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Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Pirret

The good news is that we won the Ben Hogan against our friends from QdL by a large margin and, before Adrienne says it, this was substantially due to an outstanding performance (again) by the PA Ladies. The PA men need to put in more practice for next year! Both days were held at PA due to the work on Quinta North and I would like to thank all those members who competed, even though it was a 'home' match. Next year, by way of thanks, this year's players will be given preference for the match at Quinta. Many thanks also to Jorge and his team, who impressed our opponents by preparing a great meal.

There was a full field for the Mixed Matchplay which was held in windy conditions and after some outstanding play, including a hole in one on the second of Corks by Iain Cater, it was Nancy and Philip Schofield who emerged as worthy winners. Prize giving had a large attendance to congratulate the winners, alongside Barbara Kyne and Chris Hales who were the runners up.

For those members who have been absent from the Club over the last two weeks, we have implemented a new local rule to speed up play, which permits the playing of a provisional ball when you think your ball is in a water hazard. If you find and decide to play your original ball in the hazard, it must be played as it lies i.e. you cannot take any relief.

After two weeks of unseasonal weather summer has now arrived and we look forward to a very busy couple of months. The Hillbillies vs Sanddancers is our next big event and it must be time for a Sanddancer win – not that I am biased!

Captain's Day on the 14th of June is an important day in my year and I hope we will have a very full entry for the competition (which is an individual Stableford), followed by a fun evening of dancing the night away.

Entries for Gala Week are now open and this year's theme of Rio provides wide scope, from Carnival to the Olympics via the World Cup and many other Brazilian pastimes!



Mixed Matchplay winners Nancy and Phil Schofield receiving the trophy from the Club Captains and Tim Russell



Mixed Matchplay runners-up Barbara Kyne and Chris Hales with Adrienne Buth and David Pirret



Individual Stableford winner Zoë Pirret and David Pirret



Individual Stableford runner-up Sue Georges with Club Captains Adrienne Buth and David Pirret



Iain Cater receiving his hole-in-one certificate from Adrienne Buth with Lubna Cater and David Pirret

The 10th Pinheiros Altos V Quinta do Lago Challenge Match for the Ben Hogan Trophy



Director of Golf – Monthly Report

The month of May started with the annual trip to the K club, which as usual was very enjoyable, and saw the level of Golf affected by social activities. I would like to thank David and Mai Markey, who once again hosted us brilliantly. Congratulations to Orlando Hill who won the tournament over the three days to my delight, as all my money was on him.

Congratulations to our Captain on winning the Ben Hogan Challenge over Quinta do Lago and well done to the Ladies, as it would not have happened without their great result on the first day.

We had a good attendance for the Mixed Pairs Matchplay which saw Phil and Nancy Schofield win the final from Chris Hales and Barbara Kyne. It was great to see so many players staying and others coming back for the prize presentation, which took place straight after the final match finished. The trophy was originally presented by Tim Russell, who made the trip especially to be here for the ceremony.

On the 27th of May we started the Club Roll Up, which will be played every Tuesday lunch time from now onwards, followed by drinks and a presentation. We had 12 and 16 players for the first two of these tournaments, and we are looking forward to seeing an increase in participants, as it seems it might become very popular amongst the membership.

You have until 12pm on Mondays to sign in for the Tuesday Club Roll Up on the member's board, and a blind draw will be made and posted on Monday afternoons.

June 2014 will be a very busy month, starting with the Hillbillies, led by their Captain Keith Fletcher, vs the Sanddancers, led by Graeme Thomson, followed by the lunch and music on the 7th of June. On the 10th of June we have the Portuguese Day, in which a Portuguese team will take on the rest of the world, and attempt to regain the title lost two years ago. The Captain of Portugal, António Nascimento, will do everything he can to beat the rest of the world team, led by their Captain John Linley.

