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## Introduction from the Captain - Mr. David Pirret

The weather has been wet recently, but seeing as most of the rain has fallen overnight we have still been playing most days. Unfortunately, Olives could take no more rain this week and was closed for a few days.

The Foursomes Championship was held in good conditions. Congratulations to Stuart and Leigh Anderson who won with a 149 nett score.

The social golf event was due to be a joint meeting with Quinta do Lago, but they unfortunately did not have sufficient members

to play. Nevertheless, we had a very enjoyable day with a large turnout of 49 players.

The last of three pro-ams was held last month and. These tournaments have raised €3400 for ACCA. In total, we have contributed close to €10000 to help ACCA meet the needs of many disadvantaged children in the Algarve. At this time of the year they are collecting and buying gifts for almost 1500 children, to ensure they wake up to a present at Christmas. Please support this worthy cause.



*Foursomes Championship winners Leigh and Stuart Anderson with the Lady Captain and the Captain*



*Best gross prize winners Rie Cherubini and Christian Holst*



*2nd place Shirley Griffiths and Sally Evans*



*3rd Place Rod Brown and Nevin Prakash*



## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

November saw the usual Foursomes Championship played over two days. Congratulations to Stuart & Leigh Anderson on becoming the new champions, with a score of 149 nett. The event was fortunately played in magnificent weather.

A congratulations is also in order for the ladies, as Rie Cherubini won the November Medal with a score of 71, while Melaura Parker was successful in the St Andrew's Stableford with a score of 37 points. Many members have been asking to have separate prizes for ladies and men, but we have made the decision to keep the existing format.

On November 10th we hosted the third pro-am of this year's series and managed to raise approximately €3400 for the ACCA. I would like to thank everyone in the club for supporting the charity this year, as it has helped many children throughout the region. I'd also like to extend a big thank you to Jenny Harrison

and all her helpers involved with ACCA. They have done a fantastic job in raising funds for such a worthy cause. The last pro-am was won by our own resident pro José Gonçalves and his team, with a score of 19 under par.

The course will be quiet over the next few weeks, which will allow it to recover from a very heavy season, as well as allowing us to continue to improve the areas which need it.

The Christmas board is now up in the clubhouse for all to sign in for the many forthcoming events. I hope to see many of you for these competitions and social activities.

On behalf of all the staff at Pinheiros Altos, I would like to wish all the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# *New Year's Eve Party*

AT PINHEIROS ALTOS

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH  
US IN PORTUGAL

DINNER AND MUSIC WITH DJ MIKE

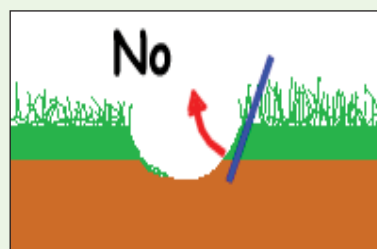
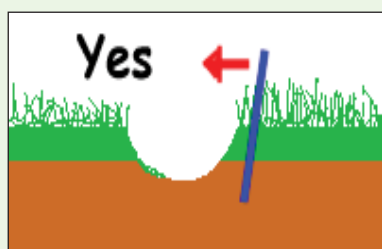
**120 € PER PERSON**

DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE

## PLEASE repair pitchmarks on green!

A pitchmark only takes a few seconds to fix correctly, however, a pitchmark repaired incorrectly takes over 3 weeks to heal.

Correct repair will help protect the grass root system and benefit all members and visitors who play the course.



### Correct Method

- ✓ Discard the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball
- ✓ Insert the pitchmark repairer tool just outside the back of the pitchmark
- ✓ Lever the turf towards the centre of the pitchmark
- ✓ Repeat this motion from all sides of the pitchmark

### What NOT to do

- × **DO NOT** replace the loose piece of turf taken out by the ball. It will die and delay the healing process
- × **DO NOT** pry up the centre of the depression with the repairer tool as it exposes the soil and will delay the healing process
- × **DO NOT** insert the pitchmark repairer and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose

**Remember please repair your pitchmark and one other!**

## Handicap Records from Abroad

All members of the club are required to bring their handicap records to the Golf Office when playing competitions in their clubs abroad, so that the Pinheiros Altos EGA handicap can be adjusted accordingly. Any member failing to do so will be in breach of the handicap rules.

