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Welcome to the February edition of the Anglo Catalan Sant Jordi Golf Society Newsletter.

Tournament Summary

With the February event at Vilalba, we plan to move back to Montanya in March with the usual arrangements (last Thursday etc), there were some 35 members at the event this week. On a cool but sunny day with a slight breeze to make things interesting, the level of golf played was more than acceptable with most players making several par scores and the odd birdie. The greens were putting well and true but slightly firm for most tastes and it was not easy to hold the ball on the surface. It is not the first time we have had a back to back winner in the group but in recent times this has been quite rare so we were pleased to see that Anton Palau had completed this feat. On such a low handicap (7), with the two shot handicap penalty from last month he must have played some excellent shots to come in with 37 points. Well done ANTON for a great effort..We'll see how you manage off 5!... (then 3,...then 2 etc). Come on guys and gals Anton has now set the standard for us to shoot at.

Category A

This was actually quite close with just two points separating 5 players. Anton Palau and Graham Nash both scored 37, Anton had 12 Pars and a Birdie to compile his score off 18 scoring holes, while Graham had 7 pars and a birdie off 16 holes. Third on handicap was Adrian Cox with 35 points, also off 16 holes with 6 pars and a birdie. Those missed holes count for a lot and consistency is the name of the game with the Order of Merit starting to take shape.

David English won the Nearest the Pin prize on the tricky eighteenth hole with a splendid shot leaving the ball about 5 feet from the hole. This was not easy with the left to right cross wind (For the record he beat me by two feet...didn't get the desired backspin on the 'hardish' greens)

Category B

Quite good scoring here too with Jeroni Matutes burning up the fairways and scoring 42 points. Jeroni had 9 pars and deserves credit by scoring points on every hole. That is pretty consistent golf which deserves a pat on the back and a 4 shot discount meaning a 17 handicap next month back at Montanya. Second was Ralph Griffin who is showing good early season form off his 19 handicap with a par and a nice birdie contributing to a very regular card. Ralph came in with 36 points scoring on every hole. Richard Rose forced his way into 3rd spot with a fair 34 points scoring one over on each nine and hitting the odd par to keep things interesting.

Category C The 'fairer' Sex

It was really nice to see such a splendid group of female members on Thursday. I witnessed some very nice golf from the adjoining fairways (yes we were watching) and was very impressed with the standard of our ladies section. It would be really good if this trend could continue to the point that should we get more numbers we would love to introduce an additional order of merit category and who knows and match against the men towards the end of the year. So come on girls, rally up your numbers and let's get the show on the road...All are welcome at every event.

The Present Classification after the February Event

After just two events this year Anton has taken a firm position at the top of the table with full scores from both events played. But don't take your eyes off the 'old guard', the likes of Derek, Ralph, Graham and Adrian still feel that there is music to be played on the 'old fiddles' and plan a resounding assault at Montanya next month.

104	PALAU ANTON	1
77	MATUTES JERONI	2
69	COOTE DAVID	3
67	SIMES DEREK	4
65	GRIFFIN RALPH	5
52	NASH GRAHAM	6

52	SALA JOSEP MARIA	7
47	COX ADRIAN	8
40	BUCHANAN LES	9
38	GOSS DAVID	10
36	GREEN SIMON	11
36	ROVIRA RICARDO	12
32	MAESTRO TOMAS	13
32	ROSE RICHARD	14
31	ENGLISH DAVID	15
30	HUNGER ROGER	16
30	RUI di SILVA	17
29	WATERS ROY	18
28	SANT ALBERT	19
27	COMAS JOSEP MARIA	20
25	GARCIA OLIGARIO	21
25	SANLLEHY JUAN	22
24	SASTRE MANEL	23
24	SMITH PAUL	24
23	BERENGUER CARI	25
23	MIRO ENRIC	26
23	WITTY MICHAEL	27
22	FERRER RICARDO	28
21	BEGA MONTSERRAT	29
21	ROBSON MICHAEL	30
21	WATSON STEVE	31
17	CAMPS XAVIER	32
17	DALET ROSA	33
17	FINKBEINER WOLFGANG	34
13	PALAU NURIA	35
11	MAESTRO JUAN	36
10	JAMES ROHDRI	37
7	MARTINEZ ISABEL	38

View from the side.

My match comprised Richard Rose, Simon Green and Juan Sanllehy. Three 'big guns' and one of the best 'timers' on the ball in the Sant Jordi Society. Highlights were Richard's drive to within a metre of the 15th green some 290m away and with Simon 'chipping in' with some fine bunker play which became better as the round progressed earning several 'gimmie' distance sand saves. My star moment was quashed by David's fine shot to the 18th, but by just 2 feet. One feels obliged to mention last month and Richard's now famous (but unrecorded -until today) 'road hole'. Now you thought this was at St. Andrews in Scotland, didn't you?... but No.. there is a new 'road hole' at St. Jordi in Vilalba. The story goes (and this is to avoid prosecution) that Richard XYZ managed to put his tee shot off the 18th tee into the New Clubhouse. So he cleared the lake, the rough, the main road, two pavements, the pastry wagon, the car park, and the nice new BMW X5 standing there in and all with a sand iron? Not bad if you ask me and a tale that deserves to be in the St Jordi 'historic chronicles'. Watch out Montanya, he'll be about next month, too.





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A unique setting

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Future Events and Plans

SCOTLAND

The Sant Jordi Committee in an afan to provide all the members with the best in Golf plan to take a group to play in Scotland for three days. The proposal is to travel to Scotland on the 5th June by charter, hire a couple of vehicles and take Bed & Breakfast accommodation near Carnoustie / St. Andrews. Golf at Carnoustie on the Thursday 5th followed by one of the St.Andrews Courses on Friday 6th returning to Barcelona Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th.

We has originally planned to play a match, but unfortunately these plans have fallen through due to circumstances beyond our control and we thought this group event would go a long way to alleviating your disappointment.

So we know the dates... Can you all drop me a line to give me the numbers? The more players we can get the better we will be and there will be order of merit points for the St. Andrews leg of the trip.

The sooner I have a total , the sooner we can get prices and finalise arrangements on what promises to be the 'Event of the Year'.

Lost and Found

Ricard Rivira left a Sand Wedge on the course at Vilalba on Thursday. If anybody picked it up could you contact Ricard on the following e-mail address and I am sure you will earn a pat on the back and a Pint of the 'best in the house' next month.

Welcome to the following new or newish members who were with us this month.

Among those we have been delighted to welcome in recent months are:

Montserrat Bega
Cari Berenguer
Rosa Dalet
Isabel Martinez
Enric Miro
Nuria and Anton Palau (second events)

In closing

As always, I'm still short of some e-mail addresses. Could you all pass me your addresses by mail at the following?

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I can then give you all the details and latest info directly at home.. Oh, and please pass this newsletter on to your Sant Jordi Colleagues and friends and ask them to mail me with their addresses.

Editors Note (me again):

There is plenty of space for your publicity which is placed free of charge (except for a small donation for prizes at the St Andrews and December Order of Merit events).

Sant Jordi Newsletter would welcome your comments to improve the presentation and content. It is a nonprofit making newsletter, so my apologies for any omissions or typographical errors. If you wish to have your company logo and description included please drop me a mail on: eagle@ slicer.jazztel.es.

See you all in March at Montanya

Adrian

