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Welcome to the April edition of the Anglo Catalan Sant Jordi Golf Society Newsletter.

### LATEST NEWS

#### SANT JORDI VISIT TO SCOTLAND

The Sant Jordi trip to Carnoustie is now organized and 16 players will travel to Saint Andrews and Carnoustie and play two rounds at Carnoustie and Crail. The Crail event will be a Sant Jordi type match with points and prizes. Those playing in the June Sant Jordi event will not be able to score in both events, so the higher score in either will count towards the order of merit.

#### Hanslope Park Match

On the 29th of May we will be playing our annual Stroke play event for the Sant Jordi Trophy. The event will carry loads of prizes from our valued sponsors that you can contact at the foot of the page. Valued because we could not run the Sant Jordi events on the scale we presently do without their support so please use them. They cover a wide scale of offices and will always give you a better deal than the competition.

The Hanslope Park Golf Society will be competing against the Team from Sant Jordi, taken from the highest ranking (and available) players in the Previous Years Order of Merit for the Handsome trophy which is presently in the Hands of Gary Peers and his team who have won the last two editions. Gary has commented that he is very keen on winning again, so we need to 'put on our skates' and get our act together. This exciting fixture is played on a home and away bases twice a year. So come on lads we need to have all available forces available for the two days of the match (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May). I want that trophy to be in a warm climate for the next 6 months and let's face it chaps we have the stronger team, we are much better looking and Youth is on our side!

#### Order of Merit Changes

Order of Merit Division. By popular demand the Order of Merit has now been divided into two Categories. Category A and B. Those who qualify for Category A will be all players with Handicaps of 17.9 and below at the end of the October tournament. Those in Category B will be players with Handicaps of 18 and above. It is possible to switch between categories if your handicap earns you the promotion / demotion and Trophies will be awarded to the Top 4 in each Category. The present classifications can be seen later in the newsletter.

#### Par Busters Classification

I have decided to do an additional classification for this year. It is called Par Busters and will award those players scoring 'gross' birdies and eagles during the course of the year. I have all the cards for 2008 so this now stands as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> TIED ALBERT SANT, DAVID COOTE AND ROGER HUNGER ALL ON 3 UNDER PAR.

#### Tournament Summary

On a bright and windy day with sunshine and intermittent cloudy spells 30 players managed to rearrange their agendas to get to Montanya for the 4<sup>th</sup> event of the year. Those that could not were sadly missed and may regret losing all those points on offer for nearest the pins and long drives.

#### Category A

A well fought event that showed how the handicap system used for Sant Jordi is working correctly saw yet another event won in this category with what I consider reasonable scores. Albert Sant took the top honours with a steady 38 points after a fine display of putting and some masterly short iron play (More on this later). Albert completed the first 9 in 39 shots starting with seven straight pars followed by 3 more pars on the second nine.

Second (and keeping the Cox Coffers full) came Marc Cox with 35 points which included a fine birdie on the tenth and 5 pars. Mark left his drive on the first hole just 1 m short of the green! Third also on 35 but losing out on handicap came Riu di Silva who was just as impressive with 4 pars and birdie on the 13<sup>th</sup> (the only player to do so on the day. Well done to you all and we look forward to your participation against Hanslope Park.

#### Category B

I think this is the first time we have had a tie of three players for top spot so the places have been decided on handicap in the normal manner. All three came in with 36 points and the winner was a smiling Richard Rose with some impressive scoring with 4 pars including the nearest the pin on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole (more on this below). Second saw a recovered Roy Waters again coming near the top with his very regular round showing that his handicap needs no revision. Roy is the man to watch as he is very high up on the Cat B order of Merit. Third came Derrick Simes, who is clearly enjoying the atmosphere in Sant Jordi with 2 pars including a birdie on the first which will loft him into the running for top spots in the OOM. Congratulations to all the above on a job well done!

#### Long Drive(s) and Nearest the Pin(s)

So this was all about having fun and putting some spice in the works after the winter months. Conditions were ideal (with the exception of the slightly irregular greens) for long wind assisted drives and precision play to the par 3s. Top Honour on the second went to Ian Morwood (1.6m), The 6<sup>th</sup> to Steve Watson (0.8m), the 14<sup>th</sup> to Peter Schneider (1.8m) and 17<sup>th</sup> to Richard Rose (2m). I saw Steve's Strike at the 6<sup>th</sup> so can vouch for the quality of the shot, Richard's mat the 17<sup>th</sup> against 'hurricane force' winds must have been very impressive, too.