Please make sure you do bring handicap records and if in any doubt do not hesitate to contact the Golf Office.

# Competition Results for November

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 2nd	November Medal	Rie Cherubini	71 Nett ( <i>bb6</i> )	Tony Hickey	71 Nett ( <i>bb9</i> )
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	<b>1st Division</b> Denise Reed	73 Nett	<b>1st Division</b> Susan Russell	75 Nett
		<b>2nd Division</b> Linda Bentley	74 Nett	<b>2nd Division</b> Pat Murrish	84 Nett
Sat 8th Sun 9th	Foresomes Championship	Stuart Anderson Leigh Anderson	149 Nett	Sally Evans Shirley Griffiths	152 Nett
Wed 12th	Ladies Day 4 Clubs and 1 putter	Paula Burke Anne Copestake Yvonne White	70 Pts ( <i>bbn</i> )	Helen Mills Margo Fletcher Kathy Grimm	70 Pts
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Helen Mills	31 Pts	<b>1st Division</b> Sue Georges	28 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Meg Black	35 Pts	<b>2nd Division</b> Ilse Berg	31 Pts
Wed 26th	Ladies Day Greensomes	Hilary Jessup Kathy Grimm	38 Pts	Majida Lester Meg Black	33 Pts
Sun 30th	St Andrew's Stableford	Melaura Parker	37 Pts	Stella Jeffrey	36 Pts

## Ladies Section - by Adrienne Buth

There were 16 players in the November Medal at the beginning of the month.

The weather was still good and it all seems so long ago. Linda Bentley started the month winning her first Champus glass! Congratulations also goes to Denise Reed (1st division) who enjoyed a good score of 73 nett.

In the meantime, we've endured the wettest month for a long time and we are back to preferred lies. Unfortunately, there are no buggies on the course right now. The board at the entrance is working very well and soon we will see which holes undergo maintenance.

The 12th of November saw an interesting competition: 'Four Clubs and a Putter'. Paula, Helen and their teams were surprised to win the first prizes with scores of only 70 points (two best scores).

While I was spending time with my family in Holland, Rie and Zoë took care of the Stableford competition. The first and second division were playing on two different courses and the numbers of players (ten and eight) meant that some ladies saw their handicap going up whilst others remained the same.

The last competition of the month was Greensomes. I would like to compliment all the ladies who finished their round, despite getting very wet during the last few holes. We were waiting for them in the warm and dry club lounge and Jorge's staff had extra work carrying all the hot chocolates upstairs. Hilary Jessup offered Champagne to celebrate her hole-in-one the previous Monday, which she achieved when playing Helen Mills for the Wainwright Trophy.

A few ladies took the opportunity to play their match on Wednesdays. I am happy to say that the competition is going quite well despite the three ladies who had to walk over. You

will find the results on the board, along with the draw for the upcoming plate. Please remember that the ladies committee has decided to be very strict with the dates.

December has just started and I hope to see you in many club competitions and celebrations. Don't forget our own ladies competition on the 17th of the month, complete with Christmas theme. The members' diary 2015 will be in the club soon. If you wish one to be sent, please let me know.

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Finally, thank you all for your donations to the Salvation Army. Last month, we collected three full cars with linen, clothes and many other much-needed items. In Sao Bras they now have a place where families can get things they need in their homes and for their children for free.

## Competition: Wainwright Plate 2014

1st Round		2nd Round	Final	Plate Winner
Play by 9th January	Play by 23rd January	Play by 27th February	Play by 25th March	
Shirley Griffiths				
Nancy Schofield				
	Hilary Jessup			
Christine Soden				
Paula Burke				
	Stella Jeffrey			
Mai Markey				
Marian Jankins				
	Thérèse van Doorn			
	Denise Reed			
	Molly Wainwright			

## Report from the Greens Committee

In our November report we expressed general optimism based on clear evidence of increased funding for the course, as well as a programme of work which was far more intensive than we had seen for many years. We have said we are not complacent, and we have consistently alerted members to the fact that there is no 'magic wand' to restore the course to its past glories.

