



Sant Jordi Newsletter

August Event

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Welcome to the August newsletter after an event that was played under a scorching sun on lightning fast greens. The day dawned with a slight mist meandering across the fields as we approached Seva and Tona. We were thinking that it was going to be fun finding the fairways (or even the club!). However, thanks to 'Tom Tom' and some astute navigation from my co-pilot the problem was resolved and we arrived to see Simon Gordon emerging from his car. We exchanged formalities and did the 'demo' for the new R11's Marc and I just acquired (at huge cost) and off to the practice tee where Don simon promptly decided that he wanted one (NOW!), I mean Now like yesterday! They were flying all the way to the fence, so he is convinced of their value. Then into the clubhouse to be met by Mark Mills, who is a great friend and colleague at Sant Jordi for a refreshing warm up beer or two. We managed to get all of the registered players out on time and sadly Olga and Wilma could not make the match for unforeseen but fortunately not serious hitches. Hopefully we will see them both in September which will be the 200th Sant Jordi tournament.





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This will be a magnificent event and we have players travelling from all over the world to be with us on this great occasion. We hope you will all be prepared to collect your commemorative T-Shirt (Seen below these lines) so we can all sit on the steps and have a photo shoot before (or after) the event. If you have not put your name down for one of these please email Graham on graham.nash6@gmail.com to place your request. These shirts are in part sponsored by Jonathan Goodman and Richard Rose from the Spectrum IFA Group, so a BIG THANK YOU to Spectrum IFA for their assistance with these. They are really competitively priced and will last forever, just like the Green version we had produced for the 100th event. So we had a total of 25 players for the event (which is probably a record for August), a truly laudable effort from all the players who relentlessly toiled away under the August glare to produce what I consider to be some magnificent scores. The rough was really heavy in places and the importance of keeping the ball in the fairway was ever so present. Anyone going off line was immediately penalised with at least one shot and all this was to be followed by probably the fastest greens I have ever seen at the club and some devilish pin placements, particularly on the 15th hole where it was possible to 3 or 4 putt if you left your approach above the pin. Ouch! One has to say that the work being put in to the club on a day by day basis is producing a course that, in my view, is second to none and has such a level of excellence both in the care and attention to detail on the course and in the clubhouse and surroundings. So a BIG thanks you to Jordi, Juan, Ivan and the Restaurant Staff and management for their efforts to accommodate us every month.



Seen here in a presentation pose, with the first version of the T-Shirt (this is of the finest quality). Get your names down fast because the numbers are limited and sizes go from s to xxxxl (for me and maybe one or two others who will not wish to be mentioned).

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Is the mail to direct your orders although Graham will in all probably be in contact with all of you to confirm your wishes and participation for the September event but if you are able, please drop him a line.



The traditional Sans and Sans Fine tea Merchants Voucher will this year be awarded to the winner of each category on alternate months. This prize courtesy of Alexandra Witty is a long standing award from one of the most esteemed and historic 'colonists' of Barcelona, The Witty family were first established here in the 19th century and have always been at the forefront of Catalan sport and industry. Their link with the founding of FC Barcelona is particularly highlighted this week with the Champions title (Michael & Freddy Witty are also founder members of Sant Jordi) and we give our continued thanks to Alexandra at Sans I Sans for her monthly support of Sant Jordi. This was won by Category A winner Steve Watson with his magnificent score. Next month it will go to the victor in Category B.





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Welcome to new members

In this event we were delighted to have with us two new members of Sant Jordi. There are Michael Bates and Ricardo Hugo Ferrer (son of Ricardo one of our long time members and a great friend to us all). They both did quite well with Micahel scoring 28 and Ricardo 32 which is not bad for their first visits to Montanya. We look forward to seeing them at future events.

The Category Results

In category A we had a total of 11 participants and within that a selection of the 'Crème de la Crème' in group one with Nuria Palau, Steve Watson, Vicenç Granados and Simon Gordon heading out (all brilliantly down the middle) and all producing good results. So how did the event unfold at the elite level?

In third place with 35 points from his round was Josep M^a Comas who presented a card with 6 pars off his 15 handicap. In second place (with his new R11) was Marc Cox who dropped the ball onto the 5th green in two and just missed the eagle putt walking away from this one with a nice birdie and seven more pars in the round. Marc was actually playing injured so his effort is all the more creditable. Well done my boy! In top position we saw 40 points placed on the board by a tremendously in form Steve Watson. Steve scored 8 pars and two birdies on the 4th and 14th where he also just lost out on the nearest the pin prize by just 1cm. Steve's ball was 1.12m from the hole so all told a pretty pristine performance.