The 11th of June will be the Lady Captain Day, followed by the Club Captain Day on the 14th of June, which are main events not to be missed. To conclude the month of June, we have the Presidents Day on the 22nd of June. There will then be a gap until the Members Gala Week starting on the 27th of July and continuing until the 2nd of August, with the theme of Rio seeming very appropriate with the Football World Cup being held in Brazil. This year, the week will be played over all the different combinations at Pinheiros Altos and will also include a round at San Lorenzo. Both the fancy dress on the Wednesday and the Gala Dinner on the Saturday will be held in the Pinheiros Altos Clubhouse. Please make sure you sign in for the Gala Week as early as possible!

Also keep an eye open for the Drop Zone Challenge, which will start on a Thursday afternoon during June, for a 9 holes competition of the back tees. Drinks will follow in the Drop Zone Café and more details will be posted on the board.

During this summer there will be also three White Hot Pro-Ams organised, with each giving 30% of the prize money to the ACCA charity. The three Pro-Ams are scheduled for the 7th of July 2014, the 11th of August 2014 and the 15th of September 2014. The entrants from the last Pro-Am will also revert to ACCA, which will be presented at the dinner following the tournament.

One more date for your diaries is a charity tournament at Pinheiros Altos on the 20th of July 2014, which will revert to CASA, an organisation helping homeless people in Faro which is in desperate need of support.

As you can see, it will be a very busy summer and I wish everyone a great time in Pinheiros Altos. I look forward to seeing many of you in the various tournaments and activities.

Congratulations to Jessica!

After practicing at Pinheiros Altos over the winter, JESSICA HALL has become the youngest winner of the Durham County Ladies Championship in 92 years of competition.

The Bishop Auckland Golf Club teenager claimed the title at the age of just 15 years and two months, setting a new record for a Championship first played for in 1922.

Hall, from Witton-le-Wear, County Durham, defeated Beamish Park's Natasha Martin 4&2 to bring an end to three days of enthralling golf at Darlington Golf Club.

After two initial rounds of Strokeplay, Hall was one of 16 golfers to progress to the Matchplay on Saturday morning. Reduced to eight for further Matchplay action on the following day, Hall had to battle her way through a gruelling semi-final. She was five down after nine but somehow fought back to clinch a place in the final by winning at the 19th hole. She went into the final and defeated Martin.



Competition Results for May

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 4th	May Medal	Rod Brown	70 Nett	Philip Schofield	72 Nett (bbn)
Wed 7th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Helen Mills	5 Nett	1st Division Barbara Black	78 Nett
		2nd Division Maried Kooijmans	71 Nett (bbn)	2nd Division Adrienne Buth	71 Nett
Fri 9th Sat 10th	The Ben Hogan Trophy	Pinheiros Altos	21	Quinta do Lago	15
Wed 14th	Ladies Day	Four Ball Better Ball Matchplay from Blue Tees			
Sun 18th	May Stableford	Nevin Prakash	40 Pts	Kathy Grimm	39 Pts
Wed 21st	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Sally Evans	37 Pts	1st Division Florence d'Algue	32 Pts
		2nd Division Maried Kooijmans	37 Pts	2nd Division Linda Bentley	35 Pts
Thur 22nd Fri 23rd Sat 24th Sun 25th	Mixed Pairs Matchplay	Phil Schofield Nancy Schofield		Chris Hales Barbara Kyne	
Wed 28th	Ladies Day	Corks/Olives Helen Mills Jenny Harrison Yvonne White	72 pts	Corks/Olives Denise Reed Ineke Goossens Jan Kirk	68 pts
		Olives/Pines Leigh Anderson Shirley Griffiths Linda Bentley	68 pts	Olives/Pines Zoë Pirret Ilse Berg Stella Jeffrey	67 pts (bbn)

Ladies' Section by Adrienne Buth

We started May with a friendly Matchplay vs Laranjal; what a beautiful course! We played in the afternoon and enjoyed tapas alongside Sharon Henderson's birthday cake afterwards. We won 3/2 - always a good start for the 10 friendly matches. I would like to thank the group of 30 ladies who play regular friendly matches, home and away, providing another way to meet other golfers and discover new courses.

