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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Pirret

I was in London for most of December and apparently missed a glorious month of weather.

On return, the improvement of the golf course, particularly the greens, was noticeable due to the combination of weather and the efforts of the ground staff – thank you to all concerned.

We now have a course in condition to host the European Seniors Tour during the third week of January. The event this year has attracted a good field of professionals and I would like to thank John Waters for his generous sponsorship.

The New Year Scramble attracted 155 players and the weather was beautiful, giving a great start to the 2015 tournament calendar.

In accordance with the new rules adopted at last year's AGM, the committee nominate Knut Pedersen for the Vice Captancy. We believe Knut would bring a lot to the role and also break a long run of UK/Irish national captains. Other Principal members can be nominated for the Vice Captancy by any other four Principal members, which would lead to an election at the AGM.

Happy New Year to everyone and good golfing.



The President and the Club Captain



Alan Bentley and Susan Russell



Stewart Harper and John Bayston



Hannah, Amy and Lyndsey



Cathy Harper, Bernadette Hardie and Mai Markey



Christine and Ian Hepworth with Keith Fletcher



New Pinheiros Altos residents David and Tania Light with Christine Soden



Graeme Thomson, Denise Reed and Barbara Fletcher



Rie Cherubini, Linda Bentley and Molly Wainwright



John Linley, Paula Burke Hickey, Mike Collins and Tony Hickey

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

As per usual, December was a busy month in the members' calendar, with many Christmas competitions. I would like to thank Ross, Kenny and Roger for running the Turkey Flutter, the Boxing Day and the roll ups, which allowed me to take some

time off with the family over Christmas. The Turkey Flutter was well supported with 50 players and won by Kathy Grimm. We had 54 players at the Boxing Day, and the winners were Tim Moores and Rainer Grimm.



Turkey Flutter Winner Kathy Grimm



Turkey Flutter Runner-Up Paula Burke Hickey



Turkey Flutter 3rd Place Tim Moores

The Eclectic competition, which was sponsored by Florida Golf (thanks to Chris Hales), was won for the men by Declan Quilligan with a score of 60 and for the ladies by Nancy Schofield with a score of 66. Hamish Rumball and Denise Reed were the Nett winners of the competition. I am pleased to announce that Chris Hales and Florida Golf will continue to sponsor this competition through 2015 and that all the monthly medals will count for the eclectic.

The New Year's Day Scramble was very special this year, with 155 players on the day. The "Brian Evans New Year Scramble

Trophy" was presented to the winning team: Kelvin and Yvonne White, Chris Norman, Yarida Kapinpong and Shirley Griffiths.

On the 15th of December, together with Jenny Harrison, Pinheiros Altos had the pleasure to host ten young boys from Candeias Children's Home. They produced wooden houses to attract "chapim" birds, which were placed on the golf course. These birds are supposed to eat caterpillars and will help control infestation over the years. This was followed by a lunch very kindly provided by Lusotel. They all seemed to have enjoyed the day.



I would like to congratulate Jenny Harrison for all her hard work towards the ACCA foundation through this year. Her dedication to the cause has been remarkable. A big thank

you to all members who are continuously supporting such an important foundation.



Mr Christophe Rindlisbacher,
Golf Director
Pinheiros Altos Clube de Golfe,
Pinheiros Altos,
Algarve.

31st December 2014

Dear Christophe,

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful Christmas holiday, and you return to work feeling relaxed and refreshed after the break.

The visit to Pinheiros Altos that you organised for the 15th December went extremely well and the weather was very kind to us.

The seven boys from the Candeias Children's home had an amazing time; José gave them lots of tuition on the driving range, (there were a couple of boys that showed some promise), but all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it was difficult to get them to hand the clubs back and return to the clubhouse for lunch.

Once again George's team made them very welcome, and the pizza and hamburgers were soon eaten, giving them a new burst of energy before they returned to the course.

After lunch they worked with Sisenando and his team placing some of the bird houses they had made in the trees.

We all set off to "the 4th of Pines" in a buggy convoy. Needless to say the boys loved being allowed to drive. Unfortunately, we only had time to install two of the bird-houses before the light started to fail, (these are in the trees on the right of the fairway opposite the water hazard), the other eight bird-houses were to be installed the following day.

Hopefully they will soon become the new nest sites for pairs of 'Chapim' and these birds will eat the caterpillars. Perhaps this may eventually eliminate the need for chemical spraying. Ana has agreed to let the boys know as soon as the birds move in.

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to Ana, Jose, George's team in the restaurant, and also Sisenando and his team for all the work they put in to making such a special day for the boys. It will be a day they will remember for the rest of their lives, and I know I saw a tear in a few of the boy's eyes when they finally had to get back into their minibus and go home.

My best wishes for a very happy New Year to you your family and all the staff at Pinheiros Altos Clube de Golfe.

