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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Graeme Thomson

Dear Members,

The annual Individual Matchplay Championships took place in early September and for it we saw the largest entry for several years. Because of this, we had a medal round in both the Ladies' and Gents' categories in order to reduce the fields to sixteen and facilitate the weekend Knockout stages. Play was from Medal tees and with a full handicap allowance (capped to 18 and 24 for the Gents and Ladies respectfully) and there were some truly excellent matches - a number of which needed extra holes to resolve.

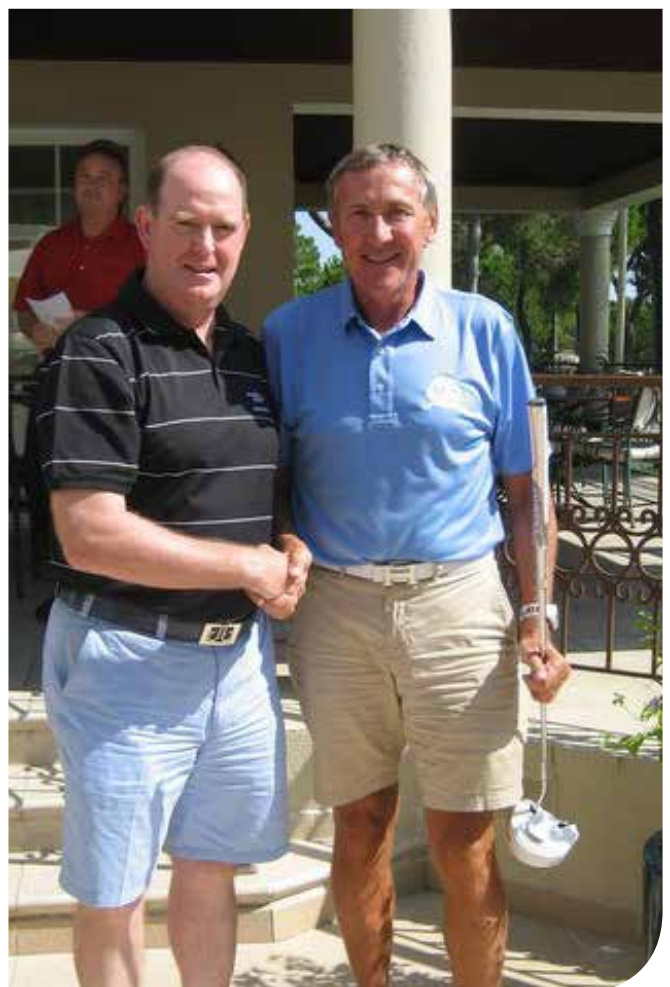
Congratulations to our 2013 Champions Wendy Collins and Declan Quillian who both managed to sustain their game over three testing days and under great pressure from valiant runners-up Sally Evans and Graham Lee.

Our Clubhouse patio was in full swing for the prize-giving, which was also the first opportunity for the Membership to acknowledge and toast Christophe Rindlisbacher in his new capacity as our Director of Golf.

At this point I wish to record my appreciation to Jorge for his generosity in providing the bubbly!



Matchplay Ladies' runner-up Sally Evans



Matchplay Men's runner-up Graham Lee



Matchplay Losing semi-finalists Hilary Jessup and Barbara Kyne



Matchplay Losing semi-finalists David Pirret and Hugh Campbell



Individual Stableford Winner Paula Hickey

As mentioned last month, your committee has begun working on a number of initiatives, among which are two projects that will benefit from your participation.

The first is more immediate and the second requires some research and rummaging.

1. It is increasingly obvious that we need to improve the speed of communication and interaction with the wider Membership. The first stage in this process is to ensure that the Club has your latest contact details: email addresses, telephone numbers etc.... We would ask that you verify your own details as soon as possible, and advise anyone you know who does not receive this newsletter to do the same.

2. As the Pinheiros Altos Golf Course is gradually approaching its 25th Anniversary your committee is beginning to accumulate appropriate archive material with which to create a commemorative book. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who has any historical data, such as photographs or documents, which you believe would be worthy of our consideration. With regard to this please contact david.pirret@gmail.com (Vice-Captain).

In closing, I wish to acknowledge Christian Holst for his careful handling and management of the Pinheiros Altos Interclub team. The 2013 season is now nearing completion with our team still in contention for a title, and we wish him together with the considerable pool of players at his disposal every success in their final matches.

‘Save the Date’.....The Celts are Coming Saturday 30th November St. Andrew’s Day

The Celts (Scotland, Ireland & Wales) are challenging the English together with the Rest of the World to a challenge match in commemoration of the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. There will be golf followed by an evening dinner to the sound of Ceilidhdonia, a well known Scottish ceilidh band.

Search ‘Ceilidhdonia’ on YouTube and check them out!

Please watch the Club notice board for details and sign-up.

