



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 207

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Welcome to the 207th Sant Jordi tournament in which we celebrated the Sant Jordi Major in ideal conditions over the tremendous and well prepared Montanya course. Before the event I was asked by Jordi how I wanted the tees set for the event and being a nice guy I suggested that we play from all the way back. From the white tees Jordi asked. After thinking how I would not enjoy the seeing all those balls being hit into the lake on the 1st and 10th decides that we should play from the full yellow tee markers making things a little more comfortable for the 'shorter' hitters among the troupe. So thanks to the team at Montanya, who presented us with pristine conditions, good pin placements and some pretty good pre-event administration before the tee off, Sant Jordi T-Shirts were distributed to all the participants and off we went for our 9:30 shotgun start. The course was in great condition, there was a slight breeze in the air and a virtually cloudless sky which, combined with the Major status of the event was to ensure we would see some great golf, some stunning shots and fully warranted winners. Sadly we were without a few of the regular players, some through injuries and others through illness. To all of them we dedicate the enjoyment we had during the event, our triumphs, excitement and a toast. Get well soon and we hope to see you all back from overseas or from your local 'haunts' for the match in May or as soon afterwards as is possible.



The Category A leaders and the President's group pictured before their epic battle. At the end of play after a full year of head to head golf only 100 points separated the top two at the finish (More of that later in the newsletter). Ivan got us underway at 09:30 prompt, although he did have a little bother with his 'equipment'.

Welcome to the following new members

So as mentioned, over the demanding and well prepared course we were delighted to have several new Sant Jordi members. In Category A, Ian Smith returned from Australia to play in the event, Jason Greenman, Ruari Woodward & Hans Witschatzke all made appearances for their first events and what better tournament than our major at its home venue to start at. In Category B we welcomed Lee Li-Chuan, Mikael Journo & Steve Feist to the fold. Welcome to all and we hope you all had an enjoyable experience with the group and will be back to play the next event at Montanya on the 30th May.





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The wonderful Montanya followed by a shot of Ian Smith driving from the 11th and Jason Greenman driving from the 18th during their rounds



Ruari, driving from the 13th tee, followed by Hans and Lee putting on the 10th green. Welcome to all 6 and we hope to see you back in future events.

The Sant Jordi major Tournament



The year has been a difficult one for the economy and all of us have been affected by this, so it is pleasing that even through these times of insecurity we are able to keep the Sant Jordi tournaments running and organise events enjoyed by everyone. This one was one of the best we have played, with most of the participants in both categories producing a fine standard of golf and in which two of our new participants scored exceptionally well. As you know in Sant Jordi events, no participant is able to win in their first event (as this is used to evaluate their handicaps for future tournaments). However, we feel that it is justified that those players that do finish in the top 3 of an event should receive a prize and their efforts are recognised. It therefore a great pleasure to announce that in Category A Jason Greenman would have finished second and in Category B, Lee Li-Chuan would have won the event. Well done to both of them. Here Lee and Jason are receiving their prizes from the Sant Jordi President Graham Nash.





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Category A



This event was played under 'medal' conditions and was a competition limited to players with a handicap on 17 or better. There were also 5 players who opted to drop their handicaps to 17 to participate for the honour of winning the trophy. One has to say that the trophy did not fall into their grasps but their forces were nearly good enough to take the prizes. In third position with a gross score of 84 net 73 with a 9 handicap placed Steve Watson. Steve scored 9 pars in his round. In second place with a gross score of 83 net 72 off his 9 handicap, firing on all cylinders, was late entry into the event Francisco Alarcón. Francisco also scored 9 pars. In first place was the hard working Simon Gordon who has put in a lot of work to take this victory. Simon has been fighting with his driver over the past months so he must have got something right because his gross 78 from his 9 handicap gave him a winning total 67. Simon scored 4 birdies and 5 pars (and we won't talk about the rest) to take the trophy for first place (and the two prizes for the lowest scores on the front and back nine). A magnificent performance from a great guy. Well done Simon.



Simon Gordon won the Sant Jordi Major Trophy for the first time with a magnificent 67. He was followed by Francisco Alarcon with 72 and Steve Watson with a fine 73. Well done to all three for their Awesome, more awesome and truly awesome Golf.