### Where are we now?

The overseeding for both greens and tees has taken place. The spraying for dollar spot has been renewed on certain greens, as it is proving resistant to the earlier single spraying. The overseeding has yet to give the extra growth which we expect, but the next month or so will give a clearer picture. Many of the greens are very much improved. The micro tining and the use of the roller have both led to much smoother and quicker surfaces. We expect this programme to continue. The greens on holes 4-7 on Pines still need more work on removing dollar spot.

The bunker programme continues and most members who have tested the new sand say there is a substantial improvement.

The rough has proved to be a major problem and explanation is called for. In the early months, the Greens Committee asked if we could have a line of definition between the fairway and rough and ideally a first cut of rough of two metres. We expected a very small increase of rough height no more than an inch or inch-and-a-half, but for some reason the rough was allowed to grow to a much greater height

(four to five inches in places). Because Kikuyu grass has a tendency to 'thatch' in its base, removing a ball that sinks into the rough is very difficult. This issue slowed play and certainly added to the number of abnormally high scores.

As of now we are seeing the results of intensive mowing helped by additional staff and also some evidence of a 'first cut'. Myself and the committee members are taking opinions from members on whether the rough is now acceptable. We are emphasising that we are a resort course and speed of play is important to us all.

Christophe has agreed a meeting with the agronomist who has prepared a second report. This meeting is to fully understand the essence of his advice and the major issues we have to respond to. That will take place next week.

The course is definitely better than several months ago, but it is not yet at the standard the members expect. I would like to repeat that this process will take time. There is an intensive programme over the next two months and if members wish to see the programme, either Christophe or myself will arrange for a copy to be made available.

Major work of hollow tining on both greens and fairways is planned. We are continuing maintenance of the rough and tidying up of the course through the removal of weeds.

Finally, we wish all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, along with excellent golfing conditions.

Stewart Harper, Rie Cherubini and Gordon Todd.

## PRO TIP – Peter Ashdown

### Pre-Shot Routine

**For improved focus and to avoid mental errors, shorter is better**

When it comes to picking the shot and club you're going to hit, don't overthink. Consider the lie, the target and any trouble in your way, but keep it simple. Once you make a decision, focus only on what you need to do. Don't second guess yourself.

If you feel nervous or think your swing is getting a little quick, take one more club and swing smoothly.

## Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

Despite Quinta do Lago's members declining to join us for our team competition, we had an excellent turnout on 23rd November. Apparently Quinta do Lago have a busy calendar at this time and felt unable to join us.

The good news is that we are going to join them to play the North Course on 1st February.

There were some really excellent scores. Considering that par for the competition was 88, the score of 102 on Pines/Corks from Stewart Harper, Rie Cherubini, Lisa Burns and Sylvia Mullins was exceptional. They were closely followed with 96 points by Andy Georges, Peter Mills, Zoë Pirret and Marianne Wirén. Third place went to Paul Black, Bob Seddon, Helen Mills and Diana Collins, who amassed 93 points

Scoring on Corks/Olives was more difficult, but still excellent. In first place, with 91 points, was Ken Irving, Malcolm Hollier, Paula Burke and Sandra Seddon. Second, with 87 points, was

the team of Iain Callaghan, John Mullins, Sue Georges and Meg Black, while third place went to Nigel Collins, Andy Watkins, Pat Galloway and Stella Jeffrey with 84 points.

We are making some changes to our Social Golf Committee. Thérèse van Doorn and Roy Baddeley have both decided that for personal reasons they will leave the Committee. Albert and Jeannette Sohler are also standing down to return to live in Belgium. I would like to thank them all for all they have done over the years. We welcome onto the Committee Zoë Pirret, Paula Burke and Nils Leffler. I am sure the new team will continue to keep social golf as popular as it now is.

The next social golf meeting is our Christmas Event. The competition, on 14th December, will be a fun 'four clubs and a putter' event. Following supper, we will have the São Lourenço singers to sing carols for us. Please come along and join us to get Christmas off to the best possible start.

## Interclub by Christian Holst

As reported last month, we finished 3rd in our division, which was won by Parque da Floresta. The final between PdF and Vila Sol was won by PdF over two very tight matches.

As in previous years, the final day was hosted by last year's winners on the 25th November. The league winner and runner up were then duly presented with their prizes. In addition, there was a better ball Stableford competition where each team was represented by three pairs. PA was represented by Stewart Harper and Rainer Grimm; David and Zoe Pirret; and finally Rie Cherubini and myself. We were not mentioned in despatches on what was otherwise a good day.

