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## news

**PINHEIROS ALTOS**  
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

# Introduction from the Captain

## Mr. John Linley

This is my first Captain's Intro for the Newsletter and I am looking forward to my year ahead with great anticipation.

We were so lucky with the weather for the Easter Scramble and a record 160 competitors enjoyed a beautiful golfing morning to witness a record score by the winning team of Hilary, Martin and Matt Jessup, Margo Fletcher and Josh Burks.

No sooner had we sat down to our Easter BBQ than normal service was resumed and the heavens opened again!

My Drive-in was just as lucky with no rain for a couple of hours. I thought my drive went well (One metre past the Lady Captain, Phew!) after my 1st ball exploded (thanks Brian!).



*APPA American Foursomes winners Melaura and Chris Parker*

The APPA (Owners Association) American Foursomes was won by Chris and Melaura Parker with a marriage enhancing 39 pts! For Melaura it was the kick start she needed, as a few days later she went on to win her first major by taking the Pinheiros Altos Strokeplay Championship in a tournament reduced to 18 holes after the first day was washed out.

Constantin Schmid won the Mens Championship with a super one over par 73 from the back tees in miserable conditions. Congratulations to all the prize winners (I forgot to mention Peter Harrison's super 71 gross, 67 nett to win the St. Georges Day Spring Medal) but more importantly my thanks to all those who took part in what was a successful Easter programme in spite of the weather!

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th of May will see the contest for the Ben Hogan Trophy between Pinheiros Altos and Quinta do

Lago. We are going for a hat trick of victories this year. So please sign up and let's win again!

My goal for my Captain's year is to meet and play golf with as many members as possible, while at the same time raising money for the Lady Captain's chosen charities. To this end I have reinstated the Captain/Pro Challenge Matches and with the help of my Vice Captain David Markey, partnered by Brian,



*The Captain and his Vice with furry friends.*

Ross, Kenny or Peter, we will take on all comers in four ball better ball Matchplay. Also, my friends, Tim Turtle (water hazards), Syd Snake (three putts), Chris Camel (bunkers) and Molly Monkey (trees) will help with the fund raising. Confused! The available match dates are on the board, challenge us and all will be revealed!

Finally, the sign up sheet for my Captain's Day on the 18th June is now on the board - and I do hope that you can spare your valuable time to help make my big day a success.



One Newsletter down eleven to go.

Good golfing.

*Captain John exploding into office.*



*Easter Scramble winners Hilary, Martin and Mathew Jessup with Margo Fletcher and Josh Burks*



*Most improved golfer Daniel Waters with club Captain and Lady Captain.*

## Director of Golf - Monthly Report

April was a busy month with three AGM's (Ladies, Club and APPA) and many tournaments. In spite of having a lot of rain during the month we were very fortunate on the competition days. In fact, the Club Championship on the 30th April and 1st May had more problems weather wise than all the other April events put together.

The first day was washed out and the second day, played in scattered showers, saw Melaura Parker take the Club Championship having fallen at the final hurdle in two previous Matchplay Finals. I am sure this will be the first of many wins for Melaura. Constantin Schmid captured the Mens Championship for the second time with a superb 73 gross.



*Club Champions Constantin Schmid and Melaura Parker*

The golf course has stood up well considering the rain and the growth that Sesinando and his staff have had to put up with. For all competition play the staked trees are now integral parts of the course and the ball must be played as it lies or a penalty drop taken. Sisenando and his staff will gradually take away the

stakes and prepare basins around the bottom of each tree which will be full of pine bark.

The "Casa dos Pinheiros" restaurant is sponsoring a meal for two, three times a month. Each Club Medal winner, each Ladies Stableford winner (best point score over the two categories) and each Mens Roll-up Individual Stableford winner (played on the first Saturday of each month) will receive these very generous prizes. Each voucher will be valid for one month from when it is won.

Our very own Pink Flamingos (Hilary Jessup and Margo Fletcher) were both part of the winning Easter Scramble team and I would like to remind everyone that their Charity Walk is coming up fast and anyone wishing to sponsor them should go to [www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/pinkflamingoes](http://www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/pinkflamingoes) or contact Hilary or Margo.

We have a fantastic new club cleaning machine which for the next few weeks will be available to all players at Pinheiros Altos free of charge. Please try it out and let us have your thoughts.

This years National Day is USA and it is being hosted by Melaura Parker on Sunday the 3rd July (please note, not the 4th July as in the fixture list). The day will be an American Foursomes in any combination member/member, member/guest, two men, two ladies or mixed. Pines and Corks shotgun start 9.00 a.m. followed by B.B.Q. Sign up sheet will be posted towards the end of May.

Please note the minutes of the Pinheiros Altos Golf Club AGM 2011 are available from the Golf Office.