Many thanks

Jenny Harrison
On behalf of ACCA
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The 3rd Algarvian Invitational will be taking place from the 15th until the 18th of January 2015, and there is already a field of 84 players confirmed.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Greens Committee, together with Seginando and the maintenance staff, on all the hard work put in to recover the golf course conditions. There is still a long way to go, however results are starting to be seen especially on the greens, which are

getting back to their normal speed and quality. Rie Cherubini has decided to resign from the Greens Committee and Tony Hickey has been nominated to replace her on this committee. I would like to welcome Tony on the Greens committee and look forward to be working with him.

I, together with all the staff, would like to wish all the members of Pinheiros Altos and their families a very Happy New Year and a great golfing year!

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.

New Year's Day Scramble Results – Thursday 1st January 2015

	Team	Handicap	Score
Winners	Kelvin White, Yvonne White, Chris Norman, Yarida Kabinpong, Shirley Griffiths	7.0	-11 (BN -6.5)
Pro Team	Ross Sutherland, Jamie O'Doherty, Jonathan Bennett Paul Greenhalgh, Robert Moss	+1.5	-12.5
2nd	Christine Soden, Debbie Madgett, Valerie Lee Graham Lee, Brian Scott	7.0	-11 (BN -5.5)
3rd	Tim Russell, Susan Russell, Melody Cotterill James Cotterill, Philip Goodman	4.0	-11 (BN -3.0)
4th	Philip Schofield, Nancy Schofield, Jacques M D'Algue Florence M D'Algue, Neil Bamber	0.5	-10.5
5th	David Adamson, Andrew Adamson, Mark Adamson Liz Adamson, Janet Robinson	5.5	-7.5



St Andrews Day Trophy winner Melaura Parker



Ladies Eclectic Best Gross 2014 winner, Nancy Schofield



Ladies Eclectic Best Nett 2014 winner, Denise Reed

Competition Results for December

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Cathy Harper 2nd Division Shirley Lamb	71 Nett 77 Nett	1st Division Rie Cherubini	78 Nett
Sun 7th	December Medal	Nevin Prakash	73 Nett	Kieran Nagle	74 Nett
Wed 10th	Ladies Day Hot Potato	Margo Fletcher Adrienne Buth Janet Leffler	94 Pts	Janine van de Ree Diana Collins Vera Watkins	92 Pts
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Sally Ward 2nd Division Pat Murrish	36 Pts 31 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	1st Division Leigh Anderson 2nd Division Josie Waddington	34 Pts 31 Pts
Sun 21st	Christmas Turkey Flutter	Kathy Grimm	37 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Paula Burke	37 Pts (<i>bb3</i>)
Fri 26th	Boxing Day American Foursomes	Rainer Grimm Tim Moores	39 Pts (<i>bb6</i>)	Vernon Reed Denise Reed	39 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)
Sun 28th	December Stableford	Adrienne Buth	37 Pts	Denise Reed	35 Pts

Ladies Section - by Adrienne Buth

Very few people don't like Champagne, and we were spoilt in December!

On the 14th, Thérèse van Doorn had a hole in one on the 2nd of Pines. She probably decided to mark the last time she was organising a Sunday Social Golf. Then we had the usual Christmas bubbles and on Boxing Day, our vice Lady Captain Cathy Harper had a hole in one on the 5th of Corks! New Year was again an excuse to uncork the bottles. I hope you had a good start to 2015.

Getting back to December, the Medal Glasses were won by Cathy Harper and Shirley Lamb; there were 14 players on Wednesday the 3rd of December.

Do you remember that I predicted on my first day, the 14th of April, that there would be misunderstandings? On the 10th of December we played "Hot Potato". Someone had given me the rules a short time before, and after I read them a few times, I decided it would be a nice format for a "fun" ladies competition. It was the coldest Wednesday of the year, 21 players were

present, seven well-balanced teams and to my great luck, eight past Lady Captains. I had mailed the rules with the draw and attached them to the scorecards. The first question came when I was teeing off and there were just whispers when we came in. The temperature in the room increased when I started the prize giving. It seemed that there were various interpretations of the rules and after listening to all the comments we decided to go with the scores that were on the cards. I promised myself to better check that rules are really clear. I am afraid that I will not get a second chance to play the "Hot Potato" before the end of March. Life can be unfair.

We had our Christmas celebrations on the 17th of December. We played a Stableford competition with reduction only, and the pictures show how festive and good the atmosphere was. Well done to Sally Ward and Pat Murrish, who won the first prizes. I would like to thank Sue Georges for the delicious minced pies, and Janet Leffler who had organized the catering and prepared the lovely prizes. Unfortunately we never had a chance to sing Christmas carols, every time I stood up to announce them, new dishes were brought in.