Don't forget, the league has now been changed into a three division structure. I am obviously very pleased that we qualified for the 1st Division next year, but in line with some comments received, slightly less pleased about some of the other clubs which also qualified.

The AGM will be held in the middle of January, and shortly afterwards the fixture list for 2015 should be ready. My next report will therefore be in February.

Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy (golfer's) New Year!



## Playing for ACCA

It was from an idea of Christophe Rindlisbacher, Golf Director of Pinheiros Altos Golf, that a series of three fundraising Pro Am golf events came together as a much-lauded tournament, played over September, October and finally November.

As a result, children's charity ACCA is the beneficiary of €3,400, which will be put into the causes it supports.

Pinheiros Altos Golf remains one of ACCA's staunchest supporters and has raised over €9,000 for the charity. The club's members, as well as its staff, give generously in both time and donations that have made a difference to the work ACCA can undertake.

The final game in the tournament series, staged last week, proved to be a great sporting event, despite wintry winds and a grey sky. Fifty-two players took up the challenge and one, Roger Brandao, got a 'hole in one' on the 9th of Pines; he was presented with a bottle of Champagne and a special certificate to mark his success.

The winning Pro, Antonio Sobrinho, came in with a fantastic two under par for the round.

Sponsor 84 Bistro and Wine Bar, provided hot food and refreshments on the course and also a packed lunch for players, While Portugal Properties presented every golfer with a goody bag containing a golf towel, pen and key ring.

So committed is the community to help raise funds for ACCA, the charity was given vouchers by many restaurants and golf clubs; Bill Godley of Prime Wines provided a case of wine for each player on the winning team.



## Forthcoming Events December 2014 – January 2015

Wed 3rd December	Ladies Day
Sat 6th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th December	December Medal
Wed 10th December	Ladies Day
Sat 13th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th December	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 17th December	Ladies Day
Sat 20th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 21st December	Christmas Turkey Flutter
Fri 26th December	Boxing Day
	American Foursomes
Sat 27th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th December	December Stableford
Wed 31st December	Ladies Day
Thurs 1st January	New Year's Scramble
Sat 3rd January	Men's Roll Up
Sun 4th January	Winter Medal
Tues 6th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 7th January	Ladies Day
Sat 10th January	Men's Roll Up
Sun 11th January	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 13th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 14th January	Ladies Day
Thurs 15th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Fri 16th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sat 17th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Sun 18th January	Algarve Invitational Seniors
Tues 20th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 21st January	Ladies Day
Sat 24th January	Men's Roll Up
Sun 25th January	January Stableford
Tues 27th January	Club Roll Up
Wed 28th January	Lady Captain vs Lady Vice Captain
Sat 31st January	Men's Roll Up



Mr Christophe Rindlisbacher,  
Golf Director  
Pinheiros Altos Clube de Golfe,  
Pinheiros Altos,  
Algarve.

14<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Christophe,

Thank you for hosting the three Pro Am Tournaments during the months of September through to November.

As a result of your brilliant idea, the ACCA children's charity is delighted to have received €3400 in additional funds. All of this money will be used to help the many needy causes we support, and I will let you have an update on how it has been spent in due course.

I am sure you will agree that the food provided by James Carter, owner of 84 Bistro and Wine Bar, was very well received by all of the players. It certainly was a very welcome surprise for the players to receive hot food during their round on a very cold and overcast day.

It was a particularly memorable day for Roger Brandao, he was ecstatic when he made the 'hole in one' on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Pines. I was out on the course helping the ACCA team and was lucky enough to be at that hole to witness the moment. Thank you for providing him with a bottle of Champagne, and a certificate commemorating the occasion.

Please will you also pass on my thanks to all of your team of helpers at Pinheiros Altos, as without their help on the day none of this would not have been possible.

Your continued support for our charity is very much appreciated.

Many Thanks

Jenny Harrison  
On behalf of ACCA

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## PINHEIROS ALTOS GOLF COURSE VALENTINES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Guarantee your presence at our II Valentine's Day Mixed Golf Tournament,  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015,  
at Pinheiros Altos GC and San Lorenzo GC.  
Accommodation packages available for  
Dona Filipa Hotel and Formosa Park Apartment Hotel

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