



# Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 219

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Welcome to the 219<sup>th</sup> Sant Jordi tournament played at Montanya marking the playing of the Sant Jordi Open Golf Tournament, the retirement from the presidency of our great friend and colleague, Graham Nash, the final of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit for the 2012-2013 season and the presentation of the Roger Hunger Trophy to the winner of Category A. Phew!...a lot to get through and we will deal with all of these questions in the following lines. The club at Montanya welcomed us again with open arms to the course in magnificent order under an overcast sky, an intermittent drizzle and on occasions it was very windy although this died down towards the end of the round. We had a fairly full complement for the day with 36 players taking the tee for the final major of the season. At 09:30 the battle started and the chivalrous warriors of both sexes hitting the fairways and greens with some glorious golf. There were 4 nearest the pin and a long drive prize on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for the troops to contest and in the main these were won with excellent shots. So off we go then with each chapter of our now extraordinary society.



Our President and close friend, Graham Nash taking the tee for the last time as President with three members of the new Sant Jordi Golf Society Committee in the form of Mike Thom, Xavier Pitarque and Mick Walsh. They are accompanied by Michael Bates. This competitive four ball is posing in front of the beautiful clubhouse at Montanya and it is fair to say that they all had reasonable to superlative performances during the round.

## The Sant Jordi Open Golf Tournament 2013

This was the 219<sup>th</sup> tournament and coinciding with the Major Championship it was predestined to be the last one of an era for Graham. The weather was overcast, fairly cool and quite windy with a wind coming from the west in the opposite direction to that which we normally see at Montanya.





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These conditions would influence the result as it suited golfers with different abilities to the norm with several holes easily in reach when otherwise not so and vice versa. The tournament was followed by a very tasty lunch and the celebrations for victors (we all won today), conquered, arrivals, departures and the regular over the whole of the season.

The course was in really good condition with medium to fast greens that made putting somewhat easier than last month and the fairways were fairly firm and nicely prepared with damp rough causing wayward shots to suffer the correct penalty. With Montanya in prime condition for the events that were to develop over the course. Many thanks to the staff at Montanya and the L'Estanyol for helping to make the event a success and as ever our gratitude is a strong now as it was in 94 when we first brought the Sant Jordi events here.

There were a couple of questions over scorecards that arose after the tournament had been completed and the results calculated. The results are based on what you have noted on your cards and the final results are calculated by a Catalan Golf Federation approved computer. Once you have signed your cards these results are and will continue to be FINAL and there will be NO changes to the results. We all need to ensure that our cards are complete, correctly filled in and checked BEFORE we hand them in. We all understand that this is part and parcel of the wonderful game we have chosen to play as our favourite sport and with that let us get on with the important questions.

## Category A

The scores in Category A with a participation of 16 players on the tees were more than respectable in this stroke-play category. Several of the players performed well on the day with expectations high for the significance of the event in the calendar year, the trophies on offer in the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit and all the extra prizes on offer. In third position today was new boy, Andrew Murphy off an 11 handicap. Andrew has come to us via Golf Eixample and as this was his first event (for Sant Jordi handicap review) was unable to take the prize. This honour therefore went to the first qualifying player (with the same score as Andrew) in the form of Ralph Griffin. Ralph scored a fine 75. In second place after another great round and a score of 73 was Steve Watson. Playing off a 9 handicap today Steve had a great round punctuated by two bad holes which cost him the victory. He played brilliantly over the rest of the round and this is a commendable result. In first place and the new Sant Jordi Open Champion for 2013 is a player who started the year in Category B and has bettered his handicap every time out. With a score of 71 off his 16 handicap I am delighted to say that new committee member and the man responsible for our new logo and artwork, Mick Walsh is the Champion two shots clear of the field.



Mick Walsh took the second Major of the season and with it The Sant Jordi Open Golf Champion's Trophy. In second spot two shots off was Steve Watson and in third Ralph Griffin. The trophies were presented by outgoing President Graham Nash and new Vice-Presidents Xavier Pitarque and Albert Sant respectively





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## Category B

Category B with a participation of 18 players taking to the course was player in the standard format and the results were, to say the least, fair. The top six players were within one shot of par with the eventual winner taking the honour of Major Champion by virtue of a better handicap (just one better than second place). In third position was the fourth qualifying player in the event (Given that Steven Essink who finished second but was also in his first event and could not therefore take this position) was Stijn Teeuwen. Stijn hit a fine 37 points today off his 28 handicap. In second position also with 37 points off 21 was Craig McLaughlan and the winner, taking his second Sant Jordi tournament win and his first major with 38 points was Ian Robertson today playing off a handicap of 23. Well done to him (and all of you) for his fine performance.



Well done to the winners in category B. Ian Robertson takes the top position followed closely by Craig McLaughlan and Stijn Teeuwen in second and third respectively. Some nice play from all three competitors

We also had prizes for the nearest the flags on all four par 3 holes and a long drive prize on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. These were won by the following:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> hole was taken by Steven Essink. The 6<sup>th</sup> Hole was vacant with Mick Walsh being the nearest but he did not mark the distance as it was in his words a 'long way off'. The 14<sup>th</sup> was won Steve Watson & the 17<sup>th</sup> hole by Andrew Murphy.
- The drive was won in difficult conditions by Chris Burke in the fiercest of conditions against a strong head wind. His drive ended up some 260m from the tee.



