

PINHEIROS ALTOS

GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Introduction from the Captain - Mr. Vernon Reed

Flaming June got off to a good start with the Lady Captains Charity Fun Day. Not so much fun for our Golfing Director though, who thinking he was 25 again, entered the “horse back” race and ended up pulling a muscle which put him out of commission for the rest of the day. I’m pleased to report that he didn’t need to be shot and has made a good recovery. However, it was a great day and raised a lot of money for the Ladies Charities. Well done to Helen and all her team.

The Portuguese Golf Day was very successful. Christophe made a sterling effort with the sponsorship and the organisation for the day. The food was very good and the only glitch was the fact we were beaten by a very strong Portuguese side with the scores being Portugal 13 ½ Rest of the World 10 ½. I understand that this will now be a bi-annual event. Excellent news.

The next event was the Sanddancers v Hillbillies. As the Captain of the Hillbillies it obviously gave me great pleasure to present the trophy to the Captain of the winning Sanddancers team, Mr. John Linley ... 9 - 7 Oh no it didn’t! Still, well played to the Sanddancers.

The Presidents Prize held on 27th June, was very well attended and was won by 5 handicapper, Edward Kent, who shot 38 stableford points. The Seniors Trophy was played at the same time. The defending champion, Ken Procter, flew in from the UK and retained his trophy for the third year running. Very well done to you Ken, I see there’s “Life in the Old Dog yet”.

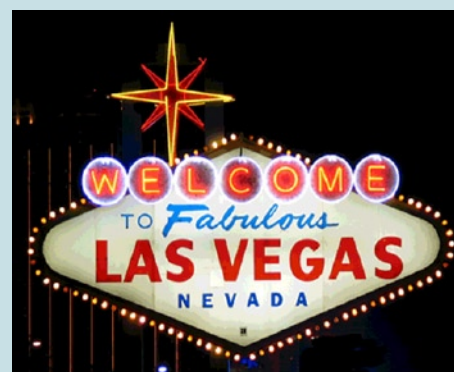
This brings us up to date and looking forward to a very busy July. My Captains Day is on the 24th, the sign up sheets are now up and I hope to see you there. This is followed by the Gala Week, the theme is Viva Las Vegas, and should be a great fun week. Don’t forget your costumes!

Captain Reed signing off.....Happy golfing.

Important dates that you should not miss

Saturday 24th July
- Captain’s Day

Sunday 25th to
Saturday 31st July
- LAS VEGAS Gala Week



for more information
and entry forms please
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Director of Golf - Monthly Report

Congratulations to Lady captain Helen Mills on what was a very successful "Fun Day" even though I was carried off the race track. Fortunately, there was no member with a gun otherwise I would have been "put down"!

While the Rest of the World Team lost to Portugal in what will now become a bi-annual match it was a "politically correct" result and a great day was had by all!



It was great to play in the Hillbillies V Sanddancers Match with Martin Murrish founder of the Event and the Sanddancers win brought the overall tally of matches in the seventeen year history of the event to 14 – 3 in favour of the beach people!



Ken Proctor made a special trip to Pinheiros Altos from his newly found base in England to defend his Seniors Title and made it 3 in a row. He even tried to keep the trophy on that basis but had to settle for the promise of a replica!

For the second time the Seniors Event was run in conjunction with the President's Prize. This was mainly due to our President, Walter Dickson, also being the instigator of the Seniors Championship

and with 54 competitors taking part it was a great turnout and a fine Presents Prize victory for young Edward Kent.

July will be a massive month for competitions with Captain's Day and Gala Week included in the last week of the month. Pinheiros Altos Golf Club Captain, Mr. Vernon Reed is pulling no punches in preparation for both his event and Gala Week. Please contact the Golf Office to find out more and enter soon to avoid disappointment.

ACCA Children's Charity played their Annual Ladies Pro-AM at Pinheiros Altos on the 22nd June and raised a fantastic € 17,000. At the prize giving ACCA representative, Wanda Crawford, thanked Pinheiros Altos for their generosity in staging this event.



Sesinando and his staff have almost finished the hollow-tinning of the fairways. Due to this work "preferred lies" will be the order of the day through until Captain's Day when the course should be in pristine condition. I have ordered "firm and fast greens" although the firm might be difficult if the temperature continues to rise as more water will be necessary to keep the greens alive!

Please keep buggies on the paths or in the rough where ever possible to avoid compaction on the fairways.

You will notice that the newsletter will now periodically include a section for APPA (Owners Association) where Roger Kitson the APPA President will report on behalf of the APPA Board.

