

# CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

September 2020

WEST CLIFFS  
GOLF LINKS

PRAIA  
D'EL REY  
GOLF COURSE

## Dear Members,

This is your Captain speaking. We reached our cruising altitude, all passengers still have their masks on and our journey through the golf world is still under Corona guidance.

But we will not let ourselves get down and will continue our search for other golf playing opportunities.

## GOLF CALENDAR

The Trophy de Atlantico has been cancelled by most participating Clubs but we have been in touch with Quinta do Peru and agreed to hold an interclub match with one match played at home and a return match played at Quinta do Peru.

- Interclub match at West Cliffs on 13<sup>th</sup> September and at Quinta do Peru on 26<sup>th</sup> September
- We need 10 team members. Please register on [wcpdr.com](http://wcpdr.com). The team will be selected during the week 31<sup>st</sup> August

Another match has been initiated by **Keith Rawlings**. This match against Bom Sucesso was traditionally sponsored by Keith and played in May. Now, we agreed with Bom Sucesso to play at **PDR on 20<sup>th</sup> September or 4<sup>th</sup> of October**. We will need a team of 12 players. So, keep looking at [wcpdr.com](http://wcpdr.com) to register.



More golf is coming up as the FEDERAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE GOLFE is holding the **Campeonato Nacional de Clubes** at Morgado from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September. We are sending a team of five players: Alan Westhead, Gonçalo Carmo, Martim Baptista, Martin Playell and Vasco Silveira.

We wish best of luck to the team!



**Gonçalo Mota Carmo**  
Golfer of the Month

It is with special pleasure to report that the 3<sup>o</sup> Torneio Circuito Cashback World at West Cliffs was remarkably successful for our club especially as the winner of the net competition is **Gonçalo Mota Carmo**.

He played rounds of 79 and 78, very well done and congratulations from all of us. And that is why Gonçalo is my golfer of the Month.

## NEW WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM WHS

Most of our members will be aware that the new World Handicap System was put into operation on 19<sup>th</sup> September. An introductory session was held at the clubhouse and the impact of the new system was discussed among the members frequently. The major aspects as to how the new system affects our golf life has been laid out in a document posted on the PDR Facebook page and has been pinned to the notice board. Please have a look and should any question arise please contact the Handicap committee (Stephen Cottrell, Dave Moxham or Thomas Wiedenbruch). Or please address your emails to [pdrclubcaptain20.21@gmail.com](mailto:pdrclubcaptain20.21@gmail.com).

## ORDER OF MERIT

Since the 2019/20 season the new Order of Merit competitions have started and two tournaments have played at PDR and two at West Cliffs. The overall winner of the new 2020/21 season will be determined by adding up the best six stableford scores of the season.

Further bonus points will be added to the stableford score as follows:

**First place of the monthly OM:** 3 bonus points  
**Second place:** 2 bonus points  
**Third place:** 1 bonus point

And here are the leaders:

<b>Praia D'El Rey:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Julie Calvert	85 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	António Carvalhão	70 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	José António Santo	70 points
<b>West Cliffs:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Stephen Anderson	69 points
	1 <sup>st</sup>	António Curado	69 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	José Coutinho Martins	66 points

The full leader board is displayed on the notice board.

## PRO-CAPTAIN CHALLENGE

The Pro-Captain challenge was brought back to life and the first match was played in August by **Angella Walton** and **Peter Reed**. The challengers went as much as three holes up with Angella playing particularly well. But Luis and Thomas stayed calm and by hole number 10 the match was all square. It went all the way to hole 18 and the “Pros” prevailed. The runner up made a generous contribution to the Captain’s charity.



## NEW LOCAL RULES

The Captain has been approached on several occasions that the local rules were not appropriate for the course. Therefore, new rules for PDR have been drafted and will be displayed on the notice board and are available at the reception.

## CHARITY

At present we are or will be supporting the following:

- **Liga Portuguesa Contra o Cancro Support** is awaiting the relaxation of Corona restriction to commence providing vacation to cancer patients.
- We continue to support **Refood** in Caldas da Rainha
- The **hospital in Caldas da Rainha** has received the support funding to commence the ornamentation of the new **Children’s emergency building**.

Stay healthy and with best wishes,

Thomas