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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Stewart Harper

In my last report I indicated that August is the time to “catch your breath.” So much so that Christophe was able to take a longer than normal break which was well deserved and even Sesinando was away and able to avoid me! I will report on the course in my other report, but even the Lady Captain and I escaped for a few days to Evora where we enjoyed a change of atmosphere and some wine tasting!

Indeed wine and club improvements and social activities are in my main plans this month! We are very near to negotiating an agreement with the owners through the Dona Filipa Hotel for a “members” wine which will only be available from the bar and restaurant to members at a special price. That price will be at a considerable discount! Quite a deal if we pull it off. The wine is coming from Herdade Das Servas which is north of Evora and Cathy and I visited it to see if it was as good as it seems. We think it is! Their wines have won over 30 international awards in the last few years and those of us who have tasted the wines believe they show a considerable improvement over the present choice. It is of course a very personal thing and members are always free to choose any wine which is available within the club. There are a few small issues to tie up, but Christophe and I hope by next month we will be organised.

Secondly we are looking at more social golf and suppers/wine tasting over the Autumn and Winter period. Some members would like to play just nine holes followed by either a light supper or maybe a wine tasting or who knows maybe a quiz? We will still be having the social golf activities on the diarised Sundays. The chef who has been so excellent for the last major functions can be available to us if we fancy a speciality dinner. We are in discussion and after the next Committee I hope Christophe will be able to confirm our plans.

Lastly, and I type this with my fingers crossed (no mean feat) I believe we will be able to replace the dining room extension roof within my year of office. No guarantees, but it makes absolute sense both financially and for the members’ enjoyment. I want to see it done for New Year!

September is a heavy golf month with President’s Day, the match play, and the normal monthly competitions. It is a little cooler but still hot! The Lady Captain and I are taking a mid-term holiday at the end of September and we are cruising! She seems to think I will enjoy it? You will hardly miss us and we hope to come back refreshed! – Happy golfing!



Lady Captain Cathy Harper and Club Captain Stewart Harper presenting the Gala Week Trophy to the Overall winners Rie Cherubini and Tim Russell.



Gala Week Best Gross Overall winners Bernadette Hardie and Ryan Luke.



Gala Week 2nd Place Overall Graeme and Fiona Thomson.



Gala Week 3rd Place Overall Katie Ford and Kay Ford.



Gala Week 4th Place Overall Karl Markey. Karl's Partner Jordan Markey was away performing for the Klares.



Gala Week 5th Place Overall Zoë and David Pirret.



Gala Week Best Junior Team Overall Chris and Tom Beenham.



Gala Week Best Ladies Team Overall Linda Bentley and Lisa Burns.



Gala Week Best Guests Team Overall Steve and Rhys Hersey.



Gala Week Two Ball Better Ball Winners Chris Hales and Eva Lamaison.



Gala Week Two Ball Scramble Winners Stuart Anderson and Iain Landsburgh.



Gala Week Two Ball Greensome Winners Nils and Janet Leffler.



Gala Week Four Ball Scramble Winners Nick Tucker-Brown, Rhys Hersey, Shirley Griffiths and Katie Ford.



Gala Week Flag Competition Winner Nick Hardie.



Gala Week Nearest the Pin Winners Dan Henderson, Ryan Luke, Paul Jervis, Susan Russell (Susan also did a Hole-in-one on the Flag competition), Marian Jenkins and Christine Soden.



Lady Captain Cathy Harper and Club Captain Stewart Harper presenting the Summer Medal Salver to the Winner Denise Reed.



Roger Caliço and Director of Golf Christophe Rindlisbacher.



Anne and Nick Tucker-Brown



Debbie Madgett, Christine Soden, Janet Leffler and Denise Reed.



David Pirret with James and Paul Cotterill



Mai Markey, Philip Hardie, Shirley Griffiths and Bernadette Hardie.



Sally and Brian Evans with Fiona Thomson.



Christophe Rindlisbacher and Knut Pedersen.



Former Pinheiros Altos employee Valentina with her son, daughter-in-law and grandson Simão whose charity was for during Gala Week.



Peter Lamaison, Ronan Early and Jim Cranwell.

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

August as expected was very calm after the storm, it gave us time to look back on the Sunshine Classic Members Gala Week which was a great success and I take this opportunity to thank all the players who took part and made it into such an enjoyable week for all.

On 4th August, we had our annual Junior Open with 27 juniors taking part in a great day organized by our Pro Peter Ashdown and sponsored by Mr. Malcolm Helder, also with the help of some past Captains & members on the day. The Champion was Ricardo Costa and congratulations to him on what I am sure will be the first of many more trophies.

Stella Jeffrey once again won the August Medal, Rod Brown won the August Stableford while Hugh Campbell won all the Men's Roll in August and was cut, but should really be banned for a few weeks to give others the opportunity to win. Thank you to Roger for running the men's Roll up while I was away on holiday with the family.

Congratulations to our young member Angus Flanagan on his golf achievement, please see article below.

