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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

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LATEST NEWS

Dear Member,

It has been a couple of months since my last Newsletter and what a couple of months we have had! The Portuguese winter has not been kind to us with rain like I have never seen. On New Years Day we had 70mm of rain alone! This has impacted greatly on our golf. We had to play the 10th as a par 3 and all our competitions were non qualifying until we had the 10th back in play. Thankfully as I write the sun is shining and it looks like we are in for a prolonged spell of good weather.

As the course is quite wet currently I thought it useful to share the rule on plugged balls:

16.1e

Relief for Ball Not Found but in or on Abnormal Course Condition
If a player's ball has not been found and it is known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in or on an abnormal course condition on the course, the player may use this relief option instead of taking stroke-and-distance relief:

- The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b, c or d, using the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the abnormal course condition on the course as the spot of the ball for purposes of finding the nearest point of complete relief.

- Once the player puts another ball in play to take relief in this way:
 - The original ball is no longer in play and must not be played.
 - This is true even if it is then found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But if it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in or on an abnormal course condition and the ball is lost, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief under Rule 18.2.

TOURNAMENTS

SOCIAL & COMPETITION

Portucale

On the 2nd of January we had our annual Portucale Tournament. Although we had seventy golfers registered to play the tournament, we had to cancel due to the weather on the day, however we did a wonderful evening with 90 people for dinner. Many thanks to Leslie and Christian Tischler for sponsoring the wine, was appreciated by all. The evening was superbly organized by Per Ake once again and my thanks goes to him for all the work he put in. The evening raised a very nice amount of money towards the Captain's charity.

Competition Vouchers

As you maybe aware the competition vouchers currently have an expiry date of one year. We have had feedback from members saying this is too short. After discussing this with Francisco we have now had agreement that this will now be extended to two years for all new vouchers. I think this is very reasonable so please remember use them or lose them!

Chinese New Year

We are all very much looking forward to our Chinese New Year celebrations on the 2nd and 3rd of February. We are now full for this event with sixty people for dinner. I will look forward to sharing the photos in the next Newsletter.

AM/AM

9th and 10th September

This year sees the return of the AmAm. This event proved very popular when it was run before. I have been told the event is now full and we have a waiting list. If you are interested can I please ask that you inform Dave Moxham as soon as possible so he can add you to the list. He is hoping to maybe get a few more slots to try and accommodate as many as possible. Dave will be finalizing all details soon so watch this space.

St. Patrick's Day

17th March

The fantastic St. Patrick's Day is almost here! The event will take place on March 17th, 2023, so please save the date!

St. George's Day

23rd April

We are getting closer and closer to the long-awaited St. George's Day. I remind you that online registration will open on March 16th and close April 16th or earlier if oversubscribed.

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Cancellation for Events

Unfortunately we are having last minute cancellations for events at the Club House. This causes the organizers all sorts of problems with seating plans and also the kitchen. We have to commit to numbers well in advance and once committed we then have to pay. Going forward we will be introducing a policy of payment in advance on registration for the tournament. We will also be introducing payments online so this will do away with the need to pay for these events with cash. You will NOT be able to enter without payment. We do however understand that plans can change, so we will allow you to cancel up to 48 hours before the event and you will receive a full refund.

Presentations

As we all know we have now returned to a two tee start at PDR which is great news. This will mean that the finishing times between the first and last groups becomes considerably shorter. We pretty much suspended presentations whilst we had a one tee start due to delays in getting all players in and finalizing results etc. This meant that the competition organizer was having to wait a long time to run the presentation. Going forward we will take a different approach. If by chance we have a one tee start we will suspend the presentation and the winners can collect their prizes from Golf Reception the following day.

Annual Buggies

We have received comments from several members regarding the issue with buggy availability during the busy golfing seasons, spring and autumn. As a committee we understand the importance of buggies for some members. Having discussed this with Francisco we have agreed that members with an annual buggy membership can reserve a buggy a week in advance at an extra cost of €7.50.

As a committee we will endeavor to pair up members with annual buggies in competitions. The cost can then be shared if you so wish. Also it will give more buggy availability. Unfortunately it is not possible to have any more buggies at PDR due to space constraints. However an extra eight buggies have been purchased for West Cliffs. Did you know, that the average income for an annual buggy is €12.00 per round!!!!

Divot Boxes

We are going to trial the use of divot boxes on both golf courses. We will place one on the 2nd at West Cliffs and one on the 8th at PDR. Could we ask all members to repair their divots on these two holes. If the trial is successful we will implement them on all of the Par 3 of both golf courses. It is down to you to make sure this happens. Thank you in advance for your support.

UPCOMING CAPTAIN'S EVENTS

SOCIAL

I thought I would share some events I am planning over the next few months that are not in the calendar and dates are yet to be confirmed.

Golf Rules Quiz Evening

This will be a fun social evening which will allow you to test your knowledge on the Rules of Golf. We are hoping to have this event around Easter when we have more members visiting. It will be in the Club House and we will also have an informal supper.