Graham Nash presents the prizes for skill and power to the players for their additional efforts on the course.





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## The Annual Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit

The Order of Merit has been sponsored by Jonathan Goodman and Richard Rose of the Spectrum IFA Group for several years now and we are pleased to have them and spectrum on board at our events. Both represent the spirit of Sant Jordi and are great to have in the group. Long may it continue. Without sounding like a sermon, we give our thanks again for the magnificent trophies that they have presented this year to the players and which made me think about coming out of retirement for a day. The results are again in two categories.

In Category A after several years of almost taking the position (and on one of them being leader at tee off time) with 11<sup>th</sup> place today and a titanic effort to keep afloat was one of the most deserving winners we have had. With a final score of 2448 points Roger Hunger won the superb Spectrum IFA trophy and also the glorious Roger Hunger Trophy for the winner in Category A. Nice to see that the silverware will remain in safe hands for another year. In second position with 2383 points after a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish today was Iain Morwood who jumped up from 5<sup>th</sup> spot to take this position so some nice work from him. In third position with 2290 was Jose Maria Ciuro who has been unable to be with us for the last two events. Jose Maria was second before this event and deserves this prize for his consistency over the whole year. Well done to all three. A special mention must go to Simon Gordon. Simon, who we were delighted to see over from the UK just for this event, finished in 8<sup>th</sup> spot today giving him a final total of 2204 and fourth position in the yearlong classification.



Roger Hunger was the winner of the annual Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit for 2012-2013. His efforts were rewarded with some splendid hardware. In second position was Iain Morwood and in third Jose Maria Ciuro, who was unable to be with us today and who will be presented with his trophy in the May event on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. The prizes were presented by Richard Rose of spectrum IFA. Well done to all three.





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In Category B with a closing effort catapulting him up the classification to first from third was Mick Walsh. Mick with his win in the Sant Jordi Open leapfrogged past Richard Rose and Derek Simes into top spot with 3103 points. In second position was the aforementioned Richard Rose with 2961 and in third position in the classification with a final score of 2709 was Craig McLaughlan.



First position was for Mick Walsh, second for Richard Rose and third for Craig McLaughlan. After a great battle and some variations to the top of the table the final results were a good reflection of the form coming into the event and all three players deserve our congratulations for a great season.

## The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2012-2013)



### Category A (Top 10)

- First Place: Roger Hunger with 2448 points
- Second Place: Iain Morwood with 2383 points
- Third Place: Jose Maria Ciuro with 2290 points
- Fourth Place: Simon Gordon with 2204 points
- Fifth Place: Juan Maestro with 2054 points
- Sixth Place: Dave Collinson with 1976 points
- Seventh Place: David Coote with 1866 points
- Eighth: Steve Watson with 1799 points
- Ninth Place: Marc Cox with 1601 points
- Tenth Place: Chris Burke with 1523 points

### Category B (Top 10)

- First Place: Mick Walsh with 3103 points
- Second Place: Richard Rose with 2961 points
- Third Place: Craig McLaughlan with 2709 points
- Fourth Place: Derek Simes with 2439 points
- Fifth Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 2327 points
- Sixth Place: Albert Sant with 2140 points
- Seventh Place: Graham Nash with 1945 points
- Eighth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 1833 points
- Ninth Place: Les Buchanan with 1812 points
- Tenth Place: Martin Kirby with 1613 points





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## The Presentation to Graham



Graham is presented with a sculpture from local artist Ernest Vila ( <http://www.elmolidecanaulet.com> ) as a tribute to the time, dedication and effort that he has put into Sant Jordi over the last 19 years. He has guided us from a small group playing for fun to a list of over 200 players. That is a considerable number from 20 or so countries who have enjoyed his friendship and 'saber estar' and it is homage to him that we are still playing for fun and friendship after all these years. He has set the standard for all to follow and we look forward to his continued company at our events over the coming years. Graham, from all of us at Sant Jordi and from those who have come and gone (some sadly no longer with us but will never be forgotten).

**THANK YOU.**

So with the end of an era and the beginning of another the organisation of Sant Jordi are looking forward to a new epoch and with the same vigour and with the encouragement of you the members of this great group will now move forward in this exciting time to new heights. We are sure you will enjoy this new route and look forward to your support and participation. It is your society.

### Welcome to new guests

We were pleased to welcome Noline, Gerard and Steven Essink to Sant Jordi as guests of Derek Simes and added a new nationality to our list as they are from Belgium. We also welcomed the participation of two very competitive players in the form of Adam Palmer and Andrew Murphy who came to us from Golf Eixample. I will be sending you all a mail about an exciting arrangement and event that we are forming with them at this time. Welcome to all of you and I trust you enjoyed the event.





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Don't forget that the full selection of photos from the event is available on our web page and the Sant Jordi Golf Facebook page on the following link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.532218873487087.1073741829.10000969385413&type=1&l=af986ed411>





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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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Golfus: [www.golfus.es](http://www.golfus.es)

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Interlegal: <http://www.interlegal.net/es>

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

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

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

CallForHelp: <http://www.callforhelp.es>

Nigel Wing: [www.golfersmindset.com](http://www.golfersmindset.com)

Andres Lozano

The next events will be at Montanyà on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> June. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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