# Competition Results for April

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 6th	Ladies Day Stableford	<b>1st Division</b> Rie Cherubini	34 Pts (bb9)	<b>1st Division</b> Sally Evans	34 Pts
		<b>2nd Division</b> Patt Murrish		35 Pts	
Sun 10th	April Stableford	Chris Hales	36 Pts	Daphne Higginson	35 Pts
Wed 13th	Ladies Day Team Stableford (with 4 clubs and a putter)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pines and Corks</b> Shona Callaghan, Diana Collins, Annette Newbald and Sharon Henderson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Olives and Pines</b> Margo Fletcher, Janet Leffler, Edyta Procter and Irene Meier-Boehm</p>			
Mon 18th	9 Hole Team Stableford	Zoë Pirret Shirley Griffiths May Markey Melody Cotterill	49 Pts	Liz Beal Helen Mills Shona Callaghan (floater Mai Markey)	48 Pts (bb9)
Wed 20th	Ladies Day April Medal	Games abandoned due to heavy rain.			
Sat 23rd	St. Georges Spring Medal	Peter Harrison	67 Nett	Nancy Schofield	68 Nett
Sun 24th	Easter Scramble	Hilary, Martin and Matthew Jessup Margo Fletcher Josh Burks		Rie Cherubini Claire Bamber Christian Holst Nancy and Philip Schofield	
Tue 26th	APPA Competition	Chris Parker Melaura Parker	39 Pts (bb9)	John Mullins Sylvia Mullins	39 Pts
Wed 27th	Royal Wedding Waltz	<b>Corks to Olives</b> Sally Evans Diana Collins Claire Bramber	82 Pts	<b>Olives to Pines</b> Zoë Pirret Suzanne Davis Sandra Seddon	72 Pts
Sun 1st May	Strokeplay Championship	Constantin Schmid	73	Vivian Lewis	79
		Melaura Parker	92	Elizabeth Beal	95

## Ladies Section by outgoing Lady Captain, Helen Mills

We started the month with a friendly Interclub match against Benamor at home on 4th April... and won 3.5 /1.5. This gave us an overall result, for the year of Interclub Friendly Matches, of 8 wins, 2 halves and one loss. It is an excellent result for which I thank all the ladies who took part, along with Brian Evans and Pinheiros Altos for allowing us the courtesy of the course for these matches during the year.

Windy conditions were in store for the monthly Stableford, won by Rie Cherubini with 34 pts in the 1st Division and Pat Murrish with 35 pts in the 2nd Division. Well done ladies.

The final of the Madrinha Trophy took place just in time for the prize presentation at the Ladies AGM. Therese van Doorn and her partner Janet Leffler were pitched against yours truly and my partner Sylvia Mullins.

Therese and Janet outplayed us and were the deserved winners of our elegant new Madrinha Trophy, congratulations and well played to you both. This new competition was introduced to help high handicap players to learn the rules and etiquette of golf in a Matchplay situation, while playing with a more experienced, low handicap player, i.e. Madrinha (Godmother). I am confident that the problems we have encountered in arranging matches – and with some of the rules – will be overcome for the future as the concept of this competition has been so well received by many ladies of both divisions.

### The 'Final Countdown' on 13th April

Talk about finishing the year as it started and progressed... by drinking and eating that is!!!!!!!

On my last Ladies Day as LC on 13th April, 44 ladies set out in 4 balls for a team Stableford in glorious weather (with a little grumbling in some quarters about the fact that they only had the choice of 4 clubs and a putter!). Well, as we all know, limiting the choice sometimes brings out the best in people - and so it proved!

With 2 best scores to count, the results were no different – maybe even better – than if we had 14 clubs in the bag. There were lots

of 4 points on the scorecards, which shows that ladies with a double shot were a huge advantage to their team and the limited choice of clubs made little difference to the overall scores.

Following the competition, Majida Lester invited all the ladies who played to her beautiful home for drinks and lunch. This day will go down as one of the most memorable of my year in terms of the superb setting, wonderful food and liquid refreshment provided by our very generous hostess. Majida and her trusty helpers, Lubna and Angela, provided us with wonderful home-made cuisine that was much appreciated by everyone.

Thank you Majida and everyone who helped make the day such a success.

Finally, I would like sign off for my year as Lady Captain by saying how much I have enjoyed my role, I am honoured to have been elected and it was a pleasure to serve as Lady Captain.

I would like to thank all the ladies who supported me during my year and who contributed so generously to the wonderful gift of a beautiful oil painting, it will always remind me of a most enjoyable year as Lady Captain.

I wish Shona a happy and successful year and wish all the Ladies a happy and rewarding golfing year.

## Ladies Section by the new Lady Captain, Shona Callaghan

Our Ladies Section AGM, attended by 47 ladies, was held on the 18th April. Following Helen's report on a very successful year, I was delighted to present her with – on behalf of the Ladies Section – a beautiful painting and to also express our thanks for all the hard work she put in during her term in office.



*Shona thanks Helen!*

The dreaded moment had arrived and I had to make my way nervously to the first tee for my “drive-in”. Well done to Liz Kitson for placing the flag in the correct spot well down the fairway and winning the champagne – I’ll have to have you in my team soon so that you can see where my drives land normally! A nine hole Team Stableford followed and then we retired to the clubhouse for some well deserved drinks and canapés – and the presentation of the prizes to the match winners, Zoe Pirret, Mai Markey, Shirley Griffiths and Melody Cotterill, scoring 49pts.