As it's always very nice to go home after an exotic holiday, back at Pinheiros Altos we played a Medal, and finally had the opportunity to hand in an Eclectic card on Wednesday the 7th.

Approximately 40 ladies are playing the Eclectic competition this year, which runs over several months, from April until the 30th of September. Cathy Harper and Zoe Pirret are responsible for running this competition and they will be glad to provide you with more information.

Helen Mills (75 nett) and Barbara Black (78 nett) were the medal winners of the first division, while Mariëd Kooijmans had a better back nine and beat me with a score of 71 nett in the second division.

On Monday May the 12th, after our FANTASTIC contribution to regain the Ben Hogan Trophy, we went to Carvoeiro and played on Pinta. We were welcomed by Mientje de Goeij alongside her team, and though we did our best, they won 3/2.

Not tired enough with Matchplay, we had a Wednesday competition from the blue tees. This time I tried to make a draw so that most players didn't have to "give" many shots - we liked it despite the wind and the unusual tee position.

With continued swirling winds and a big drop in temperature, 24 ladies played a qualifying Stableford competition on Pines to Corks on the 21st of May, meaning that some ladies had to start quite early (8:18).

Sally Evans and Mariëd Kooijmans scored 37 Stableford points each and were winners of the first and second division respectively. Thank you Cathy Harper for checking all the score cards and collecting the monies.

The Mixed Matchplay was played over four days, during which we finally understood why we hadn't seen Nancy Schofield for the whole month; she had saved all her energy to win that trophy with her husband Phil. Well done!

A quiet game was welcome at the end of the month, with the two best Stableford scores to count being the format. It was good to see Rie Cherubini, Margo Fletcher and Jan Kirk back on the course.

Helen Mills with Jenny Harrison, and Yvonne White were winners with a tremendous score of 72 points on Corks to Olives.

Leigh Anderson with Shirley Griffiths, and Linda Bentley were first on Olives to Pines with 68 points.

June will be quite busy with the Captain's days, the Hillbillies vs the Sanddancers (don't forget your charity donation for Quintinos' family), Portugal vs the rest of the World, our ladies' friendly matches vs Quinta da Ria and so many more interesting days.

Interclub by Christian Holst

Since last time, we have played Parque da Floresta and Alto at home, as well as Palmares away. We beat PdF 3-2 and drew with Alto 2.5-2.5 alongside managing an honourable 2-3 loss against Palmares. Although I had hoped for slightly better results at home, we are definitely in the running. This month we have two away matches, one against Silves on the 9th of June and a very difficult match against Alto on the 26th of June. Following that we have a home match against Palmares on the 3rd of July and are away against PdF on the 8th of July, before the summer break. As usual we need some good away results to have a realistic chance of winning our division.

With the risk of repetition, support is good and I hope nobody is offended if they are not picked, as I typically have more interested players than we need, which is exactly what we want.

As I mentioned last time, we will have a team comprising of John Waters, Stewart Harper, Tony Hickey and myself playing in the Portuguese Senior Team Championship on the 7th and 8th of June. Hopefully this will be a good experience to build on going forward.

PRO TIP by Kenny Fairbairn

How to Unfold the Right Arm Properly in the Downswing

In most good golf swings, the right arm is slightly bent and the right elbow points down, not out, at impact.

Otherwise, there's the danger that the right side will grab control of the swing, invariably with dire results.

Past impact, however, the right arm does straighten and extend toward the target. It's a sweeping-through motion from which I get the feeling I could reach out and retrieve the flying ball with my right hand.