September will now start to be busier as the golf season is on the way with the President & Senior Championship during the first weekend, make sure your names are down for the Match-play Championship in mid-September.

Also this month our club roll up will start again every Tuesday lunchtime and the Social will also have a section for players who wish to play only 9 holes and join the supper!

Another important day is 7th October for the Pink day which will be open as it was such a success last year not only to the ladies but to all the members of the Club. It is such a good cause to support.

I look forward to see as many of you around for the forthcoming events.



Junior Open Winner Ricardo Costa and Christophe Rindlisbacher.



Club Captain Stewart Harper, Junior Open Best Nett Winner Manuel Martins, former Pinheiros Altos President and Junior Open sponsor Malcolm Helder and Golf Professional Peter Ashdown.



Junior Open 9 Holes winner Rory Dunn.



Junior Open 5 Holes winner Jan Butruk.

U16 boys' international England V Wales at Radyr Golf Club

Strong finish gives England victory.

A strong finish brought England a two-point victory in the annual U16 boys' international against Wales at Radyr Golf Club.

They won the final singles session 4½-3½ to seal an 11-9 win against a strong Welsh side. Team manager Nick Over remarked: "The boys did well to beat a competitive Welsh team.

"It was a close match and the result was in doubt until the last two matches finished on the 18th."

England went into the final session with a one point lead, after winning the opening singles 5-3 and taking 1½ points from the four foursomes. The result was eventually decided in today's singles when Taylor Stote won his point on the 18th and Harvey Byers halved his game. Byers was unbeaten during the three sessions.



The autumn U16 series continues with a match against Scotland at Dalmahoy on 26-27 September and a match against Ireland follows a fortnight later on the weekend of 10-11 October at Templepatrick. The teams for these will be announced later.

Angus Flanagan (Image © Leaderboard Photography) was unbeaten on the first day, playing very well to win his singles and battling well with George Saunders to gain a half in the foursomes.

Angus Flanagan has also been selected to play against Scotland in Dalmahoy.

Competition Results for August

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Tues 4th	Junior Open	Best Gross Ricardo Costa	31	Best Nett Manuel Martins	37
Wed 5th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Cathy Harper	72 Nett	1st Division Zoë Pirret	73 Nett
		2nd Division Stella Jeffrey	73 Nett	2nd Division Molly Wainwright	78 Nett
Sun 9th	August Medal	Stella Jeffrey	72 Nett	Tony Hickey	75 Nett (<i>bb9</i>)
Wed 12th	Ladies Day Fun Competition in three balls	Molly Wainwright Marian Jenkins Yvonne White	72 Pts	Melody Cotterill Zoë Pirret Cathy Harper	79 Pts

Competition Results for August (cont.)

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 16th	August Stableford	Rod Brown	41 Pts	David Pirret	37 Pts
Wed 19th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Sue Georges	33 Pts		
		2nd Division Linda Dixon	31 Pts		
Wed 26th	Ladies Day		Away Day		

Ladies Section

- by Cathy Harper

Following the fun and entertainment of Gala week, August has been very quiet. Many lady members were either back in their home countries or elsewhere on holiday. As a result of this, we only had 9 ladies playing in the monthly Medal, 12 in the fun competition, and another 9 in the monthly stableford. Twenty two of us went to San Lorenzo on August 26th and enjoyed a reduction only competition there. It was a lovely morning and everyone enjoyed playing a different course but sadly their enjoyment was not reflected in the majority of the scores! Sue George's won with a great score of 41 points and Therese Van Doorn was the runner up with 33 points! The rest of us just had a good time!

My Captains day is on September 16th. I cannot believe that it is nearly here. The ladies committee has decided to allow more time this year for the running of The Wainwright Trophy and as soon as the eclectic finishes on September 30, the Wainwright trophy will begin. This is to allow more time for the preliminary rounds to be played so avoiding "walk overs".

September should see the return of many members and more ladies playing in the competitions.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 16th September, and those of you who do not wish to play, I hope you will join us for lunch at the Alambique restaurant.

Interclub

- by Christian Holst

Hope you all have had a good summer.

The second part of our Interclub season starts this month and the match schedule for September and October is set out below. There are some interesting and tough matches as you will see.

Based on the current league status we should have every opportunity to achieve a top 4 position and hence retain our 1st division status. The competition next year can only get better!

I have been in contact already with most of the "regulars" but if anyone feel they are forgotten please contact me if you are interested in playing (christian@holst.oslo.no).

Look forward to seeing as many as possible over the next month or so.

September 2015

08 Sep 15	Pinheiros Altos	Vila Sol
17 Sep 15	Parque da Floresta	Pinheiros Altos
24 Sep 15	Vila Sol	Pinheiros Altos

October 2015

01 Oct 15	Pinheiros Altos	Levante
08 Oct 15	Levante	Pinheiros Altos

Report from the Greens Committee

August is a quiet month but the grass continues to grow and the weeds do not know they should remain underground! Despite that and the absence of both Christophe and Sesinando on holiday the course has been doing rather well!

