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Introduction from the Captain - Mr Knut Pedersen

Sadly I have to report that Paul Dixon suddenly passed away on the 8th of August. Paul was always good fun at PA. The way Linda and Paul dressed up as Donald and Daisy was a winner. They came early and provided everyone with a great memory of the day that was true to the Disney theme. My deepest condolences to Linda and the family.

July is normally a quiet month on the golf course. The Cloggies were down to three flights or less. However, this July's social golf had a big turnout and a fun format.

Firstly, I want to thank Shirley for all of her photography work over the whole year. She is doing a great job for the club and the newsletters. What would a newsletter be without pictures of us all? So thanks again for the effort you put in.

Then the Gala Week was a great success. This year, we had 119 attending the Gala Dinner. Last year, we had discussed the future of Gala Week, however we came back strong. The new format made it a big hit and its success has ensured that it will continue. Thanks to you all for attending.

We started with a Flag Competition on the Sunday. We started seeing flags at the 1st of Corks, so hopes were high. But to be a winner you have to reach the 18th hole. And the winner was Bernie Barrett who got next to the green.

Round One was played on PA, with 44 teams competing. The result was a tie of 39 points between Karl/ Jordan Markey and Antony Esse/ Lindsey Bamford.

Day two was held at San Lorenzo, with hot and beautiful weather yet again. Kieran and Ken Nagle managed to achieve an impressive 45 points and came up to tie Karl and Jordan Markey with an 80 point lead.

Wednesday was the 'Dress-Up and Shootout Day', with the BBQ dinner after. This year's Disney theme led to a colourful golf course and a lot of children were entertained down at the driving range. Never have I seen so many Dalmatians in one

place, both humans and dogs. The members went all out with their dressing up; making the day great fun for everyone.

The prizes for the 'Best Dressed' were given to:

- Best Group: The Thomson's Family (Little Mermaid)
- Best Buggy: Linda Bentley (Star Wars) – Rie Cherubini and Debbie Madgett's buggy also deserves a mention as it was great (Dalmatian)
- Best Couples: David and Zoë Pirret (Mickey and Minnie Mouse) and Paul and Linda Dixon (Donald and Daisy Duck)
- Best Ladies: Susan Russell (Mary Poppins) and Kay Ford (Toy Story – Jessie)
- Best Men – David Markey (Snow White) and Jim Cranwell (Cruella de Vil)

The shootout was held at the Olives as per usual, with the final at the 8th. Jim, who was dressed up as Cruella, tried to tee off at the red but had to go back to the yellow. The last two teams standing for a final chip-in were Steven/ Chie Crowdey against James Porter/ Stephen Nobbs. Steven chipped-in for the win, meaning the Crowdeys won it.

The evening BBQ was great and the dancing lasted until after midnight... even though there was golf the next day!

Thursday's Four Ball Scramble - Blind Draw with a brunch was well attended. The format of one day off from the competition worked well. The game was relaxed and all fun. The winners were: Ryan Luke, Graham Roberts, Kay Ford and Shirley Griffiths.

Friday's game was a fight to the end. The battle between the Markeys and Nagles took place in the afternoon. They had to play at their best. Stuart Anderson and Roger Brandão had 46 points and were best in the Clubhouse after the morning round. The Markeys did what they came for, and won this year.

Congratulations to Karl and Jordan! Also, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Karl for his effort and help throughout

Gala Week regarding printing and artwork. Congratulations to all of the other winners of Gala Week - well played!

The Gala Dinner was a great success. The party, food and dancing were spectacular. The dance floor was never empty and the social atmosphere was as usual, top level.

The success of Gala Week is a reflection on the effort that the PA staff put in. So thanks to Christophe and his team - without

you, there couldn't have been a Gala Week like this. Also thanks to everyone that came and played this year.

