

## THE SANT JORDI GOLF SOCIETY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER (Tournament 251)

### This Month's Event

Welcome everyone to the 251<sup>st</sup> Tournament of the Sant Jordi Golf Society played at Real Club de Golf EL Prat on the Montanya on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December in perfect golfing conditions with sunshine warmth and a championship links in perfect condition. It was nice to see a group of 31 or so players with some new faces in the group consisting of 18 in Category A of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit and 12 in Category B. So a great group and a challenging course was set up to mark this one as a tournament to remember.



The players included David English and Michael Robson both looking keen for the tee off on a familiar course.

### How the tournaments developed

So with this good selection of the Sant Jordi group the players were off around 09:30 and one must say that the level of golf returned by them was of prime quality.

The course in perfect condition with tight pin placements and the greens measuring 11 of the 'stimpmeter' combined with a sunny though cool day allowed the players plenty of opportunities to score well, so long as you navigated between this heavily bunkered Greg Norman designed course. Category A did a pretty smart job and the scores were as follows.

### The Spectrum IFA Group Order of merit Category A

In first position winning his fifth Sant Jordi tournament after a long layoff from our events was long hitting Mick Walsh. We were delighted to have him back in the group and his splendid 36 points gave him the victory over Thibaud Valette by virtue of him holding the lower handicap (9.2 vs 13.0). So with Thibaud in second we then drop to third place where we meet Marcel Blommendaal on his way to the top. Marcel scored 34 points. All the players deserve tremendous credit for hitting these low scores of their correspondingly low handicaps.



In First place holding the winner's spoils is Mick Walsh. On his right is Thibaud Valette with a fine 36 in his second event with us. In third spot is Marcel Blommendaal who just missed out with his 34 points. Congratulations to all three for their Successful outings.



### The Spectrum IFA Group Order of merit Category B

A slightly less populated group that gave the present leaders of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit a good chance to bank some valuable points. We were missing Xavier Pitarque who is now recovering well from his eye surgery and will be joining us next month and it is fair to say that the current 'top boys' turned on some exceptional play with First position being taken by Robert Strauss with 39 points. In second seven points adrift with 32 placed Paul Smith and in third place in the standings was Roy Waters (given that Alejandra Avedaño was in her first event and although finishing third, could not take the corresponding points).



In First place holding his winner's prizes is Robert Strauss who was really in tune today taking his second win. In second place is Paul Smith on 32 followed in third by Alejandra Avedaño on 30 points. Congratulations also to all three for their rounds and winnings.

### The Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit after the January Tournament at El Prat.

Category A (Up to 19.4)			Category B (19.5 to 36)		
					
Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
First	David Coote	3192	First	Brent Ledford	3983
Second	Paul Glover	2436	Second	Martin Kirby	2700
Third	Craig McLaughlan	2416	Third	Michael Bates	2014
Fourth	Michael Robson	2372	Fourth	Roy Waters	1937
Fifth	Richard Rose	2134	Fifth	Jonathan Goodman	1575
Sixth	Stijn Teeuwen	1754	Sixth	Wolfgang Finkbeiner	1333
Seventh	David English	1499	Seventh	Robert Strauss	1244
Eighth	Marcel Blommendaal	1367	Eighth	Colin Campbell	1000
Ninth	Chris Burke	1340	Ninth	Ian Robertson	939
Tenth	Derek Simes	921	Tenth	Mark Robbins	840

So after the wonderful turnout for this event with 30 players fit for the outing and the route towards The Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit and the Roger Hunger Trophy presented to the winner of Category A. A lot still to play for as we now move to Llaveneras for the January event. Weather permitting back to Montanya in March.

(These events may be subject to change as determined by atmospheric conditions). Please keep a close eye on the web page to keep yourselves informed).

### Nearest the Pins

Unfortunately, we were unable to have any Lucas Fox International Properties due to a technicality, but we will be back with them in January.



### Welcome to the following new members

We welcomed Alejandra Avedaño, Christopher Castrioty and Thibaud Valette (who I think was also in his first event) to Sant Jordi for the first time and look forward to seeing them back at our future events.



### Additional Question's

1. The next event will be the January 2016 tournament at Llavaneras on the 28<sup>th</sup> January You can now register for this on: [asc@santjordigolf.com](mailto:asc@santjordigolf.com)
2. There may still be some spare shirts available. If you missed out, please contact Chris Burke. [chrisburke@live.co.uk](mailto:chrisburke@live.co.uk)



## Photos from the event



## 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.

Prudential International: <http://www.prudential-international.com/es-en-adviser/contactus/>

Golf Montanya: <http://www.golfmontanya.com>

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The Spectrum IFA Group and Jupiter Financial Services: <http://www.spectrum-ifa.com/spain.shtml>

TengoTwo Creative solutions: <http://www.tengotwo.com>

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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>

[Xavier Pitarque, Gert Verkerk, Simon Fletcher, David English, Roger Hunger and all the committee.](#)

Bye for now.

Adrian