



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 243

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Welcome to the 243rd Sant Jordi tournament played back at Montanya on the 30th April. A cool start to the day with a hovering mist and damp on the fairways and greens which evolved into almost perfect Montanya weather with a stiff breeze coming from behind the 17th green towards the clubhouse. The 37 players all had fun and we were able to witness some nail biting finishes to the Sant Jordi Trophies and the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit classifications.



One of the splendid views of the scenery taken by Geoff Harrison

Montanya in April / May is one of the most beautiful parts of Catalonia with Montseny looming proudly above the course. A stage well set then to welcome the players who had travelled from near and far to participate in Catalonia's number one and most prestigious tournament. The play in all three categories was exciting and as the day wore on and the greens dried putting became more challenging and above all, the wind presented its teeth and no more so than on the remarkable seventeenth hole. We were of course playing for more than fun and there were two formats being used to give us our eventual winners, Stroke-play for Category A and Stableford for Categories B & C. The results were tight in all three groups and are extrapolated as follows:

Category A (0-18)

The 12 top players in the season long Spectrum IFA Order of Merit were on the course and fighting for the honour of becoming, or repeating the feat of attaining the heights that only a Major Champion can. In Category A Ralph Griffin was the winner by 4 shots taking his second Sant Jordi Open Championship with a fine round of 68. Ralph's first Sant Jordi Trophy was in 2009 and between times he has won on three more occasions (Dec 2013 (B), Feb 2014 (B), Feb 2015 (B)) One must add that both of Ralph's Sant Jordi Open Championships have been won in Category A. In second place just those four shots adrift was Chris Burke on 72 and four shots back from Chris a welcome return to Montanya for Roger Hunger. All three played some spectacular golf as you can see from the following images.



Wonderful play from the winners in Category A. Roger teeing off towards the 17th green, Ralph accepting the Sant Jordi Trophy from Committee members Brent Ledford and Adrian Cox and in preparation for the event on the putting green Chris Burke.





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Category B (19 to 27)

This was the most populated category at today's event with 18 participants and it was played in the standard stableford format. There was a clear winner of the Category B of the Sant Jordi Open and it was by a player taking his second win (and his second Major) having previously won the 200th Sant Jordi Tournament which was awarded major status. Well done to Marcel Blommendaal a very popular winner among the players. In second place four points behind with 36 points was Stijn Teeuwen playing some nice golf today he fell just short of the winners spot and following Stijn into third place was and in form Derek Simes.



Derek Simes with his group consisting of Derek, Steven, Nicolien and Gerard Essink. Stijn taking the winnings for his second spot and Marcel with his group with Roy Waters, Michael Bates and Brent Ledford.

Category C (28 to 36)

Category C has a new winner and he will be the last as of next month (Season) we will revert back to just two categories for the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit. The honour of the win goes to Alejandro Yunta who scored an impressive 32 points followed by Gerard Essink on 28 and very closely behind by Last Year's winner Wolfgang Finkbeiner on 27. Some pretty steady golf was played by all of group c, so well done to all of the players.



Alejandro Yunta collects the winner's Trophy Courtesy of Albert Sant and Interlegal, Gerard Essink took a comfortable second after a good fight with Wolfgang Finkbeiner in third spot.

Nearest the Pin and Long Drives



By courtesy of Lucas Fox International Properties, we also had prizes for the nearest the flag on the par 3 Holes. The 2nd hole with a very nice 4.2m from the flag was Michael Bates, on the 6th hole with a distance of 5.87m was David English. The 14th hole was playing difficult with a strong cross wind and Xavier Pitarque took the spoils there with 8.5m. The 14th was playing as hard as I have seen it in all my rounds at Montanya. Clearly climate change has affected the wind because not a single player from the 37 who tried made the putting surface (At a measurable distance anyway). The Longest drive had several contenders and there were in fact four names on the card. The winner by just that smallest of margins with a solid drive well past the bunker onto the middle of the fairway was Jonathan Goodman.





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What a fine selection of gentlemen we had up for the accuracy and distance awards. Well done to all three for th fine play and entertainment they gave us.

Welcome to Sant Jordi



We were pleased to welcome a new player to the Sant Jordi group. In addition to some players who live outside of Catalonia. The Jet Set were of course Roger Hunger and Rhodri James. Our new guest is Carlos Daniel. Welcome to him and we hope to see you all back shortly for the start of the new season at Vilalba on the 28th May. Here Carlos gets his complimentary ball in compensation for the one he may have lost over the long water holes at Montanya.

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- In order to be able to play on the 28th May we have changed the venue from Montanya to Vilalba. It will be the first Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit event. We will be back at Montanya in June with the match against a group from Pals.
- You can now register for the next event which will be on the 28th May at Vilalba. Please drop me a mail to confirm your place on: asc@santjordigolf.com
- Don't forget that we need all the players Federation handicaps to form the two categories for this seasons events. Please send me these details to the same mail above.