That was our last Ladies Day for the year 2014, the next Medal Day will be on the 7th of January. Many ladies will go back home or to warmer countries, while others will soon be in

Portugal after they have spent the holidays with their families. I hope that the good scores we had lately will continue.

Report from the Greens Committee

This is a short report as the Golf Committee did not meet in December, but I hope members can recognise that progress is being made on the course, especially the greens, which are running much faster and truer. The stimp reading is approximately 10 (which is quick enough if you are above the hole on some greens)!

There is a large programme of work for January, which we will report on in February. This includes work on both greens and tees, as well as hollow tining of fairways and specific weed eradication.

I was able to meet our Agronomist, Carlos Guerreiro, together with Christophe in November. Carlos Guerreiro is very impressive. He advises many of the Algarve courses and gave us specific advice on course maintenance.

This includes the use of verti cutters for both rough and fairways, which controls kikuyu grass better than standard

cutters. He was specific as to the best length of the rough, and for both greens and fairways, which is to be followed. The regular micro tining rolling and top dressing of the greens is also to continue, as is sand replacement in the bunkers. Heavy scarification of the fairways is not felt necessary in the future with the new maintenance regime in place.

All in all there is a lot to be optimistic about for 2015 and your committee is dedicated to ensuring the course reaches its best possible condition.

Lastly Christophe will reporting on a small change to the composition of the Greens Committee, which will arise from a meeting next week.

May we all wish you good golfing for 2015!

Stewart Harper, Rie Cherubini, Gordon Todd.

Social Golf by Thérèse van Doorn

We played the last social golf competition of the year on the 14th of December. It was also the last social golf for me as a member of the committee. And it was a special one....

The game we played was Stableford with four clubs and a putter, in teams of four and two scores to count. There were 43 players, quite a lot for this time of the year. When we came in after a cold round (but NO rain!!) we got "glühwein" to warm us up.

Jenny Harrison came along to thank Pinheiros Altos and their members for supporting ACCA. They were organising many presents to children's homes around Christmas.

We had a nice supper with turkey, which provided a Christmas atmosphere, along with a concert from the São Lourenço singers, who sang beautiful Christmas songs. Thanks to Helen Mills for organising the choir's performance and Christophe who invited the singers to join us for supper. During the singing we had a glass of sparkling wine because I had made a hole-in-one on the

2nd hole Pines... what a way to finish my ten years of being a member of the committee!

The winners of Pines/Corks with 76 points and a best back nine were, Sandra Seddon, Nils Leffler, Nigel Collins and Thérèse van Doorn. Second place went to Janine van de Ree, Shirley Griffiths, John Mullins and Bertil Wiren. The winners of Corks/Olives with 77 points were Keith Fletcher, Helen Mills, Diana Collins and John Wainwright. Second prize with 70 points and a best back nine went to Ingrid Hollier, Marianne Wiren, Peter Mills and Cornelius van de Ree.

It was a lovely day with lots of fun and great atmosphere - a special one in many ways.

Thank you for all your support, I have been a member of the social committee with great pleasure, but there is a time to come and there is a time to go.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.



São Lourenço Choir



Winners of Pines/Corks Nigel Collins, Thérèse van Doorn, Sandra Seddon and Nils Leffler with Dirk Blaesing



Winners of Corks/Olives Helen Mills, Keith Fletcher, Diana Collins and John Wainwright with Dirk Blaesing and Thérèse van Doorn



Runners up of Pines/corks John Mullins, Janine van de Ree, Shirley Griffiths and Bertil Wiren



Runners up of Corks/Olives Peter Mills, Cornelius van de Ree, Marianne Wiren and Ingrid Hollier



Jenny Harrison and Thérèse van Doorn



Dirk Blaesing and Molly Wainwright presenting flowers to Thérèse van Doorn

PRO TIP

Kenny Fairbairn

My New Year's tip for 2015 is for all our members to check in their golf bag and take a good look at your wedges.

At Pinheiros Altos I think most members should invest in a Lob Wedge; pretty useful for our sloping greens. Then think about adding a Gap Wedge 52/53 degrees for those 50/60 metre shots.

The two additions to your set could save you 2 or 3 shots a round.

Just ask myself or Ross, we will happily advise you of your best options.

Have a great start to 2015!!



Forthcoming Events

January – February 2015

Thurs 1st January	New Year's Scramble
Sat 3rd January	Men's Roll Up
Sun 4th January	Winter Medal
Tues 6th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 7th January	Ladies Day
Sat 10th January	Men's Roll Up
Sun 11th January	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 13th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 14th January	Ladies Day
Thurs 15th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Fri 16th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 17th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sun 18th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Tues 20th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 21st January	Ladies Day
Sat 24th January	Men's Roll Up
Sun 25th January	January Stableford
Tues 27th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 28th January	Lady Captain vs Lady Vice Captain
Sat 31st January	Men's Roll Up
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



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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