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Altos news



PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Pirret

June has been a very busy month at the Club, with some very unseasonal weather. The Hillbillies vs. Sandancers event was won convincingly by the Hillbillies, 13/9, but it was a great day for all competitors. This was followed by the Portugal vs. Rest of the World (PA) match, which attracted almost a hundred players... however, after the final ball had been sunk, our guests (led by our Director of Golf!) won the trophy (again).

Captain's Day was held in super weather and as I stood by the refreshment stand on the 5th Corks, all the players seemed to be having a good time – even if not always scoring well. The evening began with the prize giving on the beautifully decorated terrace – thanks to all the staff that prepared the decorations... and the heartiest of congratulations to Declan Quilligan who was the overall winner. After a very good meal from Jorge and his team the dancing started, and was still going strong until well

after midnight. It was a fun evening, showing that PA members really like to party and I believe the last members left at 3a.m.

After a week to recover, President's Day arrived, this combined three competitions, and congratulations to Christophe for working out the results! Just to remind us of our President's nationality, we had a little bit of Irish weather mid round, but everyone played through magnificently and the scores were all pretty good. Unsurprisingly, lunch went on for quite some time – another great day thanks to David Markey.

The diary for July is relatively quiet with only a Social on the 13th to interrupt our rest ahead of Gala Week. Please send in your entry for Gala Week soon.

Enjoy your golf.



Remo Cherubini, Stewart Harper and Orland Hill



Nigel Collins, Nevin Prakash, Majida Lester and Gordon Todd



Martin Jessup, David Finneberg, Peter Chamberlain and Keith Fletcher



Leigh Anderson and Hilary Jessup



Margo Fletcher and Molly Wainwright



Aase Schawe, Alan Bentley and Jeannette Sohler



Helmut and Aase Schawe



Suzanne Davis, Dirk Blasiesing and Eva Lamaison



Leigh Anderson with Martin and Hilary Jessup



Margo Fletcher with Brian and Sally Evans



David Pirret and Cathy Harper



Vania Rindlisbacher, David Markey and Zoë Pirret



Andrew and Gemma Pirret



James Pirret and Tom Brimacombe



Heather Pirret and Rich Booth



Bernadette Hardie, Graeme Thomson and Christine Hepworth



Christine Hepworth, Philip Hardie and Fiona Thomson



Fiona Thomson, Alan Bentley and Dee Hirst



Kenny Fairbairn, Susan Russell and Ross Sutherland



Adrienne Buth, Hamish Rumball and Declan Quilligan



Nancy Schofield Best Ladies Gross



Hamish Rumball Best Mens Gross



Alan Bentley Best Mens Nett



Aase Schawe Best Ladies Nett

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

June felt a little bit like a marathon of golf and social events, and the big winner was the Club as we witnessed some of the best attendances in most of the tournaments. Hillbillies v Sandancers was supported by 18 different sponsors, which have always been

very generous over the last 21 years of supporting this event... and I would like to thank all the sponsors for making the day such a special one. We had a record 88 players and 94 came for the lunch, which was a very enjoyable afternoon.



Pat and Martin Murrish



Keith Fletcher Captain of the Hillbillies receives the Trophy from Graeme Thomson Captain of the Sandancers together with Ross Sutherland and Chris Rindlisbacher



Hamish Rumball and Andy Georges



Alex and Jan Kirk



Janet Leffler, Alan Bentley and Anne Tucker-Brown



Wendy Collins, Nick Tucker-Brown and Linda Bentley



John Linley and Sally Evans



Shirley Griffiths with Pat Heley and her gang

Three days later Portuguese day saw another record, 100 players battling it out for the bi-annual trophy; 50 from Portugal and 50 from the rest of the world. At the end of the contest, Portugal was declared the victor. Unfortunately, I was not playing for Portugal and lost my match on the last hole (I did not do it

deliberately I swear, I really wanted to beat José Gonçalves). António Nascimento was the captain of the Portuguese team and very proudly received the trophy, before thanking all members and the Pinheiros Altos for their warm reception in the club.



