

CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

October 2020



Dear Members,

Another month is gone, and we are still cruising through corona turbulences that keep shaking us.

But the rattling keeps us on our golf toes, and we will continue to play our beloved sport in whatever way possible.

Golf Calendar

Thanks to Dave Moxham who took the initiative and convinced Bom Sucesso, Royal Obidos and Campo Real to revive the "Travelshop Silver Coast League". The matches will commence on 1st November and all the matches are listed on our webpage and the wcpdr.golfmanager.com. Please register as we need a strong team that aims to take the trophy.

Also, many thanks to Keith Rawlings who persuaded the captain to help organizing the charity match against Bom Sucesso. The team has been selected for the charity event against Bom Sucesso which will be played at Praia D'el Rey on 4th October. Many thanks to Keith Rawlings.

Further, the captain is preparing to arrange the Captain's Day for the 28th October. Details will follow as soon as possible.

Many members were excited when the plan was announced that an "Oktoberfest" with Bavarian beer, Umtata Music, Schunkeln and the like was programmed. Unfortunately, but as expected, also this occasion had to be cancelled due to the corona pandemic. But next year there will be another October and we will give it another try.

Otherwise our routine tournament calendar is in full swing. Please look out for the events on our webpage clubedegolfe.praia-del-rey.com and register yourselves.

Our team played two matches against Quinta do Peru. On the 13th of September the team from Quinta do Peru visited us and the return match against Quinto do Peru was played on 26th September. As always, the hospitality of the home team was fantastic, and we thoroughly enjoyed the match. The entire game was tight, and the result was a friendly 2½ : 2½.

However, we had clearly wone the home game 5 : 0 and kept the upper hand in the combined score of 7½ : 2½.

Congratulations to all team members !!!

Team of the Month

The FEDERAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE GOLFE held the Campeonato Nacional de Clubes at Morgado from 4th to 6th September. We have sent our best players together with a small support crew.

Alan Westhead, Gonçalo Carmo, Martim Baptista, Martin Playell and Vasco Silveira.

All of them represented our Club exemplarily and reached an honorable 12th place. They are my golf team of the month.



New World Handicap System WHS

The New World Handicap System is now more than a month in operation and most of our HCPs behaved a little erratic which seems to more accurately confirms our performance.

In this context **one player's obligation** must be highlighted once again. Every player who is competing in a qualifying round of golf is obliged to return the score to the reception or the FPG. "No Returns" are no longer permitted and will result in a adjustment of player's handicaps by the committee.

So, once again the handicap committee is pleading all players to adhere to this requirement.

Order of Merit

So far, we have played three Order of Merit tournaments at Praia D'el Rey and three at Westcliffs.

Here the present leader board:

Praia D'el Rey:

1 st	José António Santo	102 points
2 nd	Susan Stavers	101 points
3 rd	Sabine Wiedenbruch	100 points

Westcliffs:

1 st	António Curado	97 points
2 nd	Stephen Anderson	94 points
3 rd	Lee Crook	92 points

The full leader board is displayed on the notice board.

Pro-Captain Challenge

The second match of the Pro-Captain challenge was played against the Mendozas and they left Luis and Thomas no change.

Joy and Kevin played fantastic golf and after 16 holes Luis was 5 under, Thomas was 4 over and the match was 2 down and lost on the 17th holes with a half, congratulations to Joy and Kevin. Their generous contribution to the Captain's charity was cheerfully received.

“Corona” Hole Inserts

The problem has been solved (see picture).

New Local Rules

Please take note of and comply with the New Local Rules that you will find at the reception desk of PDR and WC.



LOCAL RULES



- OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.1)**
 - All areas defined by white stakes.
 - All ground beyond the course boundary fence (post fence, wall fence).
 - On the left side of hole 10 where the out of bounds is marked with white stakes, they are deemed to include the Out of Bounds Area to define the margin. The margin is defined to be the distance from the outer side of the buggy path equivalent to the distance of the white markers to the outer side of the margin path.
- PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)**
 - Penalty Areas are marked by Yellow stakes (Yellow Penalty Areas) or Red stakes (Red Penalty Areas). When both stakes and lines are used the stakes identify the Penalty Area and the line defines the margin. Fences/Ditches.
 - Where such Penalty Areas are marked just by yellow or red stakes, they are deemed to indicate the Penalty Area but not to define the margin. The margin is defined by the line between out grass and non-out grass/vegetation. Where the Penalty Area has artificial walkways, the margin is the outside edge of such structure.
- BUNKERS**
 - Any areas of sand that have been raked and are surrounded by grass are defined as bunkers.
- ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (including Immovable Obstructions, Ground under Repair, and Close to Putting Green) (Rule 16)**
 - Troughs, Pathways and Bunkle Paths**
 - All troughs, pathways, and bunkle paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced are treated as Immovable Obstructions from which free relief is available under Rule 16.1.
 - Tree Roots on Fairway and/or rough**
 - If a player's ball lies in the General Area and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area not to farming height or less or in the rough, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.
 - Ground Under Repair**
 - Areas of Ground under Repair will be defined by blue lines and/or signs and/or hoops. Relief MUST be taken from these areas under Rule 16.1.
 - Close to Putting Green**
 - The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction:
 - is on the line of play,
 - is within ten club-lengths of the putting green,
 - is within ten club-lengths of the ball, and the ball lies in an area not to farming height or less.
 - There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
- Unreasonable Delay of Play (Rule 5.5a)**

The pace of play is indicated on the score cards.

 - Penalty for first breach: One penalty stroke.
 - Penalty for second breach: General Penalty.
 - Penalty for third breach: Disqualification.

Short delays are permissible in case of injuries, illness, or the like.

Charity

The hospital in Caldas da Rainha has received the support funding and the ornamentation of the new Children's emergency building has commenced. Completion of the work is planned for the 7th October and an inauguration ceremony will be held on the same day. Here some samples of the work:



See you on the golf course, stay healthy
and with best wishes,

Thomas