



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 211

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Welcome to the 211th Sant Jordi tournament which was played at Montanyà on a wet and misty day under a persistent drizzle. There was a little or no breeze during the morning although that changed during the afternoon. As we expect at Montanya, Jordi and his team presented us with a challenging course with the dampness on the greens putting was a complicated event. The course was in great condition even with the rain and one would have thought that conditions were ideal for low scores and the winning totals in both groups were better than par. We had 20 players take the start, all finished their rounds and given the conditions the scores were very respectable.



The view over the eighteenth fairway gives a good idea of the inclement conditions in which we would play the tournament. These did make some wonderful panoramas as the mist lifted over El Brull.

Today's tournament was the fourth of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit and with a fairly limited good turnout, which is normal for the month of September; the split was fairly even between the categories. In Category A we had 9 players with scores ranging from 23 at the bottom end and 40 at the top. The conditions probably suited the longer hitters in the group, but the final placing's did not really reflect that with two time winner Marc Cox in last place and second taken by David English on a welcome return to the group. I think everyone found calculating the speed of the greens difficult today with a fine drizzle keeping the surface damp. This allied with no roll on the fairways meant that club selection was at a premium. 12 players were in Category B today with the scores ranging from 18 at the bottom end to 36 at the top. I followed one group round today as the rain meant I could only use a small camera for the photos and it was complicated to run around the course with the niggling back. There was a moment on the 7th tee and when mist rolled in one could have expected the 'Mary Celeste' to float out in a ghostly manner, but as expected golf balls appeared at all angled and play continued. For me the highlight of the day must have been, lunch served in the Restaurant L'Estanyol bay the friendly and attractive staff in the club. Well done to them. The low point was the accident we ad on the way down from the club in treacherous conditions. Sadly this caused the total destruction of my beloved Nissan (Adios Amigo Mio). No injuries and we did not go over the cliff thanks to a 'friendly' VW Touareq we hit coming in the other direction...Ouch!





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The sad end to a good friend....and where we would have ended up if we had not been blocked by the VW Touareq. All at less than 15km. NO comment!

Category A

With only 8 players taking the start today in this category there was a good chance to grab some valuable Spectrum IFA points for the Order of Merit. There were some interesting routes taken on some holes (Particularly in the mist) and some good golf during the rest of the event. With difficult conditions it was not surprising that only two player's bettered par. In third position this month was regular top finisher Simon Gordon with 34 points. Simon scored 8 pars in his regular round. In second place with 37 points scoring 8 pars and a nice birdie on the second was David English. Finally in top position with a 40 point score consisting of seven pars was David Collinson with a welcome return to form. Well done all three for some great scoring in tricky conditions.



We were delighted to welcome back David English who took second spot. Simon Gordon seen here teeing off on the 4th hole was third. Top spot was for David Collinson with a magnificent 40 points. Well done all three.





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Category B

12 players completed the line-up today with just one player levelling par with 36 points. The remainder sadly filtered away to the depths of 18 and even a no presentation of a card. Ughhhh! (Who might that have been? No Names). The Spectrum IFA group Order of Merit is 'hotting up' with full points today everything was there for the offering. In third place and taking his points to his Category A total was Roger Hunger who scored just 3 pars today for his 33 points. In second position was Richard Rose who is right up at the top of the classification now. Richard scored 35 points including two nice pars to finish his round. In first place taking 436 points to his Spectrum IFA group Order of Merit total with 36 points was Mark Mills. Mark hit 3 pars and was pretty regular all around the course. Well done all three for your brilliant performances in difficult conditions...



Roger in an action photo on the fourth hole was third, Mark Mills (Les Buchanan in body because I could not be bothered to 'Photoshop' this. Thought it was funnier this way) collects the prize for first while Richard Rose does likewise for a fine second position.. Well done.

News and Events

Don't forget the Sant Jordi Web Page where you can get ALL the information about our events:

<http://www.santjordigolf.com>

There are versions in English, Català and Castellan (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 will be on the 27th of September (assuming one of you guys can offer me transport to and from Montanya?) will be played at Montanya. We hope to see all of you there plus your golfing families as all are very welcome to join us.





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2012-2013)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: Jose Maria Ciuro with 1335 points
- Second Place: Simon Gordon with 1231 points
- Third Place: Marc Cox with 1161 points
- Fourth Place: Dave Collinson with 1079 points
- Fifth Place: Juan Maestro with 951 points
- Sixth Place: Steve Watson Place with 899 points
- Seventh Place: Roger Hunger with 815 points
- Eighth: David Coote with 445 points
- Ninth Place: Iain Morwood with 313 points
- Tenth Place: Frank Taken with 283 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Richard Rose with 1120 points
- Second Place: Les Buchanan with 897 points
- Third Place: Derek Simes with 808 points
- Fourth Place: Albert Sant with 764 points
- Fifth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 725 points
- Sixth Place: Isabel Martinez with 622points
- Seventh Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 563 points
- Eighth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 548 points
- Ninth Place: Graham Nash with 466 points
- Tenth Place: Mark Mills with 436 points

Simon Gordon moves to second position as Marc Cox drops to third and a good result for Dave Collinson who advances to fourth place. In Category B, Richard Rose has started building a firewall between the rest of the group while Les Buchanan and Derek Simes have both moved up places to second and third respectively. Albert Sant moves up to fourth and Mark Mills with his win goes into the top ten.





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Some photos from the event



Some pretty spectacular shots from an enjoyable day at Montanyà. What a great course! Don't forget that you can see all the photos from the event on our web at: www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Gallery.html the full collection of photos is also on our Facebook page.





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

4 Ball Travel: <http://4balltravel.com>

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>

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

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The next events will be our 211th at Montanya on Thursday the 27th September. You can now register for this event on:

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