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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Knut Pedersen

The first week of September began with a heat wave that saw temperatures reach the high 30s. I can't remember experiencing such high temperatures so late in the summer. Normally, it is weather we'd expect during July and August. We also had one day of rain, which cleaned out the dust and freshened the air... but we can take more; we need it. The best scenario is rain in the night and sunshine during the day, which would help the gardens and the golf courses. But we cannot always have what we want.

I have received some complaints about the state of the course. I think that I have to explain some of the difficulties that PA is struggling with. We are situated in the Ria Formosa Park, which is under strict ruling in regards to what can be used on the golf course. So when members play other courses that look great, please bear in mind that those courses can use more toxic material to fight their unwanted weeds.

Work is in progress and hopefully we can get rid of issues in the near future.

I will leave this matter to Stewart, who will tell you more about the course in his section of the newsletter.

The regular golf groups have filled up again after the summer. The Cloggies were up to six flights, which is the maximum we can handle.

September was a busy month at PA, with lots of events...

First out was Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers on the 3rd of September. The turnout was not at its best, but we had 22 players per team. After a great round of golf we (Hillbillies) won the match 6 ½ to 4 ½. Well played everyone.

Since the turnout this year was lower than expected, there will be some changes to the event. Next year, we will have the same game at the end of September, and then every second year alternating with The Ryder Cup. We hope this format will attract more players and we can continue to host the event in the future.

This year, the Matchplay Championship was held between the 9th and 11th. 16 men and seven ladies entered and took up the

challenge. We had some warm days and a lot of golf for some players. The result was clear by Sunday. Sue Georges won against Hillary Jessup 2/1. Stuart Harper and David Light had to go to the 19th, where Stuart held his putt and won. Congratulations to Sue Georges and Stuart Harper on their victories.

We are looking into the way the game will be held in the future, so we can attract more players to enter the Championship.

We had a men's friendly match against Carvoeiro at Vale da Pinta on the 14th. We took 10 players and left early in the morning. After a good round of golf and a lovely lunch, we had realised that we'd lost the match. We won the home match and therefore, in total, we had a draw. After the match we decided that we would try to start an annual mixed friendly against them. Alternate at PA one year and at Carvoeiro the other. The first match will be at Carvoeiro in February. I will offer more details soon.

There will also be the mixed match with Laranjal on the 4th of November at PA. We are waiting to find out how many players from Laranjal will be taking part before putting the list up. The date for the return match is not yet finalised. There will be a priority for the members that play at home for the away match.

The ACCA Charity Pro-AM was held on Thursday the 15th. This is one of the two charity days we hold at PA that are outside the Captain's and Lady Captain's charities. It was great to watch some of the pros hit the ball with great length and precision. The presentation was held before dinner and I'd like to congratulate the winners of the Individual Pros: Kenny Fairbairn and Eddie Charnock; both achieved a score of 71. Meanwhile, the team event was won by Kenny Fairbairn, John Seabrook, Peter Seabrook and Nigel Rudd. The event managed to raise a stunning 10,000 Euros! Well done to everyone who entered and contributed to this great result.

The next events were held on the 19th; the President's Putter and the Senior Championship.

This was David Markey's big day, and it was a great day with our standard Algarve weather and high attendance from members. The winner of both events was Rosie Agnew – well-played

and congratulations. Congratulations also goes to David for a fantastic day.

The Social Day was held on the 25th. The format was 666; this is a difficult format, with three to score on the last 6 holes. But we still had some great scores and the winners were up in the 80s. The Social Golf is a great event, and fun for the members. I recommend these events for anyone wanting a day out on the course with the chance to meet other members. The next event is on the 23rd of October, so put it in the calendar.

So, September has been a busy month with lots of activities... which proves that PA is the social hotspot in Algarve for golf! I am also looking forward to October's events, firstly The Ryder's Cup, then Pink Day and Wooden Spoon. Wooden Spoon is not a game I want to lose, but with the results lately for the ladies, I am realising that this will be a tough game to win.

Please sign up for the games in October and I hope you all have a great month ahead. See you all at the club. Remember to have fun when you play.