In this edition I would like to draw your attention to the trip which APPA are organising on Thursday 2nd September. If any Member of the Golf Club is interested to make this trip they are very welcome. Please contact the Golf Office for more information and/or check out www.ilha-deserta.com.

Competition Results for June

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 2nd	Ladies Day Medal	<i>1st Division</i> Sally Evans <i>2nd Division</i> Lisa Burns	67 Nett 75 Nett (bb9)	<i>1st Division</i> Melaura Parker <i>2nd Division</i> Vera Watkins	70 Nett 75 Nett
Wed 9th	Ladies Day	Competition rained off			
Sat 12th	Hillbillies vs Sanddancers	Sanddancers	9	Hillbillies	7
Wed 16th	Ladies Day Qualifying Stableford	<i>1st Division</i> Helen Mills <i>2nd Division</i> Shirley Lamb	38 Pts 32 Pts	<i>1st Division</i> Rie Cherubini <i>2nd Division</i> Claire Bamber	35 Pts 31 Pts
Sun 20th	June Medal	Sally Evans	70 Nett	Constantin Schmid	71 Nett
Wed 23rd	Ladies Day Two Hidden Partners	Sylvia Mullins Barbara Fletcher Paula Burke	100 Pts	Denise Reed Josie Waddington Melody Cotterill	96 Pts
Sat 28th	President's Day	Edward Kent <i>Best Lady</i> Susan Russell	38 Pts 35 Pts	Bill Taylor Paula Burke	37 Pts 33 Pts
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	Seniors Championships	<i>Seniors Champion</i> Ken Proctor Barbara Fletcher	31 Pts (Gross) 32 Nett	Bill Taylor Val Rennie	37 Nett 31 Nett
Wed 30th	Ladies Day Stableford off the Blue Tees	<i>Olives to Corks</i> Thérèse v Doorn <i>Corks to Olives</i> Sylvia Mullins	35 Pts 30 Pts	<i>Olives to Corks</i> Val Rennie <i>Corks to Olives</i> Wendy Collins	32 Pts 29 Pts

Ladies Section

- by Helen Mills

The glorious sunshine on the 2nd June which heralded the beginning of the summer didn't last long and the Ladies Day on the 9th was unbelievably rained off- yes 27 ladies all signed up and ready to do an eclectic card and the heavens opened.

Glad to say that the summer arrived in earnest ready for the annual Hillbillies V Sanddancers hard fought match that I'm sure has been reported by our Captain. On a personal note, Pete and I were drawn against a superior force in the form of Chris and Melaura Parker.

Melaura came in with a gross 77- Nett 65 (Chris did his bit too of course) to win for the Sanddancers. Melaura's card came to the attention of Slash.com and had her handicap cut by 2 shots. Congratulations Melaura for another outstanding round of golf and on your new single figure handicap of 9.8.

On the subject of handicaps, I would like to announce that Hilary Jessup has been 'awarded' the job of handicap committee together with William Scott, please speak to them if you have any issues with handicaps.

The single stableford competition on June 16th was won by Shirley Lamb with 32 points for the 2nd Division and by yours truly for the 1st Division with 38 points.

The Captains choice on 23rd was an individual stableford with hidden partners, Sylvia Mullins, Barbara Fletcher and Paula Burke won with a combined score of 100 points, well done ladies.

Shona stepped into the breach when I had a short trip home to Donegal and straight away put everyone out on the blue tees! I understand that a fun day was had by all the ladies who played well, that being Therese Van Doorn with 35 points and Sylvia Mullins on the other course with 30 points. Well done both ladies and thanks to Shona for her organizing, I will be following your example on the blue tees sometime soon again!

The ladies were well represented again on Sunday 27th June in the President's Putter & Seniors competition. Susan Russell

Interclub

- by Neil Bamber

June nearly over now with another 3 matches played. All victories are good but when it is against Quinta do Lago it is even sweeter - We won at home 3-2 and fantastically under Peter Harrison's stewardship last Saturday we even got a draw away to them.

Thanks to all who took part and commiserations to Christian Holst who suffered his first defeat of the season but his excuse will be he was not with his normal partner Rie Cherubini.

Away against Vale de Lobo I am afraid we were taken to task losing 4-1.

As far as league positions are concerned we are currently 2nd with 62 pts with Alto in first place with 63 pts but they have played one more game than we have.

No more matches now until September so to all those members who have been available to play and those who have played a big thank you and I will be in touch with you all late August.

finished in 5th place overall and won the best Ladies prize with 35 points and Paula Burke 2nd best lady with 33 points. In the Seniors Championship Barbara Fletcher was the best lady with 32 points and Val Rennie 2nd best lady with 31 points. Well done ladies and everyone who participated.