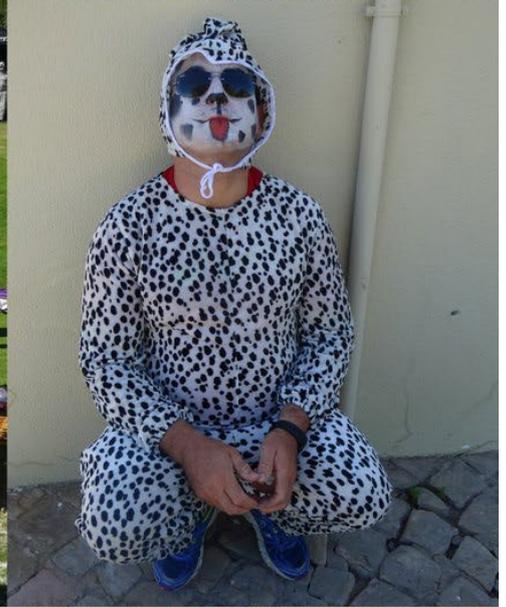
Again I will say, PA is the best social golf club to be a member of.

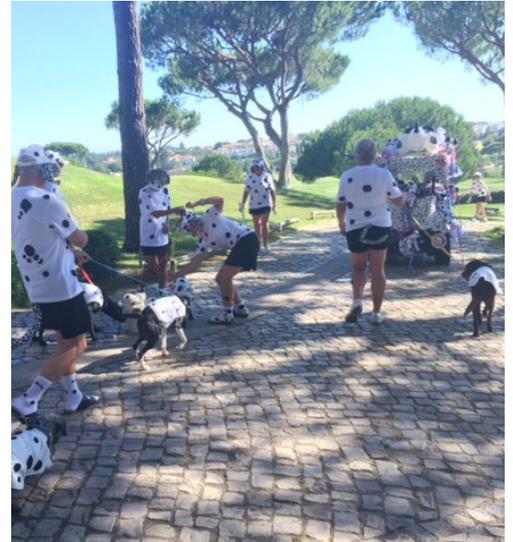
August is here, hope you all have a great summer, and hope to see you on the course.

Walt Disney Shoot Out













Director of Golf - Monthly Report

July was all about the Sunshine Classic Gala Week, which was a great success. It had the best entry for over 10 years, with 45 teams and additional members taking part in the individual events. The format proved that it suits a wider range of members as it offers the chance to play in a few events without having to play every day. The very popular winners, Karl and Jordan Markey, managed it at last after having finished in the top five over the last four years. Congratulations to them on a fantastic win!

The Gala Week raised over €8,000 for charity! Congratulations to both Captains and especially all the hard work our Lady Captain has put in to secure such a great amount for the two nominated charities; the Lions Club Loulé and the Portuguese Salvation Army.

On the Wednesday of the Gala Week, we had our usual fancy dress shoot out and this year's theme was 'Disney'. Everyone made a real effort to come dressed-up and made the day a huge success. The theme was perfect to attract more families and children to take part in the festivities. It was great to see families back in Pinheiros Altos, and it was, without a doubt, the most family orientated shoot out we had had for many years.

There were at least 101 Dalmatians, humans and real dogs, alongside many other fantastic outfits, buggies and decorations - as you will be able to see on the photos.

On the Sunday, we had a Flag Competition as a practice round and Bernie Barrett was the only player who managed to play to the 18th green, and won the practice round. Not bad considering she had not played for over a year! Beating her husband Pat was an easy task!

We also had a brunch on the Thursday morning, with a blind draw in public for the Scramble Competition. Everyone there seemed to really enjoy the format and it is definitely something we will continue to run during the Gala Week.

The BBQ and Gala Dinner were a great success, and once more the meal provided was excellent. I must congratulate our

catering staff for two great nights. The atmosphere on the dance floor was very good with Ana Newton performing on both nights.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of Pinheiros Altos who took part in the event and allowed us to make it so much fun. I would also like to thank Cristina, Roger and all my staff, Rui and the bar staff, the catering staff and the golf maintenance staff for making the week possible and run so smoothly. Also a big thank you to Shirley Griffiths who took most of the photos, as she has been doing at every single event during the year. The newsletters would be very empty without her. Thank you also goes to Debbie Madgett who contributed additional photos from Gala Week.