The Lady Captain's Day that followed shortly after also saw a fantastic attendance... and big congratulations must go to Adrienne Buth on her big day, and to Nancy Schofield who took the Lady Captain's Bowl.

David Pirret Captain's Day again was a great success, and congratulations to him and his family on providing another extraordinary day at Pinheiros Altos. The meal was one of the best I have attended and every participant enjoyed their golf, especially Declan Quilligan who shot 3 under par gross to win

the Captain's prize. The performance on the dance floor shown by many members described what is so special about Pinheiros Altos and its atmosphere. Well Done Captain on a great day!

One week later, President's day and Senior Championship was attended by 70 players and followed by another lunch, congratulations to Rie Cherubini who won the President's Prize 2 days after she had won the Lady Past Captain challenge. Also Geoff Stott became the Senior Champion for 2014.



David Markey presenting the President's Day Trophy to Rie Cherubini



Geoff Stott Seniors Champion



Chris Hales Best player over 70's



Janine van de Ree Best Seniors Nett



Mary Ward 2nd Nett Ladies



John Linley 2nd Nett Men



Zoë Pirret Best Ladies Nett



Uwe Bindseil Best Mens Nett



James Harper Best Guest



Fiona Thomson, Philip Hardie and the President



Mai Markey and Jordan Lawless



Karl and Angela Markey

Away From Pinheiros Altos

While a lot was happening at Pinheiros Altos we also have some news from our members away from PA.

Tim Russell won the Loch Lomond Club Championship by shooting 151 over 2 rounds from the back tees. A fantastic 33 on the back nine of the second round allowed Tim for a come-back over Matt Woolf (ex-tour player, now amateur) who was 4 shots ahead of him with 8 holes to play. Congratulations Tim on a great performance!



Pinheiros Altos well represented at the Royal Ascott.



Steve Robbins who trained in Pinheiros Altos over the winter, and was coached by our own Ross Sutherland, has just won the Yorkshire Amateur Strokeplay at Alwoodley by being the only player under par over the 2 rounds. He is now the new course record holder. His handicap has come from +1,8 in March 2014 to +3,1 in July 2014 and his world ranking from 5080 to 2400. Congratulations Steve!



Competition Results for June

| Date | Competition | Winner | Score | Runner Up | Score |
|----------|---|---|---------|---|--------------|
| Wed 4th | Ladies Day Monthly Medal | 1st Division Leigh Anderson | 74 Net | 1st Division Melaura Parker | 75 (bbn) Net |
| | | 2nd Division Joanna Young | 70 Net | 2nd Division Pat Murrish | 78 (bbn) Net |
| Sat 7th | Hillbillies vs Sanddancers | Hillbillies | 13 | Sanddancers | 9 |
| Tue 10th | Portugal vs Rest of the World | Portugal | 14 1/2 | Rest of the World | 9 1/2 |
| Wed 11th | Lady Captain's Day | Overall Winner – Nancy Schofield 39 Pts 1st Division Stableford – Mai Markey 35 Pts BN20 2nd Division Stableford – Melody Cotterill 38 BN21 | | | |
| Sat 14th | Captain's Day | Overall Winner Declan Quilligan | 42 Pts | Best Net Men Alan Bentley | 39 Pts |
| | | | | Best Nett Ladies Aase Schawe | 38 Pts |
| | | | | Best Gross Men Hamish Rumball | 25 Pts |
| | | | | Best Gross Ladies Nancy Schofield | 27 Pts |
| Wed 18th | Ladies Day Monthly Stableford | 1st Division Rie Cherubini | 34 Pts | 1st Division Fiona Thomson | 33 Pts |
| | | 2nd Division Adrienne Buth | 38 Pts | 2nd Division Janet Leffler | 34 Pts |
| Fri 20th | Lady Past Captain's Day | Rie Cherubini | 42 pts | Therese V Doorn | 35 pts |
| Sun 22nd | President's Day incorporating Seniors Championship | Overall Winner Rie Cherubini | 34 Pts | Best Net Senior Janine VD Ree | 34 Pts |
| | | Senior Champion Geoff Stott | 28 Pts | Best Nett Men Uwe Bindseil | 34 Pts |
| | | | | Best Nett Ladies Mary Ward | 34 Pts |
| | | | | Best Over 70s Chris Hales | 34 Pts |
| | | | | June Stableford Slaney Mullen | 33 Pts |
| Wed 25th | Ladies Day | Winners Leigh Anderson Janet Kirk Pat Murrish | 79 pts | Runners up Therese V Doorn Majida Lester Yvonne White | 77 pts |
| Sun 29th | June Medal | Philip Schofield | 70 Nett | Declan Quilligan | 71 Nett |

