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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Stewart Harper

May I start this report by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year. The end of 2015 saw the Turkey Flutter being cancelled due to heavy rain. However lunch and a draw of many prizes took place notwithstanding the lack of golf. Then there was the Boxing Day "American Foursomes", which the Collins (Diana and Nigel) won with 44 points. The New Year's Day Scramble had a field of 160 (a record) and despite a poor weather forecast and some rain, nearly all completed the round. No doubt that Christophe will provide details.

As I move into my last two months of office, I remain optimistic that much needed investment sought by the club is moving forward.

I recently met the new appointee Ruben Paula, who is the new CEO for JJW Algarve investments. He comes from a background of advising large leisure groups on how to restore their businesses to profitability with increased investment. Many of the issues that Christophe and I believe need attention were discussed, and we were impressed by his understanding of both the issues and the competition we are facing in the Algarve. I will keep you fully advised regarding progress.

It is my pleasure to advise members that David Ford has agreed to have his name put forward as the Vice-Captain for

2016/2017. Under the rules of the club, the four designated officers can propose a candidate. The members vote at the A.G.M to approve his appointment or consider any other candidate who may be proposed in accordance with the rules by any member of the club.

David has been a member since 1998 and recently retired to live in the Algarve. Many of you will know his wife Kay, a very competitive golfer and member, and his three children who are regularly seen in the club.

David has spent a lifetime working in the service sector, where he served as Chief Executive to some of the UK's largest companies, by way of example, Gardner Merchant, Regus, GBM Services Ltd, amongst many others. He will bring a wealth of experience to PA. He has a handicap of 7 and he is a keen competitor; golf is definitely in the family blood. He is also Chairman of the Professional Cricketers Association Benevolent Fund. I believe he will play a very active role assisting Knut Pedersen in taking the club forward in the next phase of its development.

Finally, I am sad to report the death of Alan Walton, a founder member of the club, and at the age of 71, a sad loss. Our thoughts go to his widow Win and family. The Lady Captain arranged for flowers to be sent on behalf of all the members.



Boxing Day Winners Nigel and Diana Collins and Ross Sutherland



Boxing Day Runners-Up and Club Captains Stewart and Cathy Harper



Boxing Day 3rd Place Nils and Janet Leffler



New Year's Eve Celebrations



*Club Captain Stewart Harper and
Lady Captain Cathy Harper*



Club Captain and Lady Captain with Willie and Janice Paterson



David and Tania Light



*Club President David Markey and Lady
Vice-Captain Mai Markey*



Zoë and David Pirret



Ian and Christine Hepworth



Bernadette and Philip Hardie



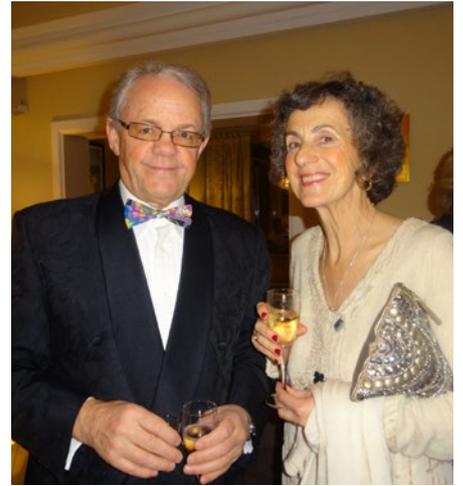
Orlando and Marian Hill



Shona and Iain Callaghan



Graeme and Fiona Thomson



Kieran and Kay Nagle



Iain and Lubna Cater



Maxine and John Waters



John and Molly Wainwright



Mai Markey, Graeme Thomson and Marian Hill



Orlando Hill, Fiona Thomson and Philip Hardie

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

December 2015 was a busy month in the member's calendar with many Christmas competitions. I would like to thank Ross, Kenny and Roger for running the Turkey Flutter and the Boxing Day event, as well as running the roll ups. I would also like to thank Cristina for running the office, which allowed me to take some time off with the family over Christmas.

Unfortunately the Turkey Flutter was rained off and therefore no golf was played on the day. However all 47 participants came back for lunch and the prizes, which were sponsored by the catering, were drawn amongst the members present.

The Eclectic Competition, which was sponsored by Florida Golf (thanks to Chris Hales), was won for the men by Tim Russell with a score of 64 and Sally Evans for the ladies with a score of 69. I must apologise, as I presented the Nett prizes for the Eclectic to the wrong players on New Year's Day. The winner for the men was Nils Leffler with a score of 54 and for the ladies, Linda Bentley with a score of 56.

I will make sure both their prizes are presented to them at the next important presentation. I am pleased to announce that Chris Hales and Florida Golf will continue to sponsor this competition through 2016, and that all the monthly medals will count for the Eclectic.

New Year's Day Scramble was a very special one this year with 160 players on the day, which is a record. The "Brian Evans New Year Scramble Trophy" was presented to the winning team; David Adamson, Andrew Adamson, Mark Adamson, Constantin Schmidt and Ali Scott with a score of -10.

