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CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

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Captain's Message

Dear Member,

Just a quick message to you all as we enter a very busy period for the golf club with some major events coming up.

Watch this space for details about:

- Captains Away Day
- Ladies vs Gents Match
- Dutch Day
- Ryder Cup Event

Enjoy your summer of golf.

Geoff Newton

Major Events

Copa D'El Rey

Saturday, 13th July 2024

The culmination of our season with the top 30 qualifying for some great prizes in the Road to PDR. If you haven't qualified why not play in the Texas Scramble – there are a few places remaining. The event is followed by prize giving, a BBQ and music on the clubhouse terrace.

Club Championship Pairs

Saturday, 27th July 2024

A few spaces remain to enter this prestigious board competition. 4BBB Strokeplay from the white/blue tees for the Gross and Nett Club Championship.

Club Championship

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August 2024

Our premier event of the year where we compete for:

Club Championships Gross and Nett
Club Championship Seniors Gross and Nett
Christy O'Connor Plate

In the evening we will have a great BBQ, live music and prize presentation at the Marriott Hotel from 6pm. Book online **NOW** and pay at Golf Reception. €55 per person. Guests welcome.

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Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September 2024

Entries are now closed for this event, kindly sponsored by Rey Estates. Full details to follow to all participants. A reminder of the need to ensure that your handicap and playing record are up to date.



WhatsApp & Communication

The club have recently set up a new WhatsApp service that provides members with information about draws and results. It is an information service only and must not be used to reply or to cancel/amend bookings. If you are not receiving messages, then please check that your personal details are registered with Golf Reception.

Communication is vital with a club of over 650 members.

The primary place to check information is the club web site.

We will continue to publish draws and results on the following channels:

1. Club Website
2. Club Notice board
3. WhatsApp
4. Via Facebook

If you need help with any of this, then please speak to a member of the Committee or golf reception. This reinforces the message sent by golf reception on July 10th, 2024.

Late Cancellation & No Shows

Unfortunately, there continues to be a spate of late cancellations or no shows. Not only is this disrespectful to your playing partners but it causes extra work for the organiser and the golf reception.

Please note that cancellations must be done online before the cut off time – 12pm one day before the event, so 12pm on a Friday for a Saturday competition. The cut off for Fun Golf is now 5pm on Wednesday. It is not acceptable to phone or drop by the clubhouse. The staff are busy, and messages invariably do not get through. E mail as a last resort.

It is accepted that there will be last minute illnesses or injuries that cannot be helped but these should be in a minority.

The committee are currently reviewing our disciplinary policy to help prevent future no shows or cancellations. We have not ruled out suspensions for persistent offenders.





Course Report

PRAIA D'EL REY & WEST CLIFFS GOLF COURSES

Steve Millerchip has produced a fine course report that I hope you all find informative.

A reminder to everyone to please repair pitch marks and replace divots – it goes a long way to keep our courses in superb condition. Having played two courses South of Lisbon in the last two weeks we are very lucky to have two of the best kept golf courses in Portugal.

Our thanks to Bernardo and Pedro and their teams for tremendous work and good luck Pedro for a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery.

[Read the full report here](#)

Club Matches

A busy time for the club in both the Atlantic Trophy and Lisbon League. After two rounds of the Atlantic Trophy all three sides are tied on 6 points each. The final match will be played at Troia on Saturday 7th September.

In the Lisbon League we enjoyed a good day at Montado on Sunday. After 3 rounds we are well placed in 3rd out of 8 teams in the League.

My thanks go to Thomas Wiedenbruch for his hard work in organising and picking our teams. To me, representing one's club should be the pinnacle of most people's golf careers – it is always an honour and one that I am very proud of. We are currently sourcing new, more modern club shirts that will be sold at a discount to team members.

Internal Matches

Last Saturday saw a Captains X take on the previously unbeaten Silver Coast League team superbly managed by Annette Schaiipp who kindly sponsored the prizes and organised the day. I don't know how, but the highly tuned athletes on the Captains X managed to sneak a 3-2 victory. A rematch at West Cliffs is planned for the Autumn.

Committee vs Greenkeepers. Last year we held a very enjoyable 9-hole match at West Cliffs against the green staff and reception followed by beers and burgers. This year the match is on Monday 19th August at 4pm at Praia Del Rey. If you would like to be considered for selection, please e-mail me.

Friday Fun Golf

PRAIA D'EL REY

This highly popular afternoon continues to be well supported and a prime fund raiser for our Charity. If you would like to sponsor a Friday, please contact Bill Ahern who will be delighted to hear from you.

The cut off for entry into Fun Golf is now 5pm on Wednesday to allow the organiser time to prepare the draw.

We have some exciting new formats and all par 3 nearest the pins are now mixed. We welcome David and Annsley Carruth and Kevin and Bonita Frost to our Fun Golf Committee – our youth policy is clearly working!!!

Once a month we plan to have an evening at the Lavador with a special menu. The first of these will be on Friday 19th July.



Knockouts

Entries for this year's singles (PDR) and pairs (WC) will open on September 1st with the first round from October 1st.

This year we will also hold a mixed pairs knockout at PDR. This will be foursomes mixed match play and the only caveat is that you cannot enter with your husband/wife/partner or regular pairs partner.

The winners will receive a trophy and a new honours board will be created.

Captain/Vice Captain Challenge

Dates are now on the notice board for the remainder of this year for some challenge matches against Peter and I. Sign up for a fun game of golf, nice lunch and hopefully a good charitable donation.

A reminder of the dates:

July 18th – WC
August 6th – PDR
September 10th – WC
November 21st – PDR
December 5th – WC – Andrew Dean/Ebba Dohlman

Charity Update

The charity that supports local causes and is generously funded by our members has had a great start to my year. Priority Goal (via Francisco) have kindly donated €4000, and we have had a further very generous donation from a member who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you very much.

I must also say a big thank you to Peter Brownlow. For those of you who don't know, Peter refurbishes and services golf trollies and was given two electric and three push trollies by some members who have left the resort. Rather than just selling them himself Peter serviced them, repaired them and made them look almost new, before advertising them on Facebook. He gave the proceeds to me last week that amounted to €410 – a very kind donation. Thank you, Peter.



Best of last weekend