Forthcoming Events

June and July

Sun 1st June – 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 4th June – Ladies Day

Sat 7th June – Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers

Tues 10th June – Portugal Vs Rest of the World

Wed 11th June – Lady Captain's Day

Sat 14th June – Captain's Day

Wed 18th June – Ladies Day

Sat 21st June – Mens Roll Up

Sun 22nd June – President's Day incorporating
Seniors Championship and June Stableford

Wed 25th June – Ladies Day

Sat 28th June – Mens Roll Up

Sun 29th June – June Medal

Wed 2nd July – Ladies Day

Sat 5th July – Mens Roll Up

Sun 6th July – July Stableford

Wed 9th July – Ladies Day

Sat 12th July – Mens Roll Up

Sun 13th July – 18 Holes Social Golf

Wed 16th July – Ladies Day

Sat 19th July – Mens Roll Up

Wed 23rd July – Ladies Day

Sat 26th July – Summer Medal (No Roll Up)

Sun 27th July – **GALA WEEK**

Mon 28th July – **GALA WEEK**

Tues 29th July – **GALA WEEK**

Wed 30th July – **GALA WEEK**

Thurs 31st July – **GALA WEEK**

Fri 1st August – **GALA WEEK**

Sat 2nd August – **GALA WEEK**



11th May 2014

Dear Rie,

Thank you for all the support you have given to the ACCA charity throughout your year as Lady Captain of Pinheiros Altos, it is greatly appreciated.

I promised to let you know how we would be spending the donation of €1369.65 given to us on 12th April 2014, and I am now in a position to do so.

Recently, a five year old little girl called Rosa was taken into one of the children's homes we support; Rosa's mother has social problems and is no longer able to take care of her daughter.

Rosa was born with Spina Bifida requiring her to undergo many operations, and she has suffered numerous infections, some of which were due to the poor hygiene she received while living with her mother.

In hospital in Lisbon, Rosa was fitted with a 'Peg Tube', this was inserted in her stomach to enable them to feed her when she refused to eat. Happily, since arriving at the children's home she has not needed this, and is now eating normally. However, the area surrounding the 'Peg Tube' needs cleaning several times a day to ensure it does not become infected. Rosa also suffers from incontinence, she has a catheter fitted which needs emptying 6/8 times a day and needs to wear appropriate nappies.

Despite all of these problems Rosa is a happy, bright little girl, and she has settled into the home very quickly, it is a delight to watch her interact with all of the other children.

This home does not have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the lengthy prescription they have been given for Rosa, and while some items will be covered by an allowance from the State, there are many that will not. ACCA is currently negotiating the bulk purchase of some medical items which would result in a saving of 25%, but they do need our help to cover the pharmacy bills they have already incurred.

Your kind donation has been used to pay for the first 2 months medication costs, and we will continue with our fundraising to help with their future needs.

Please convey our thanks to all the members, once again their incredible generosity has made a positive difference to another a child in need.

Kindest regards

Jenny Harrison
On behalf of ACCA
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TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

- 27 July | **Sunday** Tournament registration with welcome cocktail
Optional practice round (Individual Stableford)
- 28 July | **Monday** Tournament round 1 at Pinheiros Altos GC
- 29 July | **Tuesday** Tournament round 2 at San Lorenzo GC
- 30 July | **Wednesday** 5pm registration for fancy dress shoot-out
BBQ
- 31 July | **Thursday** Tournament round 3 at Pinheiros Altos GC
- 01 August | **Friday** Final tournament round at Pinheiros Altos GC
- 02 August | **Saturday** 7pm Prize presentation
Gala dinner at Pinheiros Altos Club House

TOURNAMENT DETAILS & CONDITIONS

- Handicap certificate is required upon registration.
- Tournament player pair combination (Member/Member or Member/Guest).
- Tournament partners cannot be changed during the tournament.
- All tournament rounds must be played to qualify for the overall prize.
- Dress code for fancy dress shoot-out: Brazil-Rio theme (prizes for best dressed & best buggy).

TOURNAMENT FEE & PAYMENTS

- Participation fee: €120 (Member) | €250 (Guest).
- Fee includes: golf rounds, BBQ, gala dinner, daily and overall prizes.
- Payments should be done directly at the Golf Desk, and may be settled in cash or cheque (issued to: JJW Portugal SA). Credit cards cannot be accepted.

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Registries can be done at the Club or online.

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