

## **Proposal for the introduction of a “Country Club”**

Draft – November 2021

### 1. Background

The statutes of our club define it's purpose as “non-profit recreational activities relating to the game of golf including entertainment activities associated with that sport.”

However, this makes it difficult to understand why the club is also referred as a “country club”, esp. for potential new members.

The club structure is only based on the premise that new members are also becoming members of the Portuguese golf federation, i.e. it suggests that non-golfers are not welcome. On the contrary, non-golfing partners of members are routinely invited to club lunches and dinners and other activities.

Some non-golfing activities have been organised in the past (such as quiz, whist and bridge evenings) but due to the Covid pandemic these have been suspended.

This proposal is intended to provide a structured approach towards defining and implementing a country club element within the CG&CC at which non-golf related activities are organised. This should help us to further develop a more inclusive community around the golf courses where we live.

### 2. Proposal

Under the current definition of our statutes, the approval of 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the General Assembly will be required if the objective of our club would be extended to include “non-golfing” activities.

A first step towards defining these activities should therefore be to assess if there would be sufficient interest from members and whether they would be willing to accept changes in our statutes to reflect this.

These changes would include:

1) amend the objective of our club to include the phrase: “as well as other recreational activities not directly related to the sport”

2) introduce a “non-golfer” membership category - these members would not be required to join the FPG, pay a reduced fee and would not be allowed to vote in the General Assembly on decisions that are related to our golf activities

A survey to be held in November 2021 (see appendix) would be used to obtain input from our membership. To ensure maximum participation, this survey will be done through our website.

Only when we obtain a positive reaction on the changes in statutes from 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the respondents on the change of the objective of our club, will we take next steps towards implementation.

### 3. Timeline

5<sup>th</sup> November: Board meeting to discuss proposal and agree the way forward

15<sup>th</sup> November: Send survey to members

5<sup>th</sup> December: Collection and publication of results

(if positive reaction from 3/4<sup>th</sup> of respondents)

Until March 2022:

- Preparation of a list of “country club” activities for 2022, based on survey results
- Identify volunteers who would be interested to organise any events
- Reach out to Gramacho and Pinta owners associations
- Draft amendments to the statutes

March 2022: Deliberation and formal approval at the General Assembly

### 4. Responsibilities

Until we have a substantial list of activities, it is proposed that one board member takes responsibility for coordinating the “country club” activities and reporting progress to the membership.

Over time, we can consider establishing a “country club secretary” position if this becomes necessary due to the workload.

### 5. Funding

The overall impact of this proposal should be neutral to the finances of the Club.

Activities should be funded by participants’ contributions.

Membership fees for non-golfers should be a token amount (e.g. 25% of the CG&CC fees for golfing members) to reflect that the large majority of our activities are directly related to golf.

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## ***Appendix: Draft Members' Survey about a "Country Club" within CG&CC***

Dear members,

The Board has been discussing the definition and implementation of "Country Club" activities within our club. Our current statutes restrict us from organising activities that are not directly related to golf. We will therefore require your guidance before taking any positive steps in this direction.

### **Potential non-golf related activities**

Firstly, can you please indicate whether you would be interested (in a scale from 1 to 3) in participating at these activities, should these be organised by CG&CC?

(1 = no interest – 3= strong interest)

- Organised walks
- Cultural trips
- Bridge/whist
- Book readings
- Quiz nights
- Bowling evenings
- Wine tasting events
- Portuguese language lessons (group)
- Fitness lessons (Zumba, yoga)
- Padel tennis
- Tennis
- Bowls
- Other activities (please indicate)
- Would you be willing to help organising these activities ? (Yes/No)

### **Changes to CG&CC Statutes**

As mentioned above, we will require approval of our membership (3/4<sup>th</sup> of members with a right to vote) to change our statutes and organise these activities within the structure of our club.

Paragraph 1 currently reads:

Given the name 'Carvoeiro Golfe and Country Clube', hereinafter 'Club', a sports association was created with its headquarters in Valley Corrais, village of Carvoeiro Lagoa for the purpose of non-profit recreational activities relating to the game of golf including entertainment activities associated with that sport.

It is proposed to add the following phrase:

"Upon discretion of the members, the Club can also organise activities that are not directly related to the game of golf."

**Can you please let us know if you would be willing to accept this change (Yes/no)**

### **Paragraph 2 – currently does not include a non-golfer category**

It is proposed to include a new section (7.1.5) as follows:

"Non-golfing member: A member of the club who has joined to participate in any non-golf related activities. This member will not have any golfing rights or be able to vote on resolutions related to the golf activities of the club, but will be invited to all other activities of the club. He/she will not be required to join the FPG."

**Can you please let us know if you would be willing to accept this change (Yes/no)**

Thank you for your participation