

# CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

June 2021

WEST  CLIFFS  
GOLF LINKS

 PRAIA  
D'EL REY  
GOLF COURSE

Dear Members,

I believe, my last Newsletter's outlook was not too optimistic and yes, the light at the end of the tunnel was our golf courses being opened again and us holding festivities and competitions that were not permitted for an awfully long time.

On 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May the Federação Portuguesa de Golfe (FPG) held the **National Mid-Amateur Clubs Championship** at Quinta do Peru. A team from Praia D'El Rey participated and reached an honorable 13<sup>th</sup> place after a day of Singles and a second day of Foresomes. The entry age level was reduced to 25 years of age which resulted in some of the team members playing against their potential grandchildren, making the result even more satisfactory.

The team:

**David Moxham**  
**Gonçalo Mota Carmo**  
**António Carvalhão**  
**Thomas Wiedenbruch**

Another FPG event, the **National Seniors Singles Championship** was played at the Estela Golf Club in the north of Portugal. Those of you who know the Estela golf course appreciate the difficulty of the course. But extraordinarily strong winds turned Estela into a golfer's nightmare. So, scores were not to the player's satisfaction but the positions our players reached on the leaderboard shows that they represented our Club perfectly well.

**Gonçalo Mota Carmo in 6<sup>th</sup> place**  
**Alan Westhead in 9<sup>th</sup> place**  
**David Moxham in 32<sup>nd</sup> place**

## CLUB MATCHPLAY

Our Club Matchplay Competition was revitalized, too and after some hard-fought matches we have one new Champion and one player defended his last year's title.

**Lee Crook** beat Rune Lundberg in the final 5 and 4 and he is our new **Club Matchplay Champion in West Cliffs**.

António Carvalhão played against Alan Westhead. Both players played scratch golf and the early 3up lead of Alan was down to all square after 9 holes. António made good use of the shots Alan had to give him and the match was decided on hole 17 with a final score of 2 and 1.

**António Carvalhão** is our old and new **Matchplay Champion at Praia D'El Rey**.



Tee 1



Tee 17

## ORDER OF MERIT

And of course, the Order of Merit continued in May and June. Due to the reduced number of competitions, we were able to play the Order of Merit will be played to the months of July. Therefore, we are expecting that by that time 8 Order of Merit Tournaments will have been played at West Cliffs and the new Champion will be the player with the best 5 results. By the end of July there should have been played 9 Order of Merit Tournaments at PDR and the new Champion will be the player with the 5 best results. The winner's trophies will be awarded during the Club Championship dinner. The complete leaderboard is posted on the noticeboard in the PDR club house and on our website. At present the top 3 are:

<b>Praia D'El Rey:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Octávio Marcelino	182 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	António Carvalhão	178 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Henrique José Carvalhão	176 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Moxham	176 points
<b>West Cliffs:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lee Crook	155 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas Wiedenbruch	152 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	António Curado	149 points

## ST. GEORGE & ST. PATRICK DAYS

Festivities have become a valued tradition in Praia D'El Rey and, very unusual, Covid-19 made **St. George and St. Patrick** days to be celebrated together. On 22<sup>nd</sup> May the Georgies played against the Paddies. 15 4BBB matches were played and the Irish kept the upper hand with a 9:6 victory. But more important was the fun afterwards with dinner, tombola, auction, and lots of support from sponsors. The club membership, an annual buggy, Susan Dowling's painting, sponser's support added up to about 5 000 Euros for our charity programs.

## SCANDINAVIA DAY

One after the other and hungry for more **Scandinavia Day** followed. Thanks to Sven Ohde, Per Bragee, Mats Sjöholm and of course Per-Åke Tobiasson who took care of things and made sure the Vodka-Vodka song was performed with fervor. A little wine and a little Schnaps fired up the audience with most of us dancing the night away to the tunes of ABBA. Like in all events our charity is the greatest benefiter and received nearly 500 Euros.

## CAPTAIN'S DAY

It did not take very long, and Sabine and Thomas made the third attempt to hold **Captain's Day** on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The odd drizzle did not put people off as there was plenty supply for everybody's physical well-being. Thomas overestimated the skills of our golfers as prizes could be won for hitting the ball from 150 meters (ladies 110) inside a 9 meter circle. Of about sixty players one succeeded. But near misses were then taken into account and then there were plenty of winners. A mix of the good old music from the 70s, 80s and 90s led to another night on the dance floor. Again, charity was the biggest winner with 1500 Euros from selling Mulligans and Angella Walton winning the boat trip auction.