Club Captain and Captain for the Hillbillies Team, Knut Pedersen, Receives the Trophy From Club President David Markey, Lady Captain Mai Markey and Director of Golf, Christophe Rindlisbacher



Club Captain, Lady Captain and Director of Golf Presenting Stewart Harper with the Matchplay Championship Trophy



Sue Georges Receiving the Ladies Matchplay Championship Trophy



Matchplay Championship Runner-Up David Light



Ladies Matchplay Championship Runner-Up Hilary Jessup



President's Day and Senior Championship Winner Rosie Agnew Being Presented with Both Trophies by the Club President and Director of Golf



President's Day 1st Nett Men Graeme Thomson



President's Day 1st Nett Ladies Leigh Anderson



Senior Championship Best Over 70s Janine Van de Ree



Senior Championship 1st Nett Senior Paula Burke Hickey



Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

I would like to wish Rui Tomé well – he has been with us for over 15 years in the catering department and is no longer working for the company. I would like to thank him for all his input over the years.

I would like to welcome the new manager, Renato Vairinhos, who will be starting on the 15th of October 2016, and wish him well with his new challenge. I am confident that he is up to this position and that he will be able to lead the team with professionalism and produce the club atmosphere that we need.

Congratulations to the Captain on winning the Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers Trophy for the Hillbillies!

September saw the usual Matchplay Championship, which unfortunately had a small entry. This may be due to the amount of golf played over the three days, combined with playing the back tees. Congratulations to Stewart Harper and Sue Georges, who are both new Matchplay Champions.

On the 15th of September we held our usual ACCA Pro-Am and I would like to thank everyone who participated for their support in raising over €10,000 for a very worthy cause. The winners of the day were our home pro Kenny Fairbairn and former PA pro Eddie Charnock, who is now Director of Golf at

Vilasol. They both achieved a score of 71. Kenny and his team also went on to win the team event.

We hosted our President's Day and the Senior Championship on the 18th of September, which was well supported with 80 players. It was a very enjoyable day that was followed by a lunch in the clubhouse, which was largely sponsored by the President Mr. David Markey. Rosie Agnew was the day's champion by winning the President's Prize and she is also the new Pinheiros Altos Senior Champion 2016. Congratulations Rosie!

The Ryder Cup 2016 was the most attended ever in Pinheiros Altos with over 90 players every day. Europe won here in PA; such a thing hasn't happen for the last eight years, while USA won the real thing in the United States.

The Monthly Stableford was won by Graham Lee, while the September Medal was won by David Light.

October is the busiest month of the year on the golf course, therefore I would recommend all members play in four balls as much as possible. The pace of the golf course will be slower and will be more enjoyable as a four balls group.

I wish all of you a very good October on the golf course!



Mens Roll Up September Winner Mike Hassid Receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros



Our President David Markey Presenting 1,200 € raised on President's Day to Firefighters from Monchique

Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sat 3rd	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers	Hillbillies	6 ½	Sanddancers	4 ½
Sun 4th	September Medal	David Light	66 Nett	Nevin Prakash	73 Nett
Wed 7th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Chie Crowdey 2nd Division Wendy Evans	73 Nett 73 Nett	1st Division Slaney Mullen 2nd Division Lisa Burns	73 Nett 76 Nett
Fri 9th Sat 10th Sun 11th	Matchplay Championship	Men Stewart Harper Ladies Sue Georges		Men David Light Ladies Hilary Jessup	
Sun 11th	Individual Stableford	Graham Lee	34 Pts	Barbara Kyne	33 Pts
Wed 14th	Ladies Day Team 666	Paula Burke Marian Hill Josie Waddington Jill Miller Cheevers	111 Pts	Helen Mills Mai Markey Adrienne Buth Suzanne Davis	101 Pts
Sun 18th	President's Day Incorporating Senior Championship	Presidents Putter Winner Rosie Agnew Senior Champion Rosie Agnew	37 Pts 26 Pts Gross	Best Nett Ladies Leigh Anderson Best Nett Men Graeme Thomson Best Nett Senior Paula Burke Best over 70's Janine van de Ree	35 Pts (BB9) 33 Pts (BB918) 35 Pts 33 Pts
Wed 21st	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Denise Reed 2nd Division Barbara Fletcher	35 Pts 40 Pts	1st Division Sally Evans 2nd Division Wendy Evans	32 Pts 34 Pts
Casa da Quinta Stableford voucher – Barbara Fletcher					
Wed 28th	Ladies Day Team Event Off The Blue Tees	Corks to Pines Chie Crowdey Marian Hill Shirley Griffiths Susie Hardwick Pines to Corks Rosie Agnew Debbie Madgett Linda Dixon Pat Murrish 9 Holes Sandra Seddon Mai Markey			

Ladies Section - by Mai Markey

This is my favourite month of the year as the temperature drops and all the holiday makers depart home allowing us to enjoy our paradise.

