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Tournament 223

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Welcome to the 223rd Sant Jordi tournament played at Montanyà on an overcast but brightening day with little or no breeze to affect the shots. The course had been the recipient of over 100 litres of rain per square metre on the previous evening and it is a credit to the design of the recently departed David Thomas, 4 times Ryder cup player that we were able to complete the round in perfect conditions. Credit to the green staff, the whole team at Montanyà for catering for us and for the staff at L'Estanyol for the BBQ lunch. We has a couple of changes to the event today, firstly the players in Category A of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit all played off the white competition tees and will do so from here on. The second was to revert to the draw for all the players who had not won a place prize and the third we hope to announce for the September tournament, so watch this space.



So not a lot of protection needed in the morning but the sun came out later and short sleeves were the norm and 18 players took the start and enjoyed the conditions with the greens the best we have seen so far this year.



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Category A

Category A was the least populated with 8 players off the competition tees. They all accredited themselves well enough from playing the whole course and their scores were a credit to their skills. The tees on the first, fifth and tenth are a good 40 to 60m further back than the normal yellow pins so where some were previously taking 5 woods or hybrid clubs, they were now taking the 3 or the driver. Much more fun for me, and I suspect the players also. So how did they fare? Finally, after much inspection, in top position today with 36 points off his 17 handicap was David Collinson who scored 4 pars and was really steady for the rest of the round. In second place with 35 was Iain Morwood with 6 pars off 14 and in third place with a steady 33 was last month's winner Steve Watson off a 7 handicap. Steve scored 8 pars in his round.

I had to go over all three cards because there was an error in the placements of the handicap strokes on all the cards which lead to confusion when your markers noted down the scores. Please be extra careful in checking the alignment of the strokes before the round starts so as not to be hit by the error.



David, Iain (Image lookalike) and Steve take their well-deserved prizes from Mike Thom. Well done to all three for some excellent golf over a beautiful course.

Category B

Category B had a better compliment with 10 players back from their holidays and travels taking to the challenge after the previous day's heavy rainfall and the scores reflected how much better they adapted to the round with 3 players bettering par and two in the 40s. In top spot today was current Saint Andrews Champion Stijn Teeuwen who came back to the clubhouse and signed for a splendid 43 points. Stijn was off a 24 handicap and scored 4 pars today. In second was high flier in the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit, Richard Rose off his 20 handicap. Richard hit 5 pars, had birdies at the 8th and 11th and nearly holed out on the 6th the ball hitting the flagstick as it came down just inched from the cup. Martin Kirby was third off 34 with a very steady round of 38 points to take all the OOM points. Stunning rounds and marvellous golf from all three.



Stijn, Richard and Martin take their well-deserved prizes from Mike Thom. Well done to all three for your exciting play.





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Today was a special day and one to give thanks to Vice-President Mick Walsh who has sponsored the neared the pin prizes for the last six months allowing us to offer you all the nearest the pin prizes. We are pleased to announce that this will continue together with a long drive prize courtesy of two of our players and their companies. We will give you all these details once the agreements are finalised, hopefully to start in the September event. Our thanks go to Mick Walsh of Tengotwo: (www.tengotwo.com) for his kind initiative and collaboration from all of us at Sant Jordi. Today's winners were Category A, Phil Troke on the 14th with 1.49m and Cat B with just under 6m Stijn Teeuwen. Great shots from both the boys.

We were also delighted to welcome two new members to the Sant Jordi Group. They were Trisha smith (Wife of Paul) and Jane Lowe. They both had good rounds and we hope they will be able to join us in future events.



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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2013-2014)



Category A (Top 10)

- First Place: Steve Watson with 1202 points
- Second Place Roger Hunger: with 1119 points
- Third Place: Phil Troke with 924 points
- Fourth Place: Iain Morwood with 774 points
- Fifth Place: Mick Walsh with 718 points
- Sixth Place: Edwin Hebink with 552 points
- Seventh Place: David English with 550 points
- Eighth: Juan Sanllehy with 547 points
- Ninth Place: David Collinson with 436 points
- Tenth Place: Adam Parmer with 380 points

Category B (Top 10)

- First Place: Martin Kirby with 1112 points
- Second Place: Craig McLaughlan with 1006 points
- Third Place: Richard Rose with 912 points
- Fourth Place: Derek Simes with 863 points
- Fifth Place: Albert Sant with 855 points
- Sixth Place: Steve Coltman with 719 points
- Seventh Place Jonathan Goodman: with 571 points
- Eighth Place: Brent Ledford with 538 points
- Ninth Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 443 points
- Tenth Place: Xavier Pitarque with 433 points

Changes at the top of both categories for this month with Steve Watson now topping Category A and Martin Kirby doing likewise in Category B

Upcoming Events and News

- The September Tournament will be played on the 26th at Montanyà. You can register now if you wish.
- We are planning a Match play competition against a team from Golf Eixample to be played later in the year and will give you more news on this as we get nearer the date and plans are finalised.
- Steve Watson will try to organise events at the Costa Brava on Thursdays as well as Tuesdays so there is another opportunity to play if you need more!

Fun from the buggy

The following were my interpretation of the funnier side of the day. Can anyone identify this chap on the 5th green? I bet he knows, but do you?



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Photos from the event



Don't forget that the full selection of photos from the event is available on our web page and also the Sant Jordi Golf Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/santjordigolfsociety/timeline/story?ut=43&wstart=0&wend=1378018799&hash=7307880980238957525&pagefilter=3>



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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

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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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

David English, Andres Lozano, & Craig McLaughlan

The next events will be at Montanyà on Thursday the 26th September. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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