I’LL ‘SEE YOU JIMMY’ ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER



Director of Golf – Monthly Report

September started with the usual Club Matchplay Championship which saw two new winners of the Trophy. Declan Quilligan became the Men's Matchplay Champion 2013 after winning the qualifying round and then all of his Matchplay matches – this wasn't easy considering that he had to give quite a few shots to his opponents. In addition, Wendy Collins is the new Ladies' Matchplay Champion for 2013. Congratulations to both Declan and Wendy who will now have their names on the Club Matchplay Champions board. Well done Wendy for beating your son Joel in getting on that board first! Congratulations to the Ladies on organising another very successful Ladies Invitation Day which you can read more about in the Ladies' Captain Report.

APPA arranged their 4th Annual Social event which took place on 12th September at Ilha Deserta. There were 42 Members and guests taking part in a very nice lunch organized by the APPA President Roger Kitson and many thanks to him on behalf of all present.

On the 16th and 17th of September, Pinheiros Altos hosted the annual international Ronald McDonald Charity event which saw 320 players participate over two days. The organiser of the tournament insisted on using the Academy building as a base which made it the busiest it had ever been, but also gave us some ideas on what can be done there. The tournament raised over €250.000 for the cause and thank you to the members and the company in allowing this event to take place.

In August 2013 we organized a charity tournament for the Loulé Disabled Swimming Tea at San Lorenzo. It was great to find out that José Gabriel, one of the young boys in that program, became European Champion of 50 and 200 meters in breaststroke and runner-up in the 100 meters of the same category. Congratulations to him and the rest of the team for the excellent results!

October as always is the busiest month on the Golf Course at Pinheiros Altos and in the Algarve. This year is the busiest we have seen it for a long time and therefore my advice is to arrange to play in four balls. This will help make your games more enjoyable during this busy season.

The Green on 7th on Olives is now being re-designed and during the month of October the green will be removed and replaced with a temporary one. The re-opening of the Green is scheduled for the 1st January 2014.

On the 6th October we have the Autumn Medal Rosebowl, and on the 11th the Wooden Spoon. The men really have to start practising as the last three winners of Medals and Stablefords have been ladies and I know that the Ladies' Captain Rie Cherubini is definitely keen to present the wooden spoon to our Captain Graeme Thomson and his team.

I wish you all good golf and look forward to seeing as many Members around in the Clubhouse and on the Golf Course.

José Gabriel



Competition Results for September

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 1st	September Stableford	Stella Jeffrey	38 Pts	Chris Hales	36 Pts
Wed 4th	Ladies Invitation Day	Adrienne Buth Natalie Lisboa	44 Pts	Diana Collins Penny Bourne	76 Nett 82 Nett
Fri 6th Sat 7th Sun 8th	Matchplay Championship	Men Declan Quilligan Ladies Wendy Collins		Men Graham Lee Ladies Sally Evans	
Wed 11th	Ladies Day Qualifying Medal	1st Division Barbara Black 2nd Division Lisa Burns	68 Nett 77 Nett	1st Division Paula Hickey 2nd Division Stella Jeffrey	72 Nett 80 Nett
Sun 15th	September Medal	Lisa Burns	70 Nett	Susan Russell	71 Nett
Wed 18th	Ladies Day Waltz	Sally Evans Ineke Goossens Shirley Griffiths	85 Pts		
Wed 25th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	1st Division Cathy Harper 2nd Division Janet Leffler	37 Pts 33 Pts	1st Division N v Droogebroeck 2nd Division Marian Hill	34 Pts (bb9) 32 Pts

Notice

To protect from caterpillars, Pinheiros Altos will be treating all of the pine trees on the Golf Course in November 2013 and again in January 2014 as is required to have a successful result. We would like to recommend all property owners on Pinheiros Altos to do the same to the pine trees in their plot in order to prevent from diseases and allergies.

Ladies Section by Rie Cherubini

Activities in September started with the Ladies' Invitation Day on the 4th. Because of the date being at the very beginning of the month, the Committee members had been very anxious about whether there would be enough entrants to hold the event. However, we were totally wrong as we had a whopping 50 players! Despite the tough condition with high temperature and occasional gusty winds, the winners, Adrienne Buth and Natalie Lisboa, were good enough to defend their title.

We owe a big thank you to the organiser, Therese van Doorn, and an enormous one to Jeannette Sohler who helped Therese throughout the event. Thank you, Therese and Jeannette!

The Matchplay Championship took place on the following week over three days. 17 ladies played the qualifier on Friday and 16 went onto tough matches from back tees. I would like to congratulate Wendy Collins, the winner, Sally Evans, the runner-up, Barbara Kyne and Hilary Jessup, the semi-finalists, and all of you who took part!

21 played for the Ladies' Medal on the 11th. Some good scores were recorded, especially the winning score of net 68 by Barbara Black and 77 by Lisa Burns with 37 Stableford points.

