promising teenagers have been selected to play Switzerland in an U16 girls' match at Heswall, Cheshire, on Tuesday 19 August.

Jessica Hall 15, (Bishop Auckland) has been practicing at Pinheiros Altos over the winter is from the U16 North squad. She is the Durham ladies' champion and tied for seventh place in the first event on this year's WPGA One Day Series.

She was seventh in the English U15 girls' championship and sixth in the English U16 schools championship.

Congratulations Jessica!



*Junior Open participants*



*Junior Open lunch*



*Junior Open lunch*



*Junior Open lunch*



*Benji de Kousemaeker*



*James Cotterill*



*Beatriz Oliveira*



*Bernardo Martins*



*Evan McGuik*



*Diogo Pinto*



*Junior Open Champion James Porter*

## Mr Keith Godby 1937 – 2014

It is with the deepest regret that I inform the membership of the passing of Mr Keith Godby a former member of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club.

# Competition Results for August

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tues 5th	Junior Open	<b>Best Gross</b> James Porter	82 Gross	<b>Best Nett</b> Diogo Pinto	63 Nett
Wed 6th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Hilary Jessup	76 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans	77 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Melody Cotterill	73 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Murian Hill	76 Nett
Sun 10th	August Stableford	Stella Jeffrey	36 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> )	Sue Georges	36 Pts
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Non-Qualifying Stableford at San Lorenzo	Rie Cherubini	39 Pts ( <i>bb9</i> )	Linda Bentley	39 Pts
Sun 17th	August Medal	Graham Goodkind	73 Nett ( <i>bb9</i> )	Declan Quilligan	73 Nett
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> CAthy Harper	39 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Sue Georges	36 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Fiona Hanby	32 Pts	<b>2nd Division</b> Linda Dixon	27 Pts
Wed 27th	Ladies Day	Four Ball Better Ball Matchplay			

## Social Golf by Iain Callaghan

The last day of the month and the end of probably the warmest week of the Summer (so far) saw the teams competing in the “4 Clubs and a Putter” challenge.

As there was a limited turnout of 20 players we decided to use only one course and opted for Corks to Olives as probably being the coolest combination.

It never ceases to amaze that some very good scores are achieved by the teams limited to 4 clubs returning results not too far removed from those achieved with a full set, supporting the maxim that sometimes, less is more!

After a very enjoyable supper, set alfresco, on the terrace, prizes were awarded to the winning team made up of

Adrienne Buth, Stella Jeffrey, Sandra Little and David key scoring 75 points closely followed by the runners up, Rie Cherubini, Susan Georges, Vera Watkins and Brian Scott on 73 points - NB both the successful teams comprised of three ladies and one gentleman, so I know how to rig the draw next time I'm in charge!

The next Social Golf, to be held on 5th October, will be something of a celebratory event in recognition of 10 successful years of Social Golf at P.A. appropriately organised by two of the founder members, Molly and Therese.

## Ladies Section by Adrienne Buth

August was very quiet. I visited my family in Holland and many big thanks to Cathy Harper and Rie Cherubini for taking care of the qualifying competitions in that month.

We won the friendly match at Vila Sol and enjoyed their great hospitality and a lovely lunch on the terrace.

The last Wednesday of August four teams played matchplay. It seemed to be the hottest day of the month!

September will offer more possibilities to play golf. Don't forget to sign up for the next events: Ladies invitation day (17th), Pink Day (1st October), the club Match play Championship and the Ryder Cup.