We had two Long Drive prizes and Steve Watson took them both with some 'unusually fine' driving (Steve knows what I mean). The man has gone and purchased a 'demon mallet' from the US and he assures me that it is legal. The tracer bullets that came off the face almost warrants me taking a look at the R&A - USGA list, but knowing Steve well allows me to confide in the 'tool'. The truth is that he played beautifully and timed both drives to perfection

The important point here is that with the new points system 10 points are awarded to long drives and nearest the pin prizes so Steve went home 'smilin'.

#### The Classification after the March Event

As mentioned earlier there are now two classifications for the Order of Merit. So the top 10 in each category are:

#### Category A (Handicap 0-17.9)

123	A	PALAU ANTON	1
118	A	COX ADRIAN	2
115	A	COOTE DAVID	3
80	A	SANT ALBERT	4
78	A	GREEN SIMON	5
78	A	HUNGER ROGER	6
72	A	WATSON STEVE	7
70	A	ROBSON MICHAEL	8
67	A	NASH GRAHAM	9
57	A	RUI DI SILVA	10

#### Category B Handicap 18 and above)

123	B	WATERS ROY	1
120	B	SIMES DEREK	2
100	B	MATUTES JERONI	3
94	B	ROSE RICHARD	4
80	B	GOSS DAVID	5
69	B	THOM MIKE	6
65	B	GRIFFIN RALPH	7
64	B	SMITH PAUL	8
63	B	WITTY MICHAEL	9
53	B	BUCHANAN LES	10





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### View from the side.

My match consisted of Steve Watson, Mike Thom and Albert Sant. It does appear that the top scorers here enjoyed the company of the competition and I can vouch for Albert's very steady round which took him all the way to the top. He was assisted by the cart up the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway and once at the top proceeded to discretely knock us all to the top of the honours list for the day. We did not even notice it, so I suspect there was some form of legal play at work here...Well done Albert. Steve, put in some splendid driving and precision iron play to the greens, but clearly he was not firing on all cylinders and compensated by getting the job done on the scoring shots. Mike was with me in the buggy, and the rest proved beneficial, he took 4<sup>th</sup> spot and the no score on the 9<sup>th</sup> probably cost him the win because he was scoring well and missed out by just 2 points. From my side with just 30 points, I was just along for the splendid views and no one can doubt my driving skills are second to none! Great fun buggies, but clearly cheating and they should be banned from events. Maybe we should have a buggy points deduction of 2 points (unless medical needs apply).

### Joke of the month



Arthur is 95 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 30 years ago.

One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has gotten so bad...once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes, and as they sit down, she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you, and give it one more try."

"That's no good," sighs Arthur. "Your brother is a hundred and three. He can't help."

"He may be a hundred and three", says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day, Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes a mighty swing, and squints down the fairway.

He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did!" says the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" asks Arthur.

"I can't remember."

### Welcome to the following new member who were with us this month.

Nanette Hutchinson accompanied by David, Vicente Illa, Miquel Medalla and the return of a long standing colleague Ventura Coch. I hope you all enjoyed the day with Sant Jordi and trust you will be back with us in May.

A Special Thanks to Alexandra Witty and Albert Sant for their additional prizes.

### For our friends from Hanslope Park



A nice snap of the back of the 16<sup>th</sup> green.. Can you feel the warmth? Doesn't it make you want to be here in May?



...And another nice snap from Michael Witty last month after the snowfall in the Pyrenees (viewed from Montanya).

Graham will be in contact with you all directly or by mail / SMS for the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for the next event **THE SANT JORDI TROPHY AND HANSDLOPE PARK MATCH**. If you can play, why not call Graham or mail me with your confirmation.

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I can then give you all the details and latest info directly at home.. Oh, and please pass this newsletter on to your Sant Jordi Colleagues and friends and ask them to mail me with their addresses.

### Editors Note (me again):

There is plenty of space for your publicity which is placed free of charge (except for a small donation for prizes at the St Andrews and December Order of Merit events).

Sant Jordi Newsletter would welcome your comments to improve the presentation and content. It is a nonprofit making newsletter, so my apologies for any omissions or typographical errors. If you wish to have your company logo and description included please drop me a mail on: [eagle@ slicer. jazztel. es](mailto:eagle@ slicer. jazztel. es).

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