*The ladies gather for Shona's moment of truth (it was a great drive!)*

The weather was very unkind to those ladies who started the April Medal and their first Eclectic cards on the following Wednesday... with the game unfortunately having to be abandoned after a few holes when the heavens opened and the greens flooded.

Fortunately the sun was shining on the 27th when we held our Royal Wedding Waltz and Kate Middleton's Unofficial Hen Party. Visitors were surprised to see so many brides, princesses and wedding guests out on the course... and then entering the “marquee” (ie the BBQ terrace) afterwards for the start of the celebrations. The “icing on the cake” was the judging of the fancy dress costumes by Brian, Christophe and Hugh, which resulted in Marian Jenkins and Molly Wainwright coming runners-up to our prize-winning “bride” Josie Waddington. Sabine Schlegel won the “Guess the Weight of the Cake” competition which raised €46 for charity. A toast to William and Kate was a fitting highlight to a very enjoyable day. My thanks to everyone for joining in so enthusiastically.

Congratulations to Nancy Schofield who continued the trend of keeping the ladies on the scoreboard by coming second in the St George's Spring Medal.

### Thought for the month

*If there's a storm rolling in to the course, you'll be in the middle of the game of your life!*

**Director of Golf's Comment:** Maybe next month the Lady Captain can explain her thought for the previous month!

## Social Golf by Molly Wainwright

Exceptionally high winds didn't prevent some very fine scores in our team competition on 17th April. The format was quite difficult with one of the four scores to count on par 3's, two on par 4's and three on par 5's. We had over sixty players proving, yet again, how popular our competitions are. Jorge provided a good supper and there was a lot of noise and laughter in the clubhouse.

The winners were:

	<i>Corks/Olives</i>		<i>Olives/Pines</i>	
1st Place	Michiel van Doorn	86 Pts	Paul Black	79 Pts
	Helen Mills		Marian Jenkins	
	Nigel Collins		Jürgen Ternieden	
	Shona Callaghan		Sabine Schlegel	
2nd Place	Peter Mills	75 Pts	Sally Ward	74 Pts
	Susie Hobday		Ken Irving	
	Bob Seddon		Daphne Higginson	
	Deirdre Forde		Pete Lamaison	

The next competition is on May 8th – do come and join us, you will be most welcome.

## Interclub by Neil Bamber

As mentioned in my last report, April was a quiet month with just one match against Alto.

The match started with wet conditions and many players on both teams were not keen to start... but my assistant Peter Harrison's intervention saw the match begin on time and end with victory. In the end, the weather was great apart from a couple of holes.

This month we play Palmares at home and then travel to Vilamoura to attempt the unheard of... an away victory against them.

Finally as we enter May lets hope the bad weather has moved north.

Neil Bamber  
Interclub Captain

## PRO TIP – Brian Evans

### Play golf at your natural pace! Pace for golf – Pace for life!

If you think of Luke Donald playing golf you cannot imagine that his pace of life off the course is any different; slow and easy!

Then you have, for those of you who can remember him, Nick Price who had a very fast tempo to his golf swing which was undoubtedly reflective of his pace of life off the course.

Most players play their best golf when their pace on the course is an extension of their pace of life. Most golfers crack under pressure because their pace increases destroying their technique.

The older you get the more you appreciate your own pace of life and therefore the most natural pace of your swing.

Use the practise ground to match your speed of swing with your speed of life.

## Important Dates for your diary

### Captain's Day 2011 Saturday 18th June

Mr. John Linley would like to notify all members of his Captain's Day and looks forward to your support in making it a day to remember.

### SUNSHINE CLASSIC GALA WEEK "ANGELS AND DEMONS"

A 72 Hole Stableford  
Tournament for Pairs.

Sponsored by  
PINHEIROS ALTOS

24th to 30th July 2011

Entries can be made through the Golf Office  
or online at [www.pinheirosaltos.com/members](http://www.pinheirosaltos.com/members)



## Forthcoming Events May and June

Wed 4th May	Ladies Day	Wed 1st June	Ladies Day
Sat 7th May	Mens Roll Up	Fri 3rd June	Ladies Past Captains Day
Sun 8th May	18 Holes Social Golf	Sat 4th June	Mens Roll Up
Wed 11th May	Ladies Day	Sun 5th June	18 Holes Social Golf
Fri 13th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL	Wed 8th June	Ladies Captains Day
Sat 14th May	The Ben Hogan Trophy PA V QDL Presentation and Gala Dinner	Sat 11th June	Hillbillies Vs Sanddancers
Wed 18th May	Ladies Day	Sun 12th June	June Medal
Sat 21st May	Mens Roll Up	Wed 15th June	Ladies Day
Sun 22nd May	May Stableford	Sat 18th June	Captains Day
Mon 23rd May	White Hot Pro Am	Wed 22nd June	Ladies Day
Wed 25th May	Ladies Day	Sat 25th June	Mens Roll Up
Sat 28th May	Mens Roll Up	Sun 26th June	Seniors Championship, President Putter and June Stableford
Sun 29th May	May Medal	Wed 29th June	Ladies Day