Our ambitions have always been based on a two year programme and we are close to 70% through that period. The fairways on most holes now require cutting and are showing real growth, and the ball is sitting up giving us a real chance with a fairway wood!

Olives still remains a challenge but better growth and condition is self-evident. We hope the new water pipe to supply better water to Olives will be laid this month. As ever we are continuing to repair/replace sprinkler heads and continue to improve the bunkers.

Some tees (two in particular) have gone backwards and these may require reseeding but the first of Pines is a testament to what can be achieved.

The greens have not been as quick as some of us like as they have not been micro tined and rolled in August but they remain firm and true and the poa grass seems to be under

control (we have too much poa on the practise putting green) The speeding up of the greens has been promised over the month.

The health of the grasses looks good. The rough is tidy and only some detailed work on the bunkers and lake edges and pruning the pines requires further work over the winter.

We are by no means complacent but even our most verbal critics in the membership have been saying some nice things about the course!

The verticutting and in particular the tining of the fairways followed by feeding is working. We hope to confirm a repeat to some extent of that work in late October. Twice a year tining will make a difference.

Pinheiros remains very much the choice for many good players both members and visitors alike and our ambition is to offer an outstanding course in outstanding condition! As ever we remain vigilant.

Best of luck in the competitions,
Stewart Harper, Captain; Gordon Todd; Tony Hickey

PRO TIP - Ross Sutherland

How much sand to take – make a shallower swing and carve out less sand

Most players have problems in the sand because of an incorrect approach – both mentally and physically.

They try to hit an explosion shot, which causes them to swing down too steeply and dig out too much sand. As a result, they have to swing harder than is necessary and usually leave the ball in the sand or hit it way too far.



On normal shots, I prefer to think of slicing the ball out of the sand with a slightly open clubface, much as you would peel an apple. If the clubface stays slightly open into the sand, the bounce of the club comes into play and allows it to slide readily through the sand and under the ball.

Social Golf by Zoë Pirret

Despite August being a quiet month for golf we had an excellent turn out of 38 players and 2 guests. As the format was Texas Scramble the numbers gave Nils and I a problem with the draw as we could have no 'floaters', but we managed to solve the problem with a 4 team scramble on one course and 3 team scramble on the other.

We also decided to offer a choice of menu with the option of a lighter meal of a salad and this seemed to go down well.

There were some good scores returned with a close run of only 0.6 between 1st and 3rd place in the three ball scramble:

<i>Olives / Pines</i>		<i>Corks / Olives</i>	
1st Place	Rod Brown	1st Place	David Markey
69.3 Nett	Nils Leffler	65.3 Nett	Alan Bentley
	Stella Jeffrey		Molly Wainwright
			Sylvia Mullins
2nd Place	Zoë Pirret	2nd Place	Michiel Van Dorn
69.6 nett	Mai Markey	70.6 nett	John Mullins
	Helmut Schawe		Adrienne Buth
			Aase Schwae
3rd Place	Stewart Harper		
69.9 nett	Sue Georges		
	Linda Bentley		

Our next competition is on the 20th September – AM/AM to be organised by Molly Wainwright and Paula Burke. Please contact Molly (john.molly@lazerctv.com) or Paula (paulaburke28@yahoo.com) if you cannot play 18 holes but would be interested in a 9 hole competition later in the day, if numbers are sufficient we will incorporate this into the September social.

Please remember the list has to close on Wednesday 16th at 12 noon. Please telephone/email any committee member or the office if you are unable to sign up in person but will be here and wish to be included.

Forthcoming Events August – September 2015

Tues 1st September	Club Roll Up
Wed 2nd September	Ladies Day
Sat 5th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 6th September	President's Day Incorporating Seniors Championship & September Stableford
Tues 8th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 9th September	Ladies Day
Fri 11th September	Matchplay Championship
Sat 12th September	Matchplay Championship
Sun 13th September	Matchplay Championship
Tues 15th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 16th September	Lady Captain's Day
Sat 19th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 20th September	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 22nd September	Club Roll Up
Wed 23rd September	Ladies Day
Sat 26th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 27th September	September Medal
Tues 29th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 30th September	Ladies Day
Sat 3rd October	Mens Roll Up
Tues 6th October	Club Roll Up
Wed 7th October	Ladies Charity Pink Day
Fri 9th October	Wooden Spoon Men Vs Ladies
Sat 10th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 11th October	October Stableford
Tues 13th October	Club Roll Up
Wed 14th October	Ladies Day
Fri 16th October	Ladies Competition (morning) and Ladies Annual Dinner
Sat 17th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th October	Autumn Medal Rosebowl
Tues 20th October	Club Roll Up
Wed 21st October	Ladies Day
Sat 24th October	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th October	18 Hole Social Golf
Tues 27th October	Club Roll Up
Wed 28th October	Ladies Day
Sat 31st October	Mens Roll Up