Ladies Section by Adrienne Buth

Holland did very well in June. No, I am not talking about football, but about the Cloggies in Pinheiros Altos. Rie Cherubini wrote about them in Alto News nr. 113. They were big news on Lady Captain's Day and I owe them a lot for helping to make the 11th of June 2014 a really big success! Thank you! The Cloggies were led by three captains, a Norwegian: Knut Pedersen, an Englishman: Alan Bentley and a Dutchman: Ronnie Goossens. Their Colonel / upper chief, Michael Van Doorn was on holidays and quite upset when he came home and heard about it.

46 ladies played for the lady Captain's bowl. David Pirret, our captain and David Markey, our President, got up very early and were the starters on the first tees of Pines and Corks. The dress code for golf was orange.

The Cloggies were waiting at the end of the 7th of Pines and beginning of 6th of Corks with refreshments, sandwiches and they cleaned the ladies clubs with orange cloths!!!

I just can tell that the ladies were impressed and grateful, their game was much better with clean clubs.

After a well-deserved and enjoyable "picnic" buffet we came to the prize giving: there were 14 prizes. Nancy Schofield won the Bowl with 39 points. May Markey (35 pts) and Melody Cotterill (38pts) won the 1st prize for respectively the 1st and 2nd division. Well done ladies!

The Cloggies donated the bottles of Champagne for the nearest to the pin, whilst Janet Leffler and Cathy Harper helped me with the prizes and the organization of that day. Thank you all very much.



Ineke Goossens, Helen Mills, Adrienne Buth and Pat Murrish



The Cloggies at work



The Cloggies off duty



Susan Russell, Mai Markey and Vera Watkins



The Cloggies looking after the ladies



Hilary Jessup, Marian Jenkins and Aase Schawe



Diana Collins, Paula Burke Hickey and Melody Cotterill



Adrienne Buth presenting the Lady Captain's Bowl to Nancy Schofield



Shirley Griffiths, Thérèse van Doorn and Janet Leffler



Bernadette Hardie, Diana Collins and Paula Burke Hickey



Wendy Collins, Fiona Thomson and Shona Callaghan



Susan Russell, Margo Fletcher and Rie Cherubini

Saturday the 14th of June was a hot, and again memorable, Captain's Day... and to our great surprise it wasn't won by a lady! However, Rie Cherubini did win on the President's Day. We will never know if Portugal (vs the World) won, as most ladies couldn't play because they were getting ready for Lady Captain's day. They were present on the Hillbillies vs the Sanddancers though, when they won many individual "nearest to the hole" prizes.

Past Lady Captain's Day was on Friday the 20th of June. Ten of the 14 ladies were playing. Jeannette Sohler and Molly Wainwright (called the hippies because of their new hips) played only nine holes, and the other 8 played for the trophy: the Silver Jug/ Clairet (?)

Rie Cherubini, our latest/newest past Captain won it with 42 points!! Therese van Doorn (35 pts) and Shirley Griffiths (34 pts) won the other prizes. We had a cozy lunch and I appreciated very much the company of ladies I have great respect for.

At the beginning of June (Wednesday the 4th, so long ago!), 29 players had signed up for the monthly Medal. An unusually big field! The winners of 2nd and 1st division were Joanna Young, who played a gross of 90, 70 nett and Leigh Anderson, who had 90 gross, 74 nett. That day Melaura Parker had 2 birdies on

the 8th of Olives and the 9th of Pines, Susan Russell and Rosie Agnew also scored a birdie on the 8th of Olives.