Category B

The Category B event for players with handicaps of 18 and above was disputed in Stableford mode over the same length course as that used by the category A players. The top player was Lee Li.Chuan, but as it was her first event as we have stated she was not able to classify in the event. This therefore left third position for Marcel Blommendaal who scored a total of 37 points and took the position by one point from Martin Kirby who scored 36. Marcel hit 4 pars in his round. In second spot was another constant performer and I am delighted to announce that this position was taken by Olga Tello with a score of 37. Olga hit just one par but was very regular over the other 17 holes. So in first position and attaining major status was Antonio Castañeda with 39 points from his 18 holes. Antonio panned 3 of the holes in his round.





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Marcel, showing some fine form out on the course. He was preceded by a delighted Olga Tello in second and first placed Antonio Castañeda. A fine performance by all three and all deserving of the honours bestowed upon them by Graham.

In all Sant Jordi major tournaments we also hold prizes for neared the pin on the 4 par three holes and a long drive prize on the 18th hole. These were won by the following:

- Nearest the pin on the 2nd hole with a distance of 2m40cm was Ian Smith. Ian missed the putt! Ouch!
- Nearest the pin on the 6th hole with a distance of 1m 33.5cm was Simon Gordon. Simon sank his putt. Hoorah!
- Nearest the pin on the 14th hole with a distance of 1m 79cm was Pep Sant. Pep missed the putt! Ouch!
- Nearest the pin on the 17th hole with a distance of 11m 00cm was Eduardo Torres. Eduardo missed his putt...and the next one! Double Ouch!!

The longest drive beating Jonathan Goodman by a minimal distance of approximately 1.5 m was Jason Greenman. Jason hit his drive about 290 yards to claim the prize. Now I was sat on the tee because I knew that there would be some power play from this group consisting of Jason Greenman, Jonathan Goodman, Richard Rose and Ian Robertson. First off was Richard who hit a long high ball to the centre of the fairway clearing the bunker by some 20m. Not good enough to win but beyond the marker as it stood then. Second was Jonathan who hit a long ball over the trees on the right of the fairway into a good position well beyond Richards shot but hidden from us on the tee. Then Jason unleashed a beautiful high draw leaving his ball hidden from us but it looked to me like a winner. Then Ian drove off but his effort was short of the others and not in contention. When we reached the shots Jonathan was nearer the flag but Jason was furthest from the tee and won the prize. Well done to all five participants for some accurate and powerful play.



The four 'sharpshooters' and 'Turbo Bopp' (Sound like a pop group). Ian, Simon, Pep, Eduard and Jason well-deserved their prizes for some superlative shots in sometimes difficult conditions. Particularly the 17th hole where Eduardo was one of very few to get his tee shot on the green in the strong afternoon breeze.





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But that is not all.....Spectrum IFA Order of Merit in Category A

Over the course of the year we have been celebrating the Spectrum IFA group Order of merit which runs from May to April finishing at the Final event, The Sant Jordi Major. With 800 points in play for the winner of the event there were 7 players with a mathematical chance of winning category A (6 if we do not count Ralph Griffin who sadly could not be with us today (Ralph, we hope to see you back here very shortly and competing for the Trophy). The top 8 in each category went out together and the final placing counting the best 9 results from the 12 possible were. In third place with 2937 points Ralph Griffin, in second place with 3407 points, Simon Gordon, and in First place with 3503 points, David Coote. David had a great season scoring highly in most events. His best results were: 2 wins, 2 seconds, 2 thirds, lowest 14th in October 2011. So guys you know who to beat and what you need to do.



Spectrum IFA Order of Merit in Category B

The winner of the Category B classification was known before the tournament started with Xavier Pitarque taking the premier position by over 1000 points from second place. Xavier had a great season with 3 wins including the Saint Andrews Major in November and accrued 2086 points. In second place with 2070 was Mark Mills who had 1 win and a second place and was regular throughout the season. In third place with a great result today was Wolfgang Finkbeiner. Wolfgang leapfrogged 4 players to take third with 6 top ten finishes during the year. Well done to all three.



Xavier, Mark and Wolfgang taking their trophies from Richard Rose of The Spectrum IFA Group for their fine work during the whole year.





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And there is more.....