There are plenty of photos from the shoot-out for you to enjoy in this edition of the newsletter and we will have more photos from the Gala Dinner in the next edition.

The Summer Medal was won by Hilary Jessup. She won the trophy with a fantastic score of 69. Congratulations Hilary!

The July Stableford was won by PJ O'Regan with a fantastic score of 42 points.



*Mens Roll Up July Winner Daniel Henderson
Receives his Voucher for Casa dos Pinheiros*

August is normally a quiet month as far as golf is concerned and I know many of the members try to be away to avoid the usual crowds that invade the Algarve for the summer holidays.

However, don't forget the many events we have lined-up for September. The month will start with the Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers, which will see members from the coast playing Matchplay against members living in the hills. The following week, we will have the Matchplay Championship, which will start on the 9th of September for three days. Also, not-to-be-missed is our Charity ACCA Pro AM, which will be played on the 15th of September... followed immediately by the President and Senior Day on 18th of September. Finally, we will end September with our usual Pinheiros Altos Ryder Cup, which is always very exciting - not only in Pinheiros Altos but also by following the real thing on TV in the Clubhouse.

I wish everyone a great month, whether on the golf course or on the beach.

Paul Dixon 1943 - 2016

It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce the passing of Paul Dixon.

He had been a long term member of Pinheiros Altos and a very good supporter of the Club.

I am sure you will join with me in sending condolences to Linda and the rest of his family.

Competition Results for July

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Sun 3rd	July Stableford	Patrick O'Regan	42 Pts	Graham Lee	37 Pts
Wed 1st	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Wendy Menzies	69 Nett	1st Division Janine van de Ree	70 Nett
		2nd Division Mai Markey	79 Nett	2nd Division Pat Murrish	82 Nett
Wed 13th	Ladies Day Team Event	Rie Cherubini Sue Georges Pat Murrish	80 Pts	Joanna Young Marian Hill Diana Collins	74 Pts
Wed 20th	Ladies Day Monthly Stableford	1st Division Christine Soden	41 Pts	1st Division Hilary Jessup	34 Pts
		2nd Division Fiona Thomson	37 Pts	2nd Division Angela Roberts	33 Pts
Casa da Quinta Stableford voucher – Christine Soden					
Sat 23rd	Summer Medal	Hilary Jessup	69 Nett	Tim Russell	72 Nett
Sun 24th - Sat 30th	Gala Week	Karl Markey Jordan Markey	125 Pts	Kieran Nagle Ken Nagle	123 Pts
		Stuart Anderson Roger Brandão	102 Gross		

Ladies Section - by Mai Markey

Summer is in full swing (pardon the pun) and the temperatures are high.

As always, our July Medal was played on the first Wednesday of the month. A good field in 1st Division but only two in 2nd Division. Many thanks to Pat Murrish for allowing the Lady Captain to win her 3rd Medal Glass (Pat doesn't need any more... she already has 12)!

On the 13th, we played a team game, which was one to score on the par 5's, two on par 4 's and all on par 3's. Everyone enjoyed the fun game... and it was an extremely hot day.

Our friendly team played in Quinta da Ria on the Thursday, but alas we were beaten by the hosts. It was an early start for our team but a great day was had by all.

The following week we played the Monthly Stableford and the winner of the Casa da Quinta voucher this month was Christine Soden, with an amazing score of 41 Pts....well done Chris!



Lady Captain Mai Markey Presenting the Voucher for Casa da Quinta to the July Winner Christine Soden

On the 20th, our friendly with Vila Sol resulted in a very fair all square. They were a lovely group of ladies and we all had a great day.

As always, towards the end of July we had Gala Week. It was great fun both on and off the golf course. Everyone embraced

the Disney theme. I would like to thank all the staff at P.A. for making the week such a success.

Our Charity Auction raised in excess of 8,000 euro. A big thank you to all the members who donated their home clubs and all the successful bidders.

The icing on the cake for me was Karl and Jordan winning the Gala Week trophy (thank god we have some good golfers in our family)... or was it David winning a prize dressed as Snow White?