The final amount raised to date from the Charity Fun Day on 3rd June is €9.190, this will be used to purchase equipment needed by the four charities. Once again I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the organizing and on the day itself, also to all the members for their help and support.

It is with regret that I have to announce that Susan Hughes, Lady Captain of Pinheiros Altos in 1999, has passed away. Our sympathies are extended to all her family and friends; she is remembered with fondness by all the ladies of the Club who knew her.

Social Golf

Next event is 19th July - a great way of meeting other Members.

Pro Tip - Kenny Fairbairn

Slopes

It is impossible to remember every position for slopes, but try to remember a few below:

Uphill Lie - Narrower stance, ball position to higher foot and shoulders parallel to slope.

Downhill Lie - Wider stance, ball position to higher foot and shoulders parallel to slope.

Ball below Feet - Excessive knee bend, ball position in centre normal grip.

Ball above Feet - Spine angle to slope, ball in centre, grip slightly lower down the club.

Good luck when you try them!

Forthcoming Events - July and August

Sat 3rd July	Mens Roll Up
Mon 5th July	White Hot Pro Am
Wed 7th July	Ladies Day
Sat 10th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 11th July	Summer Medal
Wed 14th July	Ladies Day
Sat 17th July	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th July	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 21st July	Ladies Day
Sat 24th July	CAPTAIN'S DAY
Sun 25th July	Practise and Registration
Mon 26th July	Four Ball Best Ball
Tue 27th July	Greensomes
Wed 28th July	Shoot Out 5 p.m.
Thu 29th July	American Foursomes
Fri 30th July	Scramble
Sat 31st July	Gala Dinner at Casino Vilamoura

GALA WEEK

Tues 3rd August	Junior Open
Wed 4th August	Ladies Day
Thurs 5th August	9 Hole Social Golf
Sat 7th August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 11th August	Ladies Day
Sat 14th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 15th August	August Stableford
Wed 18th August	Ladies Day
Sat 21st August	Mens Roll Up
Wed 25th August	Ladies Day
Sat 28th August	Mens Roll Up
Sun 29th August	18 Holes Social Golf



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Report

- by Roger Kitson, APPA President,
on behalf of the APPA board

Water

Although last winter was exceptionally wet a very hot summer is forecast. The boreholes which supply water to Pinheiros Altos are giving cause for concern as one of them has become saline and the others are not as full as would normally be expected at this time of year. During the peak months of July and August the golf course needs maximum water to keep it in first class condition and occupancy of the Resort is high. In these circumstances, owners are requested to help by careful use of water and irrigating gardens only at night, when demand from the boreholes is at its lowest.

Longer term, the intention is to transfer the responsibility for water supply to Infraquinta. However, this will involve substantial engineering works which may take a considerable time.

Speed Bumps

At the Annual General Meeting on 6th April 2010 (minutes of which were sent to APPA Members on 19th April) a discussion took place about speed bumps.

Following advice from Infraquinta, the Board decided to proceed with the installation of speed bumps. The most suitable type of bump and the positions of the bumps were subsequently agreed. Infraquinta has been instructed to install them.

Road Names

Pinheiros Altos have chosen road names and the type of road sign has been agreed by Susan Russell and Dirk Blaesing on behalf of the APPA Board. Infraquinta has therefore been requested to proceed.

Security

There have been no security incidents since the Annual General Meeting.

APPA Social Event -Thursday, 2nd September

As owners have already been advised, a Social Event will take place on Thursday, 2nd September. This will involve a visit to the Ilha Deserta, a desert island near Faro, on which the only building is a restaurant called Estamine. The Ilha Deserta has an excellent website which is in both English and Portuguese www.ilha-deserta.com; you will see from it that a visit to the island for lunch can also include a boat trip round the Ria Formosa lagoons with an experienced guide.

We hope that owners and their guests will take part in the Event, which will provide an opportunity to learn about the Ria Formosa and its wildlife and to enjoy a special lunch together.

If you wish to attend please contact Cristina Fernandes (cfernandes@pinheirosaltos.pt) – telephone 289 359953

Communications

Information about APPA will in future be included in the Pinheiros Altos monthly Newsletter. Unless there are urgent matters the next such information will be included in the Owners Section of the October Newsletter. This will cover the aims and objectives of APPA and explain how the Association is organised; it will also contain a progress report on outstanding items and a full report on security.

Owners who wish to contact APPA are requested to use our new email address appa@pinheirosaltos.pt.