

# CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Members,

Corona is still having a severe impact on the life of many people around the globe. It appears to me that we, at Praia D'El Rey, are fortunate living in such a wonderful environment. Yet, we are not living in a bubble and there is the potential of the virus spreading in our world, too. Therefore, loosening up on the corona rules and restriction is ill-advised and we must continue to be alert.

One group of people that suffer a lot more than us are the employees of Praia D'El Rey, West Cliffs and the surrounding services.

But, thanks to the fantastic initiative of **Peter Reed** and the great help of **Vincent Dowling** the members have raised 55 thousand Euros to lessen the burden that the employees and their families must cope with. Here, I would like to introduce a new element into the Captain's Newsletter the "Golfer of the Month".

Obviously, there is insufficient space to list all 156 contributors but the person to be mentioned is my "Golfer of the Month".



**Peter Reed**  
Golfer of the Month

Again, our environment provides a much higher degree of choice than available to most of the Portuguese population. And one of the opportunities is to play our beloved sport Golf again.

Unfortunately, we are not in full swing yet and those events that would traditionally be followed by dining, music, dancing and the like had to be cancelled or postponed. One of them was *Dia de Portugal*. Yet, Francisco is planning to organize an equivalent event later in the year as soon as the Corona restrictions permit.

As I am writing these words (it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August) I would have rather been competing in the Club Championship Pairs that also had to be cancelled. The Pairs Championship shall be played later in the year, possibly in a smaller scope. The Club championship has been re-scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December as at that time of the year many members are expected to be present.

Sadly, we have had to cancel this year's Am-Am Invitation in September. Hopefully, it will be back in 2021.

A complete revised schedule of events will be published on our **new website** that will, according to our Golf director, be available very soon.

One competition that was completed in July was the Club Matchplay. The final went to one extra hole, was extremely exciting and the winner is **António Carvalhão** and beaten by a whisker was **Martin Playell**, congratulations to both of you. The participation list for the new season's Matchplay is open and members can register on <http://wcpdr.golfmanager.com> up to the end of August. The first round is to be played by the end of September.

Please note that the **Pro-Captain Challenge** (4BBB format, 90% HC) has been re-introduced and will be played once per month. The first challenge will be played by Angella and Peter on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. <http://wcpdr.golfmanager.com> is the place to enlist yourselves if you wish to challenge Luis and Thomas.

If you win, Luis will give you a free lesson and Thomas will buy you lunch. If you lose a donation to the Captain's Charity is mandatory, if you win a donation to the Captain's Charity is welcomed.

Meanwhile, the weekly competitions are being played to the enjoyment of many competitors. Also, the monthly Order of Merit is back on the calendar. Two events have been played in July.

**WC:** 1<sup>st</sup> Frank Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mathew Toland, 3<sup>rd</sup> David Clifford

**PDR:** 1<sup>st</sup> July Calvert, 2<sup>nd</sup> José António Santo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Stavers

The OM winner of the year will be calculated by adding up the best 6 Stableford results whereas the winner of a monthly OM will receive 3 extra bonus points, the runner up 2 extra points and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 extra point.

Equally, the monthly Pairs had enthusiastic competitors and the winners **Ingrid & Kees Kerremans** and **Hans Fjarem & Alan Westhead** happily, received the new trophies.

On 11<sup>th</sup> July the 34<sup>th</sup> National Championship for Seniors was played at Aroeira I.

A big thank you to the players who represented Praia D'El Rey (Vale de Janelas).

**Thomas Byrne, Gonçalo Mota Carmo, David Moxham, Martin Playell, Jan-Willem Den Ridder, and Robert Walsh.** Our best player was **Martin Playell** in 11<sup>th</sup> place with scores of 78 and 84, well done Martin!

As the weekly and monthly regular tournaments recommenced the Corona Rollup, the Corona Pairs, and the Sixes came to an end. Together with the sale of the bunker rakes and glasses, and the Drive-in Distance Bet nearly **2500 EUR** was raised for the Captain's Charity. Many thanks to all!

And yes, there was the drive-in of the new Captain. As usual, the crowd makes fun of him and tried to put him off with blowing air horns. Did it make any difference?

Yes, the drive was 169 m only.

The day was a lot of fun with some German food, the usual speeches, not to forget the wine.

The Captain's day is still to be held and is always on my mind. I will take the first opportunity to organize it and will announce a suitable date in due course.



Most of you are certainly aware that there will be a new handicap system introduced in Portugal, the **NEW WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM**. A brief introduction was held in July for those interested. All information is available on the following WEB-page:

<http://portal.fpg.pt/handicaps/handicap/sistema-de-handicap/world-handicap-system/>

Last not least, here is some information regarding our Captain's Charity. During his captaincy **Alan Westhead** initiated and created the VILLAGETRIUMPH – ASSOCIAÇÃO SOLIDÁRIA. He deserves our special thank you. Now, our Captain's charity stands on firm legal ground. Also, there will not be a single Captain's project but a continuation of projects from the past and there will be new schemes as and when they are proposed and found in need of help.

At present we are or will be supporting: **Liga Portuguesa Contra o Cancro Support, Refood** and **Children's hospital in Caldas da Rainha.**

Stay healthy and with best wishes,

Thomas

P.S.: Love and xxx to Sabine who helps me a lot.