Steve and Marc collecting their prizes from Sant Jordi Vice-President Mike Thom during the luncheon 'banquet'





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In Category B we had even more fireworks with the top four all worthy of mention and all on or above 38 points. In fourth spot with 38 including 4 pars was Wolfgang Finkbeiner. Wolfgang lost out on third position by virtue of having a higher handicap. In third then was Lawrence Jones with 38 and in his round he hit six pars in a steady performance after a recent Sant Jordi victory. Second spot was 'storm trooped' by Ralph Griffin who actually takes his points to the Category A Spectrum IFA Order of Merit where he started the year. Ralph with his 18 handicap hit 8 pars and an epoch making birdie on the difficult par 5, 15th hole for 41 points. In 'Blighty' we would say, 'A Sterling Performance'. So that just leaves the top spot with a tremendous 42 points for Ricardo Ferrer who was today accompanied by his son Ricardo. He must have been really pleased to put on the recital over the beautiful course and with 5 pars and some excellent scoring throughout.



Great efforts from Ricardo Ferrer in top spot and Ralph Griffin taking second and separated by just one point, 42 to 41.

Oh! We also had a prize for the longest drive on the 18th which was won by the elder of the R11 holders who beat Richard Rose's effort by a little more than a yard.





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So all this meant that there would be some movement in the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit with top spot in Category A staying in place top position but changes below as Steve Watson moves into second spot while in category B Lawrence Jones leapfrogs into second after a good round. The standings are as follows.

The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2011-2012)



Category A (Top 10)



Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: David Coote with 1115 points
- Second Place: Steve Watson with 1050 points
- Third Place: Josep Maria Comas with 872 points
- Fourth Place: Marc Cox with 820 points
- Fifth Place: Juan Maestro with 777 points
- Sixth Place: Daniel Medina with 776 points
- Seventh Place: Roger Hunger with 728 points
- Eighth Place: Simon Gordon with 706 points
- Ninth Place: Iain Morwood with 620 points
- Tenth Place: Ralph Griffin with 568 points

- First Place: Mark Mills with 1205 points
- Second Place: Lawrence Jones with 931 points
- Third Place: Xavier Pitarque with 700 points
- Fourth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 673 points
- Fifth Place: Richard Rose with 658 points
- Sixth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 658 points
- Seventh Place: Ricardo Ferrer with 543 points
- Eighth Place: Craig McLaughlan with 506 points
- Ninth Place: Roy Waters with 493 points
- Tenth Place: Graham Nash with 384 points

So some interesting movements and a clear sign that the Summer Break has been a costly time for positions in the classification. Hopefully, everyone is now back home and can make the 200th event in September. We look forward to the event.





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A Round with Adrian

Today I shared the day with three long standing members of Sant Jordi, Geoff Brown (18), Marc Cox (15) and Josep M^a Comas (15). Marc Scored 37 points for second place, Josep M^a hit 35 for third and Geoff scored 32 points for seventh place in category B. So all had reasonably good days.

Geoff brown



Geoff seen here smashing his drive down the fifth hole has been absent from Sant Jordi for a few months now and has returned after business affairs allowed him leave to compete where he really wants to be. He has a nice rhythmic swing and sends the ball out there far enough to get good angles to the greens.

He did not have the best of luck on the greens which were brutal in their speed and pin placements for a hot August day. That is when he was not knocking them in from ridiculously long distances! At least two went in from over 60 feet for pars, but the shorter ones were not so accommodating.

In Geoff you will find a great golfing and conversation partner.

If you get the chance, he is one to have in your group.





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Marc Cox



Marc, here seen during his practice swing on the tenth hole, managed to finish second by just 3 points having lost out on two holes during his round. The third and eighth proved his undoing in a round that could have won him the event in Category A. A new driver made a big difference to his game and alas it was the putting that let him down today. A student of Nautical and Naval Engineering, he is your man if things go wrong in your ship. But today he did keep the ball out of the water and with his 37 points was a worthy second. He was accompanied by the pretty Marina as caddie (who we thank today for all the photos).

Josep M^a Comas



Josep Maria is a steady golfer who only missed out on a score on the third hole leaving him in third spot in category A. So it was very 'tight' at the top in this group. He has a controlled swing and a also a great conversation partner for your round. I think this was the first time we have been round together and it was a pleasing experience. Just like Geoff, Josep M^a is very good around the greens and is a good putter.

If you get the chance to see his drives, he gets maximum distance from the tools at hand and off 15 is a very keen competitor, having won a few events in his time.





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Some photos from the event



As always there are loads more photos on the web of the event and prize giving so check out www.santjordigolf.com





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THANK YOU 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. Vicenç Granados for some really useful course yardage guides that he produces. www.skygolfspain.com is the web where you can locate all the details and course guides you will ever need. Thanks Vicenç.

ALL OF YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

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The next event will be our 200th event and this will take place on Thursday the 29th September at Montanya. We will contact all of you shortly before the event for your confirmations (although you can now register for this event on admin@santjordigolf.com) and Commemorative T-Shirt requirements.

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