The 4th Algarvian Invitational will be taking place from 17th until 23rd January 2016. There is already a field of 103 players confirmed, as well as the Algarvian Charity Pro-Am the previous week with 92 players...and surely a week to look forward to building up for the future years.

I am delighted that David Ford has accepted to be the candidate nominated by the committee to be the future Vice-Captain as from the next A.G.M, while Zoe Pirret 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 will of course be the St Valentine's Trophy. 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 would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Greens Committee together with Sesinando 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.

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!

Alan Walton

1942 - 2015

It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce the passing of Alan Walton.

He had been a property owner and member of Pinheiros Altos since the early days of the club.

I am sure you will join with me in sending condolences to widow Win and the rest of his family.

AGM

The A.G.M. of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club will take place on Thursday 24th March 2016 at 10am in the Clubhouse.

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 Thursday 10th March 2016.

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

If any principal member would like to stand for election as Incoming Vice-Captain they should notify the Golf Office, proposed and seconded by four principal members in writing on or before Thursday 10th March 2016.

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

Agenda

- 1. 10am: Meeting is opened by the Chairman of the A.G.M**
- 2. The Chairman will introduce the outgoing Captain, Mr. Stewart Harper**
- 3. Mr. Stewart Harper will summarize his year and introduce the Captain for the coming year, Mr. Knut Pedersen**
- 4. The Captain's acceptance speech**
- 5. Report from the Director of Golf including the response to written questions**
- 6. The Chairman closes the meeting**



Stewart Harper – Club Captain



Knut Pedersen – Incoming Club Captain



David Ford – Proposed Incoming Club Vice-Captain



Cathy Harper – Lady Captain



Mai Markey – Incoming Lady Captain



Zoë Pirret – Incoming Lady Vice-Captain

New Year's Day Scramble Results – Friday 1st January 2016

	Team	Hcp	Score
Winners	David Adamson Andrew Adamson Mark Adamson Ali Scott Constantin Schmidt	2,0	-10
Pro Team	Colin Fisher Kirsty Fisher Rebecca Hudson Iain Lightbody Scott Taylor	+ 4	-12
2nd	Leigh Anderson Stuart Anderson Iain Cater Lubna Cater Iain Landsburgh	2,0	-9
3rd	Gordon Todd Robert Lester Majida Lester Chris Parker Melaura Parker	3,5	-7,5 (BB9 – 3,75)
4th	Kelvin White Yvonne White Chris Norman Yarida Kabinpong Shirley Griffiths	5,5	-7,5
5th	Peter Young Joanna Young Rainer Grimm Kathy Grimm Sergey Naumov	5,5	-5,5 (BB9 – 3,75)



Club Captain Stewart Harper and Lady Captain Cathy Harper presenting the Autumn Medal Rosebowl to the winner Thérèse van Doorn



St. Andrew's Day Memorial Trophy winner Robert Lester



Ladies Eclectic Best Gross 2015 winner Sally Evans

Competition Results for December

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Cathy Harper	73 Nett	1st Division Paula Burke	76 Nett
		2nd Division Lisa Burns	78 Nett		
Sun 6th	December Stableford	Per Anton Kleppa	37 Pts (<i>bb9</i>)	Tony Hickey	37 Pts
Wed 9th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Hilary Jessup	39 Pts	1st Division Adrienne Buth	33 Pts
		2nd Division Vera Watkins	32 Pts	2nd Division Melody Cotterill	30 Pts
Sun 20th	Christmas Turkey Flutter	Cancelled due to Bad Weather			
Sat 26th	Boxing Day	Nigel Collins Diana Collins	44 Pts	Stewart Harper Cathy Harper	41 Pts
Sun 27th	December Medal	Per Anton Kleppa	72 Nett	Tony Hickey	74 Nett

Ladies Section - by Cathy Harper

Firstly a Happy New Year to all. It was good to see so many ladies over the Christmas period and enjoy some fun golf with you all. Our Christmas competition on December 16th was a great success with all the ladies entering into the spirit of the competition. We played in red or green teams; trying to dress accordingly with the Christmas theme. Some of the outfits were very imaginative. The red team, led by myself, won, while the greens, led by the Lady Vice Captain, were cheerful losers! Linda Bentley won the prize for the best outfit, she managed to play the whole round dressed as a Christmas tree, well done Linda. Golf was followed by lunch and festive singing with the '12 Days of Christmas' being the highlight and final song of the day.

The December medals were won by Cathy Harper in Division One and Lisa Burns in Division Two. While, the Stablefords were won by Hilary Jessup in Division One and Vera Watkins in Division Two. All other competitions in December were just for fun or were supposed to be!

The Turkey Flutter on December 20th was rained off, but the lunch was enjoyed by all; especially those who won the prizes on

a card draw. It is impossible to reschedule when rains stops play in a competition so close to Christmas.