Fun started with the Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers... many congratulations to Knut and his team on a great win.

Our Medal on the 7th of September was won by 1st Chie Crowdey and 2nd Wendy Evans ...both having a 73 nett.

We had the Matchplay Championships on the weekend of the 9th. I'm afraid the number of members playing was poor but many congratulations to Sue Georges who beat Hilary Jessup in the final on Sunday.

We played 666 on the 14th of September. Teams of four with two to score on the first six, then three on the next and the final six all to score. It made it challenging, but everyone enjoyed the fun day.

A wonderful score at the monthly Stableford from Barbara Fletcher made her the outright winner of the Casa Da Quinta voucher.

We had our charity day on the 27th and raised over 1,000 euro. Card making followed by afternoon tea was a great success. The money raised is going directly towards school books for children in the local area. Many thanks to Amanda, her sister Alison and everyone who sponsored, baked, served and helped make the day such a success.

On the 28th, we all played off the blue tees. It was a team event with two to score. We also commenced the nine holes competition and going forward I hope this will continue.

The highlight of the day was Chie Crowdey getting a hole in one on the 2nd of Corks.

September was also the month for friendlies....due to cancellations early in the year we had four to play. Thank you to everyone for playing our home and away games.

As we roll into October, The Ryder Cup at PA will commence on the 30th of September. America's Captain Melaura Parker has a challenge on her hands... may the best team win.

Happy golfing!



Lady Captain Mai Markey Presenting the Voucher for Casa da Quinta to the September Winner Barbara Fletcher



Report from the Greens Committee

On Tuesday the 11th of October the committee met to discuss progress on the course. Christophe was absent due to personal commitments but the Captain joined us and I am pleased to report he is joining the committee for the foreseeable future.

There were three main issues, which were:-

1. Kikuyu grass invading the greens
2. The increase in crab grasses on the fairways and the elimination of weeds
3. The treatment of the tees and future maintenance

The answer to these problems is not without difficulty as restrictions in the use of chemicals remains an issue. Kikuyu grasses are weed-like in their ability to infest, and were not known in the Algarve until they were introduced by landscapers about 20 years ago! They can be poisoned but still return.

Sesinando intends to lay a greens nursery between holes three and four of Pines. The turf for this nursery will be lifted from the putting green just short of hole number one of Olives. This turf will be used to replace turf on the greens contaminated by kikuyu. This will take probably until December, subject to man power. In the meantime, small parts of the putting green will be lifted to start the process of replacing the kikuyu on affected greens.

It is expected that the new nursery will cover 300sqm. This should be sufficient to do all repairs and will be maintained for future needs.

This plan has the support of our agronomist Carlos Guerreiro. We may also need to consider how we can prevent future contamination by kikuyu of the greens. A barrier either of turf or plastic may become necessary.

Crab grasses are unsightly and difficult to eradicate. They can be physically lifted but are normally seasonal; disappearing over the winter period and reappearing in July. We intend to treat the areas with a pre-herbicide in February/March to kill the seeds in the soil. Improved fertility by aeration

should assist. A similar pre-herbicide will be applied to areas of the fairways affected by weed.

The work to restore our tees has yet to take place. Sesinando had man power shortages in September but we are promised the work will start this month, with particular attention to number two of Pines, nine of Corks and seven of Olives. All tees will improve, and with hand cutting, feeding and new turf on the badly affected tees, we should see a better presented course. Many tees are to be enlarged to allow for more flexibility in placing tee markers.

The tining machine is having the new part fitted and tining of the greens should now return to normal, with ironing also improving the speed of the greens.

We are promised three new mowers for the course, which should have arrived before you read this report.

Our resident engineer Ana Pereira, who is qualified in environmental issues, is going to undertake a part time course at Faro University in Agronomy. Carlos Guerrero will be one of her lecturers! We wish her well and her qualifications will be helpful in advising and planning the future development of the course.

There is much to be done and man power has become an issue. The committee will be making representations to management to increase numbers.

As always, patience is required and we all share members frustrations at the slow progress. Having said that I hear stories of poor conditions and very slow play at other courses. Mainly, the fairways are better than two years ago (still too much crab grass and weeds on some) and greens putt well but are a little slow (poa grasses are being eradicated).