Committee Comments

There will be a section in this space for the comments from our committee about the day in general and any of those special moments that occurred during the round. Watch this space.





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2014-2015)

(After the March 2015 Event)



Category A (Up to 18.4)			Category B (18.5 to 27.4)			Category C (27.5 and above)		
Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
								
First	Paul Glover	3595	First	Marcel Blommendaal	2695	First	Martin Kirby	3453
Second	Simon Fletcher	2997	Second	Derek Simes	2519	Second	Brent Ledford	3240
Third	Richard Rose	2957	Third	Albert Sant	1855	Third	Xavier Pitarque	2692
Fourth	Craig McLaughlan	2937	Fourth	Graham Nash	1775	Fourth	Paul Smith	1979
Fifth	Ralph Griffin	2788	Fifth	Stijn Teeuwen	1681	Fifth	Alejandro Yunta	2062
Sixth	Chris Burke	2349	Sixth	Michael Robson	1274	Sixth	Roy Waters	1979
Seventh	Roger Hunger	2082	Seventh	Michael Bates	1264	Seventh	Modest Sala	1446
Eighth	Jonathan Goodman	1818	Eighth	Ian Robertson	887	Eighth	Geoff Harrison	1235
Ninth	Iain Morwood	1668	Ninth	Tony Cobo	675	Ninth	Robert Strauss	1111
Tenth	Gerd Verkerk	1607	Tenth	Clemens Brauer	538	Tenth	Trisha Smith	951

Paul Glover, Marcel Blommendaal and Martin Kirby are the winners of the three categories. Paul retained his demanding lead while Marcel and Martin both jumped up from second place frustrating the great seasons of Derek Simes and Brent Ledford who were leaders going into the event. A great fight for second place from Simon Fletcher, Richard Rose and Craig McLaughlan with just 60 points between all three. Albert Sant moved up to third in Category B and Alejandro Yunta up to 5th in Category C after the win today. A great season from all the players, Congratulations to all of you is well deserved.





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Photos from the event

A special thanks to Craig McLaughlan, Brent Ledford and Geoff Harrison for their contributions today so we will start with my two favourites of the day.



There is a complete selection of photos on our web page: <http://www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Photo%20Galleries.html>

And on our Facebook page on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.900192056689765.1073741857.100000969385413&type=1&l=511bd7d208>

Chris will also place information on the LinkedIn page for your perusal: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Sant-Jordi-Golf-Society-Catalunya-7462715>





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The Scorecards



GOLF MONTANYA
GRUP SANT JORDI 30/04/15 - BARRES BLANQU

Fecha Listado: 30/04/2015
Hora Listado: 16:00:44

- Medalplay (Recorrido: MONTANYA) FECHA: 30/04/2015 CODIGO: CB1815031

CLASS. CAT. A HCP. (ASC: +2) **1ªVuelta**

POS	JUGADOR	HEX	NVH	EDA	S	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	BRT	HPU	NET
1	GRIFFIN, RALPH	17,0	14,8	M	M	6	4	4	3	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	7	5	3	5	89	21	68
2	BURKE, CHRIS	16,0	15,4	M	M	4	4	6	5	5	4	7	4	7	4	4	7	6	4	7	5	3	5	91	19	72
3	HUNGER, ROGER	15,0		M	M	5	4	5	6	8	4	5	6	6	5	7	5	4	6	4	3	6	94	18	76	
4	MCLAUGHLAN, CRAIG	18,0	18,1	M	M	6	4	5	6	5	3	5	6	8	5	5	6	8	5	8	7	5	5	102	22	80
5	COOTE, DAVID	15,0	15,1	M	M	6	3	6	5	7	6	6	7	6	5	5	7	6	3	7	5	5	4	99	18	81
6	SANLLEHY, JUAN	16,0	16,1	M	M	5	5	7	5	6	4	6	5	6	6	5	6	7	5	7	5	5	6	101	19	82
7	VERKERK, GERT	10,0	10,1	M	M	6	4	6	4	7	4	7	5	6	5	6	6	5	4	7	5	4	5	96	13	83
	WATSON, STEVE	11,0	11,1	M	M	7	4	5	4	5	3	5	5	5	8	7	6	6	5	6	7	4	5	97	14	83
	FLETCHER, SIMON	15,0	15,1	M	M	4	5	5	5	6	5	7	5	8	6	5	5	5	7	5	6	6	6	101	18	83
	JAMES, RHODRI	16,0	16,1	M	M	5	4	6	5	10	3	8	5	5	7	6	5	6	4	9	6	4	4	102	19	83
11	GLOVER, PAUL	13,0	13,1	M	M	5	4	4	5	6	6	5	6	6	7	6	8	8	4	7	5	5	5	102	16	86