The 18th of June was Qualifying Stableford, and for some ladies it was already the 4th qualifying round in June. Luckily the temperature had dropped and there were some very good scores indeed. Rie and I were winners with respectively 34 and 38 points.

On the 16th June we received the ladies of Quinta de Ria for our first friendly home match. The start was a bit hectic, I hadn't realised that Corks would be closed for maintenance, and with help of Rosa we re-wrote the cards for the correct course at the last minute. The result was a draw and Jorge of the restaurant pampered / surprised us with a delicious buffet. On Monday the 30th we went to Clube do Levante for our away match. We had a great time and enjoyed their beautiful and demanding course, Quinta de Cima, and went back home with a loss 2/3.

And, after all these serious competitions, a Waltz was most welcome on Wednesday the 25th of June. Finally we could rely on a team and simply enjoy some great Golf and the cooler weather. Leigh Anderson, who had played very well the whole month, surpassed herself and handed in a card of 40 points Stableford with her team Jan Kirk and Pat Murrish, they were winners with a total of 79 points!!



Adrienne Butb, Rie Cherubini and Christophe Rindlisbacher



Past Lady Captain's

Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

Our 3 person Texas Scramble on June 1st proved very popular with the participants. Maybe allowing everyone to play every shot had something to do with that! We did have to have at least five drives each through. Excellent scores as ever and Jorge served a very enjoyable supper – all in all a good day!

| | <i>Pines to Corks Course</i> | | <i>Corks to Olives Course</i> | |
|-----------|------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|
| 1st Place | Tony Hickey | 65.9 | David Markey | 70.5 |
| | Jan De Kesel | | Joop Carp | |
| | Ineke Goossens | | Adrienne Buth | |
| 2nd Place | David Pirret | 66.6 | Ron Goossens | 71 |
| | Diana Collins | | Linda Bentley | |
| | Udo Berg | | Knut Pedersen | |

The next Social Golf event is on 13th July. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Interclub by Christian Holst

We are approaching the summer break, with just one more away match (completed by the time you read this). We had a very difficult away match against Alto on the 26th, which we lost 4-1, but managed a good 4-1 result at home against Palmares shortly after. Earlier in June we lost 3-2 to Silves International away.

We are currently 3rd in our division and are clearly in the running for a good end result. Competition is tight and we have some tough matches awaiting after the summer.

Over the summer we will also clarify the selection process for the Interclub team and hopefully make the process more transparent. In the meantime, thanks for all the support and understanding amongst those of you interested.

As I mentioned last time, John Waters, Stewart Harper, Tony Hickey and myself played in the Portuguese Senior Team Championship on 7th and 8th June. We finished an honourable third, although we all felt we “underperformed”. Hopefully we can repeat this next year.

Forthcoming Events July - August 2014

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| 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) |

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| 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 |

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| Tues 5th August | Junior Open |
| Wed 6th August | Ladies Day |
| Sat 9th August | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 10th August | August Stableford |
| Wed 13th August | Ladies Day |
| Sat 16th August | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 17th August | August Medal |
| Wed 20th August | Ladies Day |
| Sat 23rd August | Mens Roll Up |
| Wed 27th August | Ladies Day |
| Sat 30th August | Mens Roll Up |
| Sun 31st August | 18 Holes Social Golf |

PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

Delicate Chip – Don't quit the shot for solid contact.

Play this shot with a 9-iron or pitching wedge, a grip of about the same firmness you'd use to restrain a pet canary, and a chipping-type stroke. Set your weight on your leading foot, the ball in the centre of your stance, and your hands in line with the golf ball, shaft leaning slightly forward at address. Hold the clubface square through-out the short back-and-throughswing. Because of the softness of the shot, the tendency is to scoop at the ball or quit on the stroke, so good prime thought is to swing down and through the ball.