I now need to recover from a very hectic week as we head into the second half of the year and hot August nights.

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San Lorenzo Golf Course Nominated for a Publitoris Portugal Travel Award

We're thrilled to announce that our sister course, San Lorenzo, has been nominated for an award in the 'Best Golf Course' category at the Publitoris Portugal Travel Awards 2016. Subscribers to the Publitoris publication can cast their vote online at http://premios.publitoris.pt/travel_2016/categorias.html. Voting will close on the 10th of September and winners will be announced during an awards ceremony on the 16th. Good luck San Lorenzo!

Report from the Greens Committee

In our last report I indicated that I felt the time had come for me to stand down and allow another member to take over the Greens Chairmanship. Vice-Captain David Ford felt he had enough on his plate and Tony Hickey, who had retired from the committee, left management with difficulties in finding a replacement. Would members please let me know if they would like to join the committee (not as Chairman) but to support David and myself as I have agreed to carry on to support the Captain Knut in his year?

In agreeing to continue, I have done so somewhat reluctantly, and only after discussions with both Christophe our Director and Ruben Paula, who is COO of JJW Portugal. Management have agreed in the future to a more rigid and disciplined process for managing the course. I believe this has the potential of improving course condition and avoiding some, if not all, of the problems we have encountered in the last 12 months. We are promised further investment but when this happens depends on a number of factors and we need to get on with maintaining a course that is at least as good as was presented over Gala Week!

The new arrangements allow for more support for Sesenando. We have agreed that management, the Greens Committee, Ana the Club Engineer, and an agronomist will all meet with him on a monthly basis. In effect we will agree on the “timing” of certain maintenance work, which is necessary. I am assured that we have all the available chemicals necessary to prevent weed problems, and fungus and insect infestation. Many chemicals we used to use are now unavailable and the challenges are finding an alternative solution from the ‘approved’ chemicals.

The main challenge in managing any course in the Algarve is applying chemicals at the correct time. This year has been

difficult in that we had a very mild winter followed by a wet spring and now one of the hottest summers on record! Applying a ‘pre-herbicide’ at the correct time prevents weeds, dollar spot and fusarium patch. Modern scientific methods are now being used to ensure accurate timing and we need to adopt these methods. Some chemicals just do not work if used at the wrong time! I hope we will see improvements over the next six months.

I finish by saying David Ford believes the bunkers are improving and he will not be saying anything further this month. The course presents well and has been complimented by many visitors and indeed even some members!

We have issues with Poa grass in the greens, which is being treated. There is also a concern that the kikuya grasses, which are common on the fairways, are getting close to invading some greens. This must be dealt with! We will be treating for dollar spot in the near future.

We have started to micro tine and roll greens. This should produce healthy and fast surfaces. We are hoping to hollow tine all greens with a top dressing of sand and organic material, and possibly over seed in the Autumn.

Lastly I know that due to computer problems many did not receive our last report! Hopefully this will reach you but otherwise it will be posted at the golf reception.

Stewart Harper, Chairman, David Ford, Vice Captain

Young Pinheiros Altos Member Angus Flanagan Wins Electrifying Showdown for Carris Trophy

Angus Flanagan won an electrifying showdown for the Carris Trophy after Denmark's Jacob Olesen steamrollered through the field with 10-under par 62; forcing a play-off at Hunstanton in Norfolk.



It was part of a sequence of birdie-eagle-birdie, which briefly took him into the lead. But Flanagan, who played with impressive composure, produced his own master stroke on the 16th.

All the way round he'd shaved the hole with putt-after-putt that failed to drop. However, on the 16th he rolled home a crucial 20-footer for birdie, which put him back in a share of the lead.

Two pars later and he was signing for one-under 71 in the final round and heading out into a sudden death play-off. On the first, his birdie attempt sat right on the edge of the hole, while Olesen fashioned an exquisite chip and putt for his par.

They moved on to the 18th where Flanagan's approach finished 12ft from the hole and this time he grasped his chance. "It was the same putt that I'd had earlier, but slightly shorter. As soon as I hit it I knew I had it and my eyes lit up!"

