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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Knut Pedersen

August was a calm month. After an intense Gala Week, we all needed a rest from the social agenda.

The heat in August was as expected and tourists filled the Algarve. Many of the members visited their home countries, leaving the rest enjoying a calmer time here. With an all-time high of tourists visiting the Algarve, PA became a summertime paradise. A place that was not too crowded with sun-seeking visitors. The beaches have been overcrowded and traffic at its peak. Therefore it has been great to enter PA and feel the tranquillity of the golf course. Some rounds felt as if we had the whole course to ourselves.

August was very windy this year. Meaning that taking the boat out for fishing or getting away from the heat with a trip out to sea was not easy.

I hope that everyone had a great summer break, are well-rested and looking forward to coming back to the Club... and entering all the events coming up this autumn.

The course has been under attack from weeds and unwanted worms this summer. So you may find the course a little disappointing in some areas. This problem will be solved and hopefully the work done will resolve this.

So with this short letter, I am looking forward to seeing you all return this September, and as many as possible entering the events coming up. Look at the sign-up sheets downstairs or in the front of the office.

Gala Week







Director of Golf - Monthly Report

As expected, August was very calm, and gave us time to look back on the Sunshine Classic Members Gala Week, which was a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players who took part and made it such an enjoyable week for all, with one of the biggest entries for 10 years.

On 2th August, we had our annual Junior Open with 25 juniors taking part in a great day organized by our Pro Peter Ashdown. The event was sponsored by Mr. Malcolm Helder, and there was also assistance from past Captains and members on the day. The Champion was Alexandre Castelo - congratulations to him!

Neil Bamber won the August Medal, while Sue Georges won the August Stableford. Congratulations to both of them!

September will be busier as the golf season is now underway with the President and Senior Championship... and of course, our usual Pinheiros Altos Ryder, which looks like it will be one of the biggest entries. Don't forget to join in the game and also watch the real thing on TV, direct from the States.

Another important event will be Pink Day on 5th October. It will be open as it was such a success last year, not only for the ladies but for all the members of the Club. It is such a good cause to support and we are hoping to raise over €5,000 for

the cause to exceed last year. Later in the same week, we will be playing the Wooden Spoon on 7th October. This is our annual match of ladies versus men, and I have to say that I hope the men can improve on their recent results... otherwise the ladies could have a very easy walkover and our Club Captain Knut Pedersen will be left with the Wooden Spoon!

I would like to remind all the members that we are now entering the busiest season of the year and that the pace of play on the golf course will be affected - therefore whenever possible members should always try to play in 4 balls. We are very fortunate to have the members' times, which allow us having a better pace on the course for our members.

During the month of October, some of the tees will be enlarged and refurbished in order to have better rotation during the busy seasons. Hopefully, this will improve the quality of our tees and presentation. We are planning to work on the tees on 9th Corks, 2nd Pines and 7th Olives during October. This is only the start of a long process to update the course to a more modern design, allowing for the traffic that we have seen over the last few months.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the forthcoming events and wish you all good golfing!

Competition Results for August

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tues 2nd	Junior Open	Bets Gross Alexandre Castelo	35 Pts Gross	Best Nett Manuel Oliveira	39 Pts (<i>bb9 19</i>)
Wed 3rd	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Denise Reed 2nd Division Wendy Evans	71 Nett 73 Nett	1st Division Rie Cherubini	72 Nett
Sun 7th	August Medal	Neil Bamber	69 Nett	Tony Hickey	71 Nett
Wed 10th	Ladies Day	Janine van de Ree Wendy Evans Stella Jeffrey Barbara Fletcher	87 Pts		

Competition Results cont.

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 14th	August Stableford	Sue Georges	38 Pts	Rie Cherubini	36 Pts (bb9)
Wed 17th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Paula Burke	33 Pts	1st Division Cathy Harper	32 Pts (bb9)
		2nd Division Melody Cotterill	37 Pts	2nd Division Stella Jeffrey	35 Pts
Casa da Quinta Stableford voucher – Melody Cotterill					
Wed 24th	Ladies Day	Pat Heley Diana Collins Wendy Evans Pat Murrish (Floater)	82 Pts	Amanda Stretton Ilse Berg Shona Callaghan Pat Murrish(Floater)	77 Pts
Wed 31st	Ladies Day	Hilary Jessup Stella Jeffrey	47 Pts	Wendy Collins Lisa Burns	46 Pts (bb9)

Ladies Section - by Mai Markey

August is always a quiet month at Pinheiros Altos, as the temperatures go up and families come to visit.

Also, people living here travel to escape the crowds of visitors on holiday at this time.

Our Medal round was played on 3rd August. Many congratulations to the winners Denise Reed and Wendy Evans!

On the following Wednesday, I decided to add a fun team competition - Portuguese Caddy. The game allows the golfer to kick their ball three times (without penalty) during the competition. We had teams of four with two to count and we all adjourned to the terrace for nibbles and drinks. The ladies present all raised their glass in fond memory of Paul Dixon... a fun loving man, who will be sadly missed by us all at PA. Our thoughts are with Linda and family at this time.

Our monthly Stableford followed with Melody Cotterill winning the Casa da Quinta voucher. Many congratulations Melody!

We played a waltz on the 24th and thankfully, there was a nice breeze on the terrace afterwards.

The highlight of August was our Away Day at Palmares on the last Wednesday of the month, which was a great success. It was



Lady Captain Mai Markey Presenting the Voucher for Casa da Quinta to the August Winner Melody Cotterill

an early start for us all departing from PA at 8am... though the bubbles and orange juice helped some on their way. The course is well worth a visit and scoring was high. Luncheon on the beach followed, with plenty of food and wine... a good day was had by all!

The autumn schedule is on the notice board at the main reception - it's set to be very busy with plenty of golf, so please sign up for the events.