Now, I would very much like to talk about my wonderful experience at Wentworth. My husband and I, along with Knut and Bente Pederson, successfully bid for four greenfees at the

auction held at St. Patrick's Day in March. We got soaked wet on the Edinburgh Course on the first day, but had a great time. We then played on the West Course on the second day in better weather... and what an experience it was! Although the course was extremely hard, a lot harder than I expected, we had a wonderfully enjoyable game and just appreciated the settings, conditions, services, caddies and everything else!

Due to my absence during this journey, the Ladies' Vice Captain, Adrienne, organised the Waltz on the 18th for 12 players. Thank you, Adrienne.

12 players from the 1st division and 9 from the 2nd played the Qualifying Stableford on the 25th. Cathy Harper won the overall with great 37 points with a bonus of birdie ball on the 2nd hole of Pines.

Unfortunately the Friendly Match at home against Vila Sol which was planned on Monday the 30th was cancelled because of bad weather.

I will rearrange the match and announce the new date on the Ladies' board. The enjoyment of organising the Ladies' Days without looking into the weather forecast is already gone and I must set myself into Winter mode: checking the weather forecasts, looking up to the sky and praying for it to make its mind up, and making decisions as to whether play is on or off.





Ladies' Invitation Day Winners Adrienne Buth and Natalie Lisboa



Ladies' Invitation Day runners-up Diana Collins and Penny Bourne



Ladies' Invitation Day 3rd Place Janet Leffler and Linda Grindley



Ladies' Invitation Day 4th Place Paula Hickey and Carla Archer



*Ladies' Invitation Day Nearest the pin winners
Shirley Griffiths and Sandra Wilson*

Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

I was rather envious of the golfers who played on 22nd September – it was such a beautiful Algarvian day and perfect for golf.

The competition format was “Waltz” with some 36 Waltzers, some being better than others!

The winning team on Pines/Corks had an outstanding score of 82 points, beating the next best team by 4 points. Scores on Corks/Olives were much closer and lower. There followed the usual, and most enjoyable, noisy supper for 41 people.

Finally, here are two dates for your diaries:-

20th October – Texas Scramble

24th November – Our joint competition with Quinta do Lago

Everyone is most welcome.

Pines to Corks			Corks to Olives	
1st Place	Wendy Collins	82 Pts	Thea van Huystee	72 Pts
	Joanna Young		Ineke Goossens	
	Ken Irving		Helmut Schawe	
	John Mullins		Bram Deknatel	
2nd Place	Janet Leffler	78 Pts	Heidi Ellingsen	71 Pts (bb9)
	Lisa Burns		Udo Berg	
	Tony Hickey		Orlando Hill	
	Gordon Todd		Nils Leffler	

Interclub by Christian Holst

Since I last wrote, we have beaten both Quinta do Vale and Vale do Lobo at home but lost away matches at Carvoeiro and Laranjal.

As I am writing this we are on top of the league 2 points ahead of Laranjal and 4 points ahead of Vale do Lobo, but they both have one home match in hand. Laranjal will be playing us at home and Vale do Lobo away later this month and Vale do Lobo will, in addition, play Quinta do Vale away.

The analysis is simple, with a win at Laranjal we will have won the division and qualify for the home and away play offs against the other division winner. Even a draw could be sufficient provided the right results in the other matches. The situation is therefore a bit more exciting than I had hoped for and the team selection for the last match becomes even more critical.

Regardless of the outcome, we have every reason to be proud of our performance this year and big thank you to all of you supporting the team and not least the understanding you show even if not selected.

Forthcoming Events

October and November 2013

Wed 2nd October – Ladies' Charity Pink Day

Sat 5th October – Men's Roll Up

Sun 6th October – Autumn Medal Rosebowl

Wed 9th October – Ladies' Day

Fri 11th October – Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies

Sat 12th October – Men's Roll Up

Wed 16th October – Ladies' Day

Fri 18th October – Ladies' Competition (morning) and Ladies' Annual Dinner

Sat 19th October – Men's Roll Up

Sun 20th October – 18 Hole Social Golf

Wed 23rd October – Ladies' Day

Sat 26th October – Men's Roll Up

Sun 27th October – October Stableford

Wed 30th October – Ladies' Day

Sat 2nd November – Men's Roll-up

Sun 3rd November – November Medal

Wed 6th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 9th November – Foursomes Championship

Sun 10th November – Foursomes Championship

Wed 13th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 16th November – Men's Roll Up

Sun 17th November – 18 Hole Social Golf

Wed 20th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 23rd November – Men's Roll Up

Sun 24th November – November Stableford

Wed 27th November – Ladies' Day

Sat 30th November – St Andrews Stableford

PRO TIP by Kenny Fairbairn

SHAFT IN PALM FOR PUTTING

In a Putting Stroke, the handle of the Putter should be in your palms, along the lifelines.

This lines up the shaft with your forearms – putting it in the proper position for it to swing on the right plane.

With this position the reverse overlap grip works perfectly with the club in the lifelines. You will feel a lot of open spaces between the hands and the grip, but don't worry – the Putter will be secure!