"I'm just over the moon, delighted that I've done it," added the 17-year old, whose triumph was watched by his parents. "It's made my ambitions to become a professional player and make a good living seem much more reasonable" stated Flanagan, whose name will now be added to a trophy that has previously been won by Justin Rose.

Jessica Hall

Jessica has played a lot of golf this year with lots of good finishes and several good wins. However, the 2nd of August was a particularly good day when she won the North Region Ladies and Girls Close Championship trophies at Ponteland Golf Club. She won with a score of 3 under par for 36 holes after having played the last six holes in 4 under to win by one shot. This means that Jessica now holds all three Northern titles open to women and junior girls, namely:

North Region Ladies Close Championship
North Region Girls Close Championship
North of England Schools Championship

This brings her to a new handicap of + 0.1, the first time it has been positive.

Jessica also finished 3rd in the National Schools Championship, meaning that she has been picked to play for England Schools against Scotland Schools in September at Fairhaven GC.



PRO TIP – Ross Sutherland

EXTENSION THROUGH IMPACT

Release the Entire Right Side to Generate Power

To make the most of the power generated on the downswing, you must release your right side fully toward the target through impact, all the way to the finish. The feeling is very much like a boxer throwing a punch. When a boxer delivers

a blow, he forcefully shifts his weight forward as he extends his right arm and shoulder toward the target.

Finish your golf swing with the same knockout punch. Fire through the ball by releasing your right side. Rotate your body all the way through the shot, so that your right shoulder is pointing toward the target at the completion of the follow-through.

Social Golf - by Zoë Pirret

The 10th of July turned out to be the hottest social we have had this year and a lot of players resorted to buggies and took plenty of water. This month we played 'Nine : Nine', which was two scores to count on each hole, with all scores to count on the Par 5's on the front nine and all scores to count on the Par 3's on the back nine.

We had a turnout of 28 players and three guests for the meal. I shall be stepping down from the Social Committee due to commitments in my role as Ladies' Vice Captain. However, I am delighted to announce that Stella Jeffrey will be taking my place, and I know she will be an excellent addition to the Social Team.

<i>Olives / Pines</i>		<i>Corks / Olives</i>	
1st Place	Stephen Nobbs	1st Place	Amanda Stretton
96 pts	Steven Crowdey	93 pts	Nigel Collins
	Joanna Young		Knut Pedersen
	Vera Watkins		Angela Roberts
2nd Place	Sue Georges		
91 pts	Kieran Nagle		
	Diana Collins		
	Nils Leffler		

Our next competition is Four Clubs and a Putter, and is being organised by Iain Callaghan and Paula Burke.

Please remember that the list has to close on Wednesday the 25th at 5.00pm. If you are unable to sign-up in person and wish to play, please telephone or email any committee member or the office to be included. Doing the start sheet is never easy and we would appreciate as few changes as possible, so please try to sign up on time.



Forthcoming Events August and September

Tues 2nd August	Junior Open
Wed 3rd August	Ladies Day
Sat 6th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 7th August	August Medal
Wed 10th August	Ladies Day
Sat 13th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 14th August	August Stableford
Wed 17th August	Ladies Day
Sat 20th August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 24th August	Ladies Day
Sat 27th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 28th August	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 31st August	Ladies Day
Sat 3rd September	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers
Sun 4th September	September Medal
Tues 6th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 7th September	Ladies Day
Fri 9th September	Matchplay Championship
Sat 10th September	Matchplay Championship
Sun 11th September	Matchplay Championship and Stableford
Tues 13th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 14th September	Ladies Day
Thurs 15th September	ACCA Charity Pro-Am
Sat 17th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th September	President's Day incorporating Seniors Championship
Tues 20th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 21st September	Ladies Day
Sat 24th September	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th September	18 Holes Social Golf
Tues 27th September	Club Roll Up
Wed 28th September	Ladies Day
Fri 30th September	Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos
Sat 1st October	Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos
Sun 2nd October	Ryder Cup at Pinheiros Altos