Happy golfing.

Ladies Away Day at Palmares



Social Golf - by Iain Callaghan

A round of golf is normally enough of a challenge in itself but being restricted to four clubs and a putter adds a further complication - "which course am I playing, and accordingly, which four clubs are best to select?"

Usually, team competitions go out in fours however, the composition of the 27 players allowed us to make up teams of three; either two ladies and one gent or two gents plus a lady.

There must be a lesson to be learned somewhere, as despite the restricted number of clubs, the winning team scores came in better than, or very close to par - pretty good results for a bag of clubs containing less than one third of the permitted number.



Pines / Corks

1st Place – 74 Pts

Philip Hardie, Diana Collins & Udo Berg

2nd Place – 72 Pts

David Markey, Angela Roberts & Chris Stretton

3rd Place – 69 Pts

Paula Burke Hickey, Andy Watkins & Shona Callaghan

Corks / Olives

1st Place – 70 Pts

Iain Callaghan, Molly Wainwright & Steven Crowdey

2nd Place – 67 Pts

Tony Hickey, Stella Jeffrey & Dirk Blaesing

3rd Place – 62 points (won on better back 6)

Nigel Collins, Chie Crowdey & Reinhard Schlegel

All-in-all, 18 prizes were awarded out a pool of 27 players plus three supper guests - not a bad outcome for a testing challenge on a warm afternoon of fun in the sun!

The next Social Golf event, a 'sixes' competition, will be held on 25th September. It will be organised by Nils Leffler and Stella Jeffrey, so watch out for the notice and sign up!

Report from the Greens Committee

In our last report I indicated a different approach to managing the maintenance of the course, and I also requested members to volunteer to join David and me on the committee. There is some success on the management side but sadly no volunteers as of yet! It really isn't that bad and anyone who has an interest in course management and grass in general will find it challenging and hopefully rewarding (eventually) to sit on the committee. Come on, take the risk!

The Greens Committee met with Ana (our resident engineer), Christophe, Carlos Guerreiro (agronomist), Course Manager Sisenando, myself and David Ford (Vice-Captain). Our main concerns were:

1. Certain tees have been ravaged by grubs and look very poor
2. Weeds, on 5/6 of Pines and 6/7 of Corks in particular, were both unacceptable in presentation and made the non-placing rule unfair
3. The greens were slower than usual, showed poa grass contagion and had very poor sand dressing quality on Corks. They had not been micro tined or rolled as agreed in the diary
4. Kikuyu grasses were beginning to encroach on to some greens

After seeking advice from Carlos, Ana and Sisenando, the following plan to tackle the problem was agreed:

1. The tees most badly affected would be closed whilst the grubs were destroyed (this has already been done). Alternative tees would be opened. The surfaces would be

scarified and reseeded. In future, regular testing of the tees for contagion would be monitored very closely and treated accordingly. The tees had been sprayed in August.

2. The weeds on the course are different from anything seen before. We are hampered by the fact that many insecticides have been banned, but Carlos has taken the weeds away to identify. It seems that one weed maybe Brazilian in origin! We will destroy them one way or another!
3. We have been waiting for a spare part for the micro tining machine and the ironing has therefore been delayed, but hopefully we will be 'on track' shortly. We will be doing proper tining; taking small bores from the sub soil and top dressing over the autumn period. The poa grasses are to be treated and the kikuyu grasses are to be sprayed. We are considering the necessity of putting a solid barrier in place around the greens perimeter. The sand dressing on corks was from a different supplier, and poor quality with grit and small stones. It will wash away. All the greens have been sprayed for dollar spot and fusarium patch, and we are aware of the risk to fairways!

We all agreed that the membership should be aware of the work that is to be done and signs will be erected on the course to warn members of any disruption to their usual play. It is sometimes necessary to cause some inconvenience to recover and repair the course in a year where conditions have been extreme.

The full complement of the committee will meet again on the 11th October to monitor progress.

Academy News

Ross and Kenny now have two flight scope launch monitors up and running down at the Golf Academy.



Using these machines during your golf lessons helps us identify key areas of your swing.

Club path and club face at impact are particularly important, and we can also identify if you are using the correct shafts in your irons and woods.

Come down and give it a try. We all need a little help from time-to-time with our golf game.

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Forthcoming Events

August and September

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| Sat 3rd September | Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers |
| Sun 4th September | September Medal |
| Tues 6th September | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 7th September | Ladies Day |
| Fri 9th September | Matchplay Championship |
| Sat 10th September | Matchplay Championship |
| Sun 11th September | Matchplay Championship and Stableford |
| Tues 13th September | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 14th September | Ladies Day |
| Thurs 15th September | ACCA Charity Pro-Am |
| Sat 17th September | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 18th September | President 's Day incorporating Seniors Championship |
| Tues 20th September | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 21st September | Ladies Day |
| Sat 24th September | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 25th September | 18 Holes Social Golf |
| Tues 27th September | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 28th September | Ladies Day |
| Fri 30th September | Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos |
| Sat 1st October | Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos |
| Sun 2nd October | Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos |
| Tues 4th October | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 5th October | Pink Day – Charity Event |
| Fri 7th October | Wooden Spoon (Men Vs Ladies) |
| Sat 8th October | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 9th October | October Stableford |
| Tues 11th October | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 12th October | Ladies Day |
| Fri 14th October | Ladies Competition and Ladies Annual Dinner |
| Sat 15th October | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 16th October | Autumn Medal Rosebowl |
| Tues 18th October | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 19th October | Ladies Day |
| Sat 22nd October | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 23rd October | 18 Hole Social Golf |
| Tues 25th October | Club Roll Up |
| Wed 26th October | Ladies Day |
| Sat 29th October | Mens Roll Up |