The Boxing Day American Foursomes was great fun, although too early a start for some, but New Year's Day saw 160 players turn out to "Scramble" round the course. Well done to the winners, who had a rookie in their team with Alexandra Scott playing in her first ever competition.

Majida Lester returned to the club after going to Laranjal for a year. Welcome back Majida.

On a sadder note, Win Walton's husband Alan died just before Christmas. Alan had been a founder member of the club and was well known to many. Our condolences go to Win and her family.

I wish you health, happiness and successful golf with good friends at PA in 2016.

Report from the Greens Committee

In our last report, we commented on the state of the course and that we were disappointed at the damage caused by the dollar spot on our greens. The fungus has now been eradicated but there is some fungus damage on some fairways (the first of Pines is bad). This is not dollar spot and our agronomist suspects fusarium patch. This is a fungus seen most commonly in the UK but on greens rather than fairways. The large circular patches have been treated and will grow out. They are unsightly but should not affect play. We suspect the unusually mild weather over the last two months has been a factor. The fungus can spread if not treated so we must be vigilant.

The greens are recovering well and the mild weather has been helpful in this respect. The Olives were treated first and these are nearly back to the condition expected at this time of year. We hope to have all the greens micro tined and

rolled for the Pro-AM and Senior Professional competitions, which take place in January. Expect fast running greens very soon!

Presentation of the course remains a major challenge for us as we believe the course is better than some of the negative comments we hear from some members. There are courses that present better than ours but plenty where they would be envious of all that PA offers to our members. We remain determined that the course is the major priority of the membership as so much flows from a well maintained and attractive course. Progress is slower than we would like but never the less we are moving in the right direction.

We wish all members good golfing for 2016.

Stewart Harper Captain, Gordon Todd, Tony Hickey.

PRO TIP - Ross Sutherland

Wrist Cock on Chips

Stiff Arms and Hands can Kill Feel Around Green

Look at any of the great short game players, like Seve Ballesteros or Phil Mickelson, and I guarantee you 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.



Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

Four Clubs plus a putter was quite a testing format for our Christmas competition. Nevertheless it was fun and, as ever, there was some excellent scoring. The golf was followed by a traditional English Christmas dinner complete with flaming pudding!

After dinner, we were entertained by the San Lorenzo singers who sang a selection of Christmas songs and other music, which was very well received by our members and guests. Thank you Helen (Mills) for organising it for us.

The golf results were:-

	Corks to Olives Course		Olives to Pines Course	
1st Place	Bertil Wirén	79	David Pirret	95
	Mai Markey	Pts	Stella Jeffrey	Pts
	Nils Leffler		Alan Bentley	
	Diana Collins		Molly Wainwright	
2nd Place	Stewart Harper	76	David Markey	81
	Peter Mills	Pts	Sandra Seddon	Pts
	John Wainwright		Cathy Harper	
	Adrienne Buth		Andy Watkins	

The next Social Golf is on 10th January and is a Waltz to be organised by Iain Callaghan and Ken Irving.

This was my last event on the Social Golf Team. I have enjoyed my time on the committee and would like to thank the other members of the committee – both past and present – for their hard work. Most of all, I would like to thank the members who join in the monthly competitions and make them so successful. Iain Callaghan will take over from me.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Forthcoming Events January and February

Fri 1st January	New Year's Scramble
Sat 2nd January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 3rd January	Winter Medal
Tues 5th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 6th January	Ladies Day
Sat 9th January	Mens Roll up
Sun 10th January	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 12th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL South & SL)
Wed 13th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL South & SL)
Fri 15th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL North & SL)
Sat 16th January	Algarvian Pro Am (QDL North & SL)
Tues 19th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Wed 20th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Thurs 21st January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Fri 22nd January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 23rd January	Mens Roll Up
Sun 24th January	January Stableford
Tues 26th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 27th January	Ladies Day
Sat 30th January	Mens Roll Up
Tues 2nd February	Club Roll Up
Wed 3rd February	Ladies Day
Sat 6th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th February	18 Holes Social Golf with Quinta do Lago
Tues 9th February	Club Roll Up
Wed 10th February	Ladies Foursomes Championship
Fri 12th February	St Valentine's Day (San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos)
Sat 13th February	St Valentine's Day (San Lorenzo and Pinheiros Altos) NO ROLL UP
Sun 14th February	February Medal
Tues 16th February	Club Roll Up
Wed 17th February	Ladies Day
Sat 20th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st February	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 23rd February	Club Roll Up
Wed 24th February	Ladies Day
Sat 27th February	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th February	St David's Stableford



PINHEIROS ALTOS GOLF COURSE
VALENTINES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Guarantee your presence at our III Valentine's Day Mixed Golf Tournament
on the 12th and 13th February 2016,
at Pinheiros Altos GC and San Lorenzo GC.
Accommodation packages available for
Dona Filipa Hotel and Formosa Park Apartment Hotel.

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