Feel free to comment on things you would like to see changed!

Stewart Harper Chairman, Knut Pedersen Captain, David Ford Vice Captain.

Social Golf - by Stella Jeffrey

It was a hot sunny Sunday on September the 25th for the monthly social. Format was “sixes”. We played in teams of four; first six holes one score to count, second six holes two scores to count and last six holes three scores to count. There were 44 players in all, with no changes to the draw, which was a great relief for me and Nils, so a big thank you to all the “socialites”

for that. We had four guests for supper and served chicken pie (or salmon), washed down with Sauvignon Blanc (or similar). Dessert was fruit salad with ice-cream, and it was very tasty and plentiful. As is normal with Social Golf, everybody enjoyed themselves and surely that is what Sunday afternoon is all about.

<i>Corks to Olives</i>			<i>Olives to Pines</i>		
1st Place	Tony Hickey Brian Scott Linda Bentley Chie Crowdey	83 Pts	1st Place	Paula Burke Diana Collins Alan Bentley Bob Seddon	80 Pts
2nd Place	Rosie Agnew Vera Watkins Knut Pedersen John Carver	71 Pts (bb9)	2nd Place	Knut Ellingsen Nils Leffler Liz Carver Ineke Goossens	78 Pts
3rd Place	Iain Callaghan David Pirret Remo Cherubini Jef Fastré	71 Pts	3rd Place	Rod Brown Steven Crowdey Meg Black Joanna Young	77 Pts

Next Social Golf will be a Waltz on the 23rd of October, to be organized by Sue Georges and Ken Irving. Fee €25 (€20 for

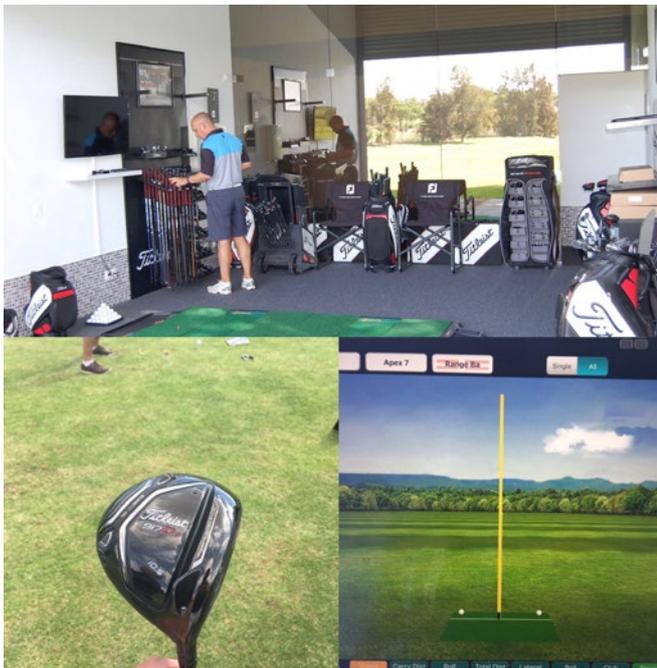
supper only). Everybody welcome. Please note that the draw will close 5pm on Wednesday the 20th.



Academy News

With the newly refurbished Golf Academy in full operation with V1 video analysis and Flightscope ball flight analysis available in both Ross and Kenny's teaching studios... we're offering a SPECIAL OFFER until Christmas of six half hour lessons for €150 (normal price €180)! Come and see how cutting edge technology can improve your game!

Prior to their official release on the 21st of October, the new Titleist 917 range of Drivers, fairway woods and Hybrids are also available for fitting. These are the longest clubs that Titleist have ever made, and with full range of head and shaft options available, we'll find the right clubs for you!



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Forthcoming Events October and November

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
Tues 1st November	Club Roll Up
Wed 2nd November	Ladies Day
Sat 5th November	Foursomes Championship (No Roll Up)
Sun 6th November	Foursomes Championship
Tues 8th November	Club Roll Up
Wed 9th November	Ladies Day
Sat 12th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 13th November	November Medal
Tues 15th November	Club Roll Up
Wed 16th November	Ladies Day
Sat 19th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th November	18 Hole Social Golf
Tues 22nd November	Club Roll Up
Wed 23rd November	Ladies Day
Sat 26th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th November	St Andrews Stableford
Tues 29th November	Club Roll Up
Wed 30th November	Ladies Day