The Roger Hunger Trophy



The winner of the Category A prize in the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit is also presented with the spectacular trophy donated by Roger Hunger to Sant Jordi in 2010. This is to recognise the superb golfing skills and consistency throughout the season by the Champion golfer. This year the honour went to David Cote who won by a narrow margin over Simon Gordon in second place. Simon won the trophy last year and made a great effort today by winning the tournament but David was up to the challenge and made sufficient points with his placing today to take home the bacon. Well done David.

In the photo Roger can be seen presenting the Roger Hunger Trophy to David after enjoyable days at Montanya.

And More.....

The winners are:





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So here we have our four winners for the season after 12 qualifying events and our match against the Costa Brava in February. 13 events over 12 months have produced a winning team and four stars in the making. David, Simon, Xavier and Antonio have given us an exciting season with ups and downs for us all but I think we can all put our hands together to congratulate them and all the participants who have played and contributed to make Sant Jordi what it is today.

Well done and thank you to all.

News and Events

Some of you (if not all) will have been to the new web page to browse through and pick up on the current Sant Jordi affairs. There is loads of new exciting content. If you have not it is on the same address as before which is:

<http://www.santjordigolf.com>

There are versions in English, Català and Castellán (and also pages compatible with your mobile phones which you can access through the flag links at the top left. The passwords for the member's area are: Login: **members** Password: **santjordi**

The next event on 31st May will be jointly supported by our long term friends from The Spectrum IFA Group and Jupiter. There will be magnificent prizes and goodies for the sorteo plus one or two extras for all the participants in this event which promises to be the highlight for the start of the new season. You CANNOT miss this event and there is a special page on our web where you can see more details.

<http://www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Special.html>





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2011-2012)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: David Coote with 3503 points (9 scores)
- Second Place: Simon Gordon with 3407 points (9 scores)
- Third Place: Ralph Griffin with 2937 points
- Fourth Place: Iain Morwood with 2804 points
- Fifth Place: Josep M^a Comas with 2635 points
- Sixth Place: Roger Hunger with 2432 points (9 scores)
- Seventh Place: Marc Cox with 2093 points
- Eighth Place: Steve Watson with 2016 points
- Ninth Place: Albert Sant with 2007 points
- Tenth Place: Juan Maestro with 1731 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Xavier Pitarque with 3086 points (9 scores)
- Second Place: Mark Mills with 2070 points (9 scores)
- Third Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 2047 points (9 scores)
- Fourth Place: Ian Robertson with 1963 points
- Fifth Place: Lawrence Jones with 1944 points
- Sixth Place: Richard Rose with 1897 points (9 scores)
- Seventh Place: Ricardo Ferrer with 1842 points (9 scores)
- Eighth Place: Craig McLaughlan with 1838 points
- Ninth Place: Roy Waters with 1792 points (9 scores)
- Tenth Place: Marcel Blommendaal with 1629 points (9 scores)

The final scores only reflect the best 9 results counting towards the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit total. With 800 points in play for the winner of the Major Sant Jordi event this month there were bound to be some fireworks. In Category A Ralph and Simon changed places and Juan Maestro moved into tenth place. In Category B, Xavier was unable to play today due to a minor injury but he had enough points to secure victory. Mark remained in second, Wolfgang moved up to third place after a spectacular points score and finally Marcel jumped into the top 10. These were great performances by all the players after a fine season of golf.





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Some photos from the event

(Don't forget that you can see all the photos from the event on our web at: www.santjordigolf.com)



Some nice scenes from a great day. The full collection of photos are on the web and Facebook.





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In no small measure we owe the success of our events to the following. In the year round events we need to give our hearty thanks to all our friends and contributors for their help. These are of course well known to you all, but take a few moments to browse through their web pages where you will find a lot of interesting offers and details.

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Love in Style: <http://www.lis-cosmetica.com>

Restaurant L'Estanyol: <http://www.restaurantestanyol.com>

The Scottish Government: <http://home.scotland.gov.uk/home>

Barcelona Adventure: <http://www.bcn-adventure.com>

Spectrum IFA: <http://www.spectrum-ifa.com/spain.shtml>

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The next events will be our 208th at Montanya on Thursday the 31th May. You can now register for this SPECTRUM IFA / JUPITER event on:

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