GOLF MONTANYA
GRUP SANT JORDI 30/04/15 - BARRES GROGUE

Fecha Listado: 30/04/2015
Hora Listado: 15:58:31

- Stableford (Recorrido: MONTANYA) FECHA: 30/04/2015 CODIGO: CB1815032

CLASS. CAT. B HCP. (ASC: 0) **1ªVuelta**

POS	JUGADOR	HEX	NVH	EDA	S	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	BRT	HPU	NET
1	BLOMMENDAAL, MARCEL	20,0	18,4	M	M	6	3	4	5	5	4	8	7	8	4	5	5	5	4	5	6	3	4	21	23	40
2	TEEUWEN, SRIJN	22,0		M	M	7	6	6	5	8	3	5	6	7	4	5	7	5	4	8	5	3	4	15	25	35
3	SIMES, DEREK	25,0		M	M	5	3	4	7	7	3	5	0	6	0	5	7	0	4	7	7	5	5	12	28	33
4	ROBERTSON, IAN	20,0		M	M	6	3	0	4	6	5	5	0	4	5	5	8	3	6	0	5	5	15	23	32	
	TOLL, MIKE	20,0		M	M	5	4	5	0	5	4	0	5	7	5	6	7	5	5	7	4	4	6	13	23	32
	BATES, MICHAEL	23,0		M	M	4	3	5	6	5	3	7	6	7	7	6	5	0	7	7	5	6	11	26	32	
7	GOODMAN, JONATHAN	19,0	19,1	M	M	6	3	5	4	7	4	5	6	8	5	6	6	0	3	6	7	4	6	12	22	31
	ENGLISH, DAVID	21,0	21,1	M	M	6	4	5	5	8	3	6	7	7	4	5	7	7	5	7	5	4	6	10	24	31
9	HEBINK, EDWIN	19,0	19,1	M	M	5	5	7	5	5	4	0	5	5	0	6	7	7	5	5	6	4	6	11	22	28
	KIRBY, MARTIN	26,0	26,1	M	M	5	6	7	6	7	4	7	6	5	6	7	0	8	5	7	6	3	6	6	29	28
11	COBO, TONY	21,0	21,1	M	M	6	0	6	4	6	4	7	7	6	6	5	7	4	0	6	4	5	8	24	27	
12	ESSINK, STEVEN	21,0	21,1	M	M	6	3	6	0	0	5	5	0	7	4	5	5	0	3	0	7	4	6	10	24	26
13	LEDFORF, BRENT	24,0	24,1	M	M	8	4	6	5	6	4	7	6	7	6	6	0	9	4	8	5	6	6	6	27	25
	WATERS, ROY	26,0	26,1	M	M	6	4	6	6	6	5	7	6	0	6	7	6	8	5	9	6	4	6	3	29	25
	PITARQUE, XAVIER	27,0	27,2	M	M	6	0	7	6	8	5	6	5	9	7	6	7	8	4	7	7	3	6	4	30	25
16	SANT, ALBERT	21,0	21,1	M	M	0	5	7	6	6	4	7	6	8	5	5	8	6	6	7	5	4	6	7	24	24
17	DANIEL, CARLOS	19,0	19,1	M	M	5	6	7	6	0	5	6	6	7	6	5	7	7	5	7	0	4	7	3	22	18
18	ESSINK, NICOLIN	15,0	15,1	M	F	6	5	6	6	7	5	6	6	6	0	0	0	7	5	7	0	4	6	2	18	16



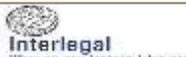
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- Stableford (Recorrido: MONTANYA) FECHA: 30/04/2015 CODIGO: CB1815032

CLASS. CATEGORIA C HCP. (ASC: 0) **1ªVuelta**

POS	JUGADOR	HEX	NVH	EDA	S	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	BRT	HPU	NET
1	YUNTA, ALEJANDRO	32,0	31,0	M	M	6	4	5	4	7	3	6	5	7	6	0	7	7	6	8	6	5	6	7	30	32
2	ESSINK, GERARD	31,0		M	M	6	4	5	6	0	4	5	6	0	5	0	0	7	4	0	6	3	6	8	30	28
3	FINKBEINER, WOLFGANG	28,0	28,2	M	M	6	6	5	5	0	3	7	7	9	6	5	7	8	5	8	9	4	3	9	30	27
4	SMITH, PAUL	28,0	28,2	M	M	7	6	0	7	7	4	6	6	0	7	7	6	7	5	7	7	4	7	2	30	22
5	PEDRALS, PEP	28,0	28,2	M	M	6	7	7	6	0	5	7	7	7	7	7	4	0	6	8	7	6	6	2	30	18
6	ESSINK, NICOLIN	15,0	15,1	M	F	6	5	6	6	7	5	6	6	6	0	0	0	7	5	7	0	4	6	2	18	16
	SALA, MODEST	36,0		M	M	7	0	6	7	7	4	6	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	4	6	2	30	16	



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Bodegas Elvara: <http://www.elvara.com>

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Xavier Pitarque, Simon Fletcher, David English, Roger Hunger and all the committee:

Unfortunately, due to a clash of dates we are unable to play at Montanya so we will be going to Vilalba on Thursday the 28th May. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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