Emergency First Aid

Would you know what to do in an emergency situation on the golf course? It is my hope that we could get a local doctor to show us the basics of first aid in case of emergency. This is very much something we all need to know as we could save someone's life with quick actions. No date has been set yet, but we will advise in due course.

Four Course Challenge

Back in 2015 I undertook the four course challenge on the longest day of the year. However I not only played four courses but I played all four in different countries. I walked all the courses and carried my clubs. It is my intention to do the four course challenge again this year along with Dave Moxham for my Captain's Charity. We will play Bom Sucesso, Royal Obidos, West Cliffs and Praia D'El Rey. We will walk all four courses and finish in PDR. I will share more information closer to the time. However I know I can count on your support in this endeavour with a little bit of sponsorship.

COURSE REPORT

PRAIA D'EL REY & WEST CLIFFS

As you know Geoff Newton is our Chairman of Greens. He gives all members regular and in my view invaluable updates on both work and plans for both our golf courses. Here is Geoff's latest report.

Record rainfall and the worst winter so far since 2010 (according to the head greenkeeper at West Cliffs) have prevented the green staff from doing much of the drainage works that are so needed at Praia D'El Rey. The forecast is improving, and it is hoped that fairway 18 and several others will have drainage replaced in the next few months. Fairway 1 has been done and the results are encouraging. The fairways have recovered well from the Autumn and the greens at both courses have been superb so far this winter.

We will continue to deliver as many of the improvements that have been documented in my previous course reports during 2023. I'd like to thank Bernardo and Pedro and their teams for their hard work, and I am sure the course will be in excellent condition for next month's Pro Am and the season ahead. Thank you to all the members for their patience when events have been cancelled and buggies have been banned due to the bad weather.

Happy golfing.

Geoff





SAVE THE DATE

CLUB'S TOURNAMENTS

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| 02.02.2023 | Chinese New Year at Quinta do Peru |
| 04.02.2023 | Pairs West Cliffs |
| 11.02.2023 | Pairs Praia D'El Rey |
| 12.02.2023 | Order of Merit Praia D'El Rey |
| 18.02.2023 | Order of Merit West Cliffs |
| 24.02.2023 | Belmont Press Pro Am |
| 25.02.2023 | Belmont Press Pro Am |
| 04.03.2023 | Pairs Praia D'El Rey |
| 12.03.2023 | Pairs West Cliffs |
| 17.03.2023 | St. Patrick's Day |

ROAD TO PRAIA D'EL REY

COMPETITION LEADERBOARD - UPDATED ON 25.01.2023

1	Kim Kerremans	Q	173,9	48	Kevin Allen	13,7
2	Susanne Spivey		143,0	49	Ian Hall	12,0
3	Michael King	Q	111,0	50	Francis Kelsey	11,6
4	Ingrid Kerremans		101,9	51	Helena Boot	10,9
5	Per Åke Tobiassen		100,6	52	Philip Williams	9,5
6	Hans Fjarem		98,5	53	Robert Smeeton	8,7
7	Jan-Willem den Ridder		95,7	54	Tom Kelly	6,8
8	Maurice McCullough		79,1	54	Thomas Seemann	6,8
9	Martin Playell		62,6	56	James O'Hanrahan	6,3
10	John Breen		61,6	57	Jonathan Masters	5,8
11	David Martin		59,2	58	Bill Ahern	5,7
12	David Moxham		54,0	59	Helena Headworth	5,4
13	Alan Westhead		52,1	60	Liam Cundill	5,0
14	Vincent Dowling		50,4	61	Peter Brownlow	4,5
15	Julie Calvert		46,0	62	Martin Cooper	4,4
16	Tuija Palo-Teirikko		44,7	63	Suzanne Godwin	4,2
17	Mark Aubrey-Fletcher		40,4	64	James Harris	3,3
18	Stephen Cottrell		40,2	65	Pauline Usher-Mahon	3,2
19	Kees Kerremans		40,0	66	John Stavers	3,0
20	Joy Mendoza		37,3	67	Ebba Dohlman	0,8
20	Bill Trendell		37,3			
22	Timothy Bye		37,0			
23	Neil Hinch		36,0			
23	Jonathan Rutledge		36,0			
25	Andrew Dean		34,9			
26	Mats Sjöholm		31,9			
27	Kevin Mendoza		31,8			
28	Jacqueline Jones		30,6			
29	Dag Arvidsson		29,6			
30	Nicolette Hind		28,5			
31	Robert Walsh		27,3			
32	Mark Pollard		26,1			
33	Frank Kennedy		25,6			
34	Keith Rawlings		24,4			
35	Susan Pollard		23,2			
36	Andrew Williams		22,5			
37	Hannu Teirikko		22,3			
38	Alison Taylor		21,0			
39	Thomas Wiedenbruch		18,9			
40	Peter McQue		18,8			
41	Thomas Byrne		18,5			
42	John Spon-Smith		18,0			
42	Aileen O'Hanrahan		18,0			
44	David Wedgeworth		16,8			
45	Marilyn Brownlow		16,0			
46	Geoff Newton		14,8			
47	Lauren Shephard		14,5			

REY ESTATES