## DIA DE PORTUGAL

Dia de Portugal, after a long wait of 2 years was back on the event calendar on 10<sup>th</sup> June. The traditions lived on, and the Club Management provided all that a golfer needs. A shot gun round of golf including the first nearest-to-the-pin competition since corona started. A welcome drink, an excellent lunch buffet, not to forget the wine rounded up the day! Many thanks to Francisco Cadete and the Management.



**David Moxham**  
Golfer of the Month

Certainly, you are aware that during the Corona lock-downs staff at PDR and West Cliffs had been considerably reduced. It was the initiative of David Moxham to mobilize the help of the members to assist the green keepers in their effort to maintain the course in a good as possible condition. More than 20 members turned up. They cut, removed, transported, painted, installed, sawed, ...

And it shall become a continues effort to once a month provide help to the course maintenance.

Therefore, my man of the month is David Moxham!

## WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

It is nearly a year ago that the World Handicap System was introduced in Portugal. Regularly, questions surface indicating that an update on the most important matters may be needed.

1. You can register on **myfpg.pt**
  - to see what your exact handicap index is
  - what round you have played
  - to pre-register a general play round and enter the score for 9 or 18 holes
2. Your handicap index is calculated using the average of the best 8 score from the last 20 rounds recorded.
3. Handicaps no longer lapse unless you cease to be a member of at least one golf club.
4. There is no such thing as a nil return anymore – If you fail to complete a round in a competition you still need to submit the card. Details on the holes that were completed will be entered into the system.
5. If you do not play in handicap qualifying competitions you are encouraged to submit general play cards in order to ensure that your handicap continues to reflect your ability.
6. Overseas members of clubs in a different country need to bring their handicap playing records when they come to Portugal for entry into the system here.
7. When overseas members leave to go home they should take their handicap playing record with them for entry into their handicap records in that country.
8. Here again is the link to the English version of the World Handicap System for all details:

### **World Handicap System - Federação Portuguesa de Golfe (fpg.pt)**

9. The new Committee for handicaps at PDR/WC:

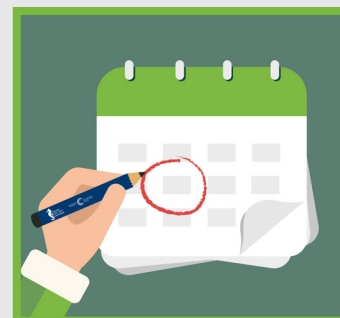
Thomas Wiedenbruch  
Ingrid Kerremans  
David Moxham  
Marilyn Brownlow  
Francisco Cadete

If you have any queries please contact us on: **pdrhandicaps@gmail.com**



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Here a little reminder regarding upcoming events. The Silver Coast League and the Trofeu Atlantico is in their planning stage, and we will inform you in due course. Please keep checking our booking website and put your names down for the events.



EVENT	PLACE		PROPOSED DATE		Comment
	PDR	WC	Day	From	
12 <sup>th</sup> OM June		X	Saturday	26/06/2021	
July Pairs	X		Saturday	03/07/2021	
1 <sup>st</sup> OM July		X	Saturday	10/07/2021	
July Pairs		X	Sunday	18/07/2021	
1 <sup>st</sup> OM July	X		Saturday	24/07/2021	
Club Championship, Pairs	X		Saturday	31/07/2021	
Club Championship, day 1	X		Saturday	07/08/2021	
Club Championship, day 2		X	Sunday	08/08/2021	

## CHARITY

We continue to help people in need among which are the following main beneficiaries.

- **REFOOD**
- **Guias de S. Lourenço**
- **"Aconchego", Centro Solidariedade e Cultura de Peniche**

There is a 11-year-old boy, Pedro Querido, suffering from a very rare muscular disease. His parents are farmers who would normally sell their products on the local markets. During the Corona pandemic markets were closed and they lost part of their income. They need a considerable part of their income to get Pedro medical treatment not covered by the national health care. This is now no longer possible.

Therefore, our charity program has provided earmarked financial support to Pedro for him to receive a 3-month stem cell treatment in Spain.



With best wishes,  
Thomas