

# CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

June 2020

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## Dear Members,

Since my last newsletter in April you will be aware that the golf courses have opened and social golf has recommenced. Well done to **Francisco and his team** for looking after the courses during this difficult period. My thanks to **Thomas Wiedenbruch** and **Rob Walsh** who, between them, have organised weekly 'Corona' roll up and pairs non-qualifying competitions at PDR. Nearly 50 resident members are participating and plans are being made to organise a weekly fun pairs event at West Cliffs.

The **Portuguese Golf Federation (FPG)** is keen to recommence qualifying competitions but currently we do not have access to on-line scoring/clubhouse, there is no scorecard handling, no rakes allowed and hole inserts remain. Under these current conditions we have decided to continue as is and keep this under review.

We were able to hold a 'socially distanced' golf committee meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. As mentioned above, for the time being our normal golfing calendar is on hold but under regular review. It was decided to make a decision on the dates for the club and pairs championships by the end of June.

We will also try to provide some clarity about other major events like Captain's Day at least 6 weeks ahead of time.

As you will know, we would normally be preparing to celebrate '**Dia de Portugal**' on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This is also the day that our new captain, **Thomas Wiedenbruch**, was due to 'drive-in'. Under the current situation it would not be possible to celebrate this event in the usual way and so the committee has agreed to postpone Thomas's drive-in until such time as we are able to welcome our new captain in the proper manner. In the meantime, both Thomas and I will do our best to jointly perform the Captain's duties.

Francisco Cadete and Oxy have agreed to organise an event like 'Dia de Portugal' as soon as circumstances allow.

Before I sign off it would be remiss of me not to mention the great success of the '**PDR Staff Covid Fund**' initiated by **Peter Reed**. As at the end of May, over **€47,000** has been raised and **131 members of staff in PDR and West Cliff** have so far benefitted. Most of the funds raised have come from generous donations from you, our members. I hope you are all as proud as I am for such a kind gesture.

I am so conscious that a lot of our members are based outside Portugal and are therefore unable to enjoy our wonderful golfing facilities at the moment. Wherever you may be I hope to see you safe and well in the near future. My best wishes to you all and it has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as your Captain these last 12 months.

My best, Alan



Alan Westhead

Golf Captain  
2019/2020



Thomas Wiedenbruch

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