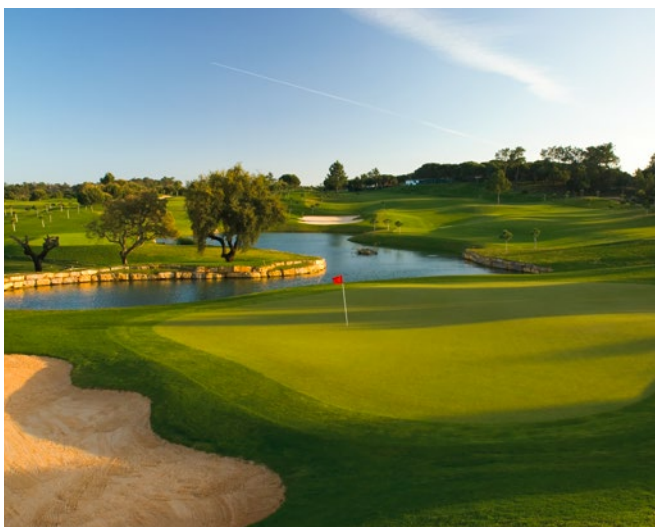
## Interclub by Christian Holst

The final part of the season is now well underway and we have one match every week until early October. I have checked with a few of you on availability, please contact me (preferably by e-mail) if you wish to be on the regular "mailing list".

We played away on the 3rd against Carvoeiro and lost 3 ½ - 1 ½. Most matches were very close so the result was a bit disappointing. Unfortunately our away record this year has been somewhat disappointing and is the main reason we are

not in contention for the championship. Whilst some of you believe that another reason may be the excellent work of our Handicap Committee (and the opposite of others'), I am afraid lack of familiarity on other courses has more to do with it.

We have four more matches coming up and we can still achieve a top-three position in our division which is important under the new league rules coming into effect next year.



## Greens Committee by Stewart Harper

In our August report we drew attention to the advice which had been given to us in the two agronomists reports. This report is shorter and follows up on progress to date.

The recovery of the course to the condition we seek will not happen overnight! Indeed we expect it will take the best part of two years.

We are pleased to report that the following physical signs of improvement are evident:-

1. There is more definition of the fairways, but not yet a second cut.
2. The poa grass which has invaded some of the greens has been treated with chemical on Olives (it is unsightly) and is being removed on other greens by hand (I did see a greens man removing it on 8 of Pines) also the fusarium which is evident on some greens has been treated.
3. We are advised that quotes are being obtained to over seed the greens and tees this autumn.
4. New rakes are on order to facilitate raking the bunkers where this is compaction and where there is no actual work being carried out to replace the sand and renovate the bunker.

5. Microtining the greens and then using the ride on ironing machine is commencing but as yet the “top dressing” which is being purchased in place of just sand has not yet been obtained. Greens which have been tined and “ironed” are noticeably quicker and firmer! We need a programme to ensure consistency of playing conditions.

6. Killing the weed grasses is due to start.

The fairways are noticeably better on many holes but the Olives fairways still need to improve and these are still areas of poor grass which may need more direct treatment on many holes.

We feel however this is a good start and more work will take place over the autumn period and the coming months.

No doubt members will let us know if they see something we have missed, preferable not just before we go out to play!

Stewart Harper, Rie Cherubini and Gordon Todd





## PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

### Lofted Pitch Set Up

**Open your stance, move your ball position forward to add height**

The address position is the Key to executing this shot properly.

You have to give yourself the best possible chance of creating the swing shape that will produce a high trajectory.

My weight is evenly balanced, maybe just a touch more on the left side. My stance is open, with my hands just ahead of the ball, which is opposite of my left heel.

Most amateurs find this shot difficult because they place the ball back toward the right foot.

## Forthcoming Events August - September 2014

Wed 3rd September	Ladies Day
Sat 6th September	Men's Roll Up
Sun 7th September	September Stableford
Wed 10th September	Ladies Day
Fri 12th September	Match Play Championship
Sat 13th September	Match Play Championship
Sun 14th September	Match Play Championship
Wed 17th September	Ladies Invitation Day
Sat 20th September	Men's Roll Up
Sun 21st September	September Medal
Wed 24th September	Ladies Day
Fri 26th September	Ryder Cup Pinheiros Altos
Sat 27th September	Ryder Cup Pinheiros Altos
Sun 28th September	Ryder Cup Pinheiros Altos

Wed 1st October	Ladies Charity Pink Day
Sat 4th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 5th October	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 8th October	Ladies Day
Fri 10th October	Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies
Sat 11th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 12th October	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Wed 15th October	Ladies Day
Fri 17th October	Ladies Competition and Ladies Annual Dinner
Sat 18th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 19th October	October Stableford
Wed 22nd October	Ladies Day
Sat 25th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 26th October	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 29th October	Ladies Day