



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 241

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Welcome to the 241st Sant Jordi tournament played at Llavaneras on the 26th February, a fresh slightly overcast day with a slight drizzle as the round went on with a total of 18 registered to play for the 3 Category wins and the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit points. The magnificent sunrise below was taken by Craig McLaughlan and encapsulates the fine views over the course and Llavaneras. There was some impressive scoring during the day which was followed by the usual fine lunch, cheer and good spirits. The top score of the day was 41 points. More of that later on.



One of the splendid views of the course at Llavaneras courtesy of Craig McLaughlan

Before we get into the substance of the play, I and the rest of the players would like to congratulate Chris Burke and Lauren for the birth of their son weighing in at 8lbs 3 oz. The best news of the day by some margin. Well done to all three. Hopefully we will see you soon, but in the meantime keep changing the nappies!

We have additional news too about two new additions to the committee. With Mike Thom standing down last month from 'active service' we are delighted to say that both Craig McLaughlan and Paul Glover have agreed to join in with the organisation of future events and form part of the Committee which now stands as follows:

- Adrian Cox: President
- Albert Sant: Principal Vice-President
- Chris Burke: Vice-President
- Brent Ledford: Vice-President and Treasurer
- Craig McLaughlan: Organisation
- Paul Glover: Organisation

With the incorporation of Craig and Paul and the fairly recent incorporation of Brent and Chris we have a great team in place with plenty of new ideas to take us into the future. We will as a committee be meeting shortly to look into some of these ideas which would be planned for the upcoming season beginning in May. Exciting times. It would only be right to offer the stage to you, the players of the society, to put forward any suggestions you might like considered for incorporation to the running of events. If you have any ideas, please send them to us by email and they will be considered at our meeting. Mail: asc@santjordigolf.com

Additionally I would like to thank Lucas Bueno and all the staff at Llavaneras for having us over the last two months on a course which is always in great condition for the time of year. We were made really welcome and look forward further events in the future.





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Category A (0-18)

Five category 'A' players took to the tees of Llavaneras for the honour of the win and also the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit points. With the top eight results counting towards the total this season several players will at the next tournament be discounting their worst results. While the form guide is usually a sure indication of who will be there at the top, there are still 1500 points at stake and still to be won, so nobody is at present a sure winner of the Spectrum IFA Prizes and with it the Magnificent Roger Hunger Trophy for the Category A winner. There is also the upcoming Sant Jordi Open Golf Championship in April at Montanya to look forward to. We are now taking reservations for both the March and April events to if you can make it we would be delighted to see as many of you as possible at both events.

The winners were as follows: In third place with a fine 33 points was Simon Fletcher. In Second place and also on 33 but off a lower handicap was Paul Glover. The winner at Llavaneras with a 'lofty' 41 points and taking home all the 'booty' was Phil Strange. Excellent play and a winning margin of 8 points. Wow!



Paul and Phil are being presented their prizes for the day by Craig McLaughlan for their fine play during the day. On the right Paul and Craig are formally welcomed into the Sant Jordi Golf Society as active Committee members.

Category B (19 to 27)

This category was slightly more populated and there was again some good golf during the round from several if not all the participants with the top two just on par for the course. In first place was Ralph Griffin who also won here at Llavaneras last year. He obviously likes the course and his winning score was 35 points. Tied with Ralph and taking second as he had a higher handicap was Marcel Blommendaal. Third place in this category was for Michael Bates on 33. It was very close at the top so very well played all three.



Fine form from our top three seen here at the presentation and in relaxing mood on the course. Well done all three.





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Category C (28 to 36)

Category C with just two participants was more like a match play situation with Roy Waters and Brent Ledford going head to head for the winners prizes and points. In the end it was Roy who came out on top with 31 points followed by Brent on 27. Neither played badly and as in these situations a failed putt here or there was the deciding factor. Not too bad for either player and like bees after the pollen the drove, chipped and puttred all the way to the bank.



Roy Waters and Brent Ledford collect their prizes from Craig. In the following photograph we formally welcome to Sant Jordi three members collecting their complimentary ball in our tradition going back many years. Our new members are of course Josep Ramon Massot, Rafael Quibus and Santiago Guiral. Welcome all three.

Nearest the Pin and Long Drives



By courtesy of Lucas Fox, we also had prizes for the nearest the flag on two par 3 Holes. The 5th hole was won by Paul Glover and the 18th by Philip Strange. Llaneranas has some tight par 3s and the fact that they were won by Paul and Phil shows the level they demonstrated all day was more that simple providence. The longest drive on the 15th hole was won by Ralph Griffin

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- You can now register for the next event which will be on the 26th March at Montanyà. Please drop me a mail to confirm your place on: asc@santjordigolf.com
- The Sant Jordi Open Golf Championship will be played at Montanyà on the 30th of April. This is the final tournament of the season so don't miss it. Places are limited to 40. We will have the presentation of the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit prizes for the top two in each category, The Roger Hunger Trophy and loads more goodies in the draw
- Golf Montanya now have some great offers for members with lower share prices. Contact Jordi at the club if you are interested in taking advantage of these.





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2014-2015)

(After the February 2015 Event)



Category A (Up to 18.4)			Category B (18.5 to 27.4)			Category C (27.5 and above)		
Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
								
First	Paul Glover	3393	First	Derek Simes	1819	First	Brent Ledford	2843
Second	Richard Rose	2365	Second	Marcel Blommendaal	1695	Second	Martin Kirby	2575
Third	Simon Fletcher	2239	Third	Graham Nash	1633	Third	Xavier Pitarque	2552
Fourth	Craig McLaughlan	1900	Fourth	Albert Sant	1494	Fourth	Paul Smith	1718
Fifth	Iain Morwood	1668	Fifth	Michael Robson	1274	Fifth	Roy Waters	1556
Sixth	Jonathan Goodman	1518	Sixth	Stijn Teeuwen	881	Sixth	Geoff Harrison	1235
Seventh	Ralph Griffin	1505	Seventh	Michael Bates	864	Seventh	Alejandro Junta	1062
Eighth	Roger Hunger	1382	Eighth	Clemens Brauer	538	Eighth	Trisha Smith	951
Ninth	Edwin Hebink	1278	Ninth	Mark Robbins	436	Ninth	Joan Domenech	700
Tenth	Mick Walsh	1273	Tenth	Helmut Schafer	313	Tenth	Robert Strauss	585

Paul Glover is still looking good to top the Category with a good position at Llaneranas with Richard Rose and Simon Fletcher in close proximity. Category B is still lead by Derek Simes with Marcel Blommendaal now taking second place from Graham Nash in third. Category C now has a new leader with Brent Ledford having moved above Martin Kirby. With 1500 points still in play there is a lot to play for.





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Photos from the event



Photos from this event were taken by Brent Ledford with a great Panorama and sunrise courtesy of Craig McLaughlan





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There is a complete selection of photos on our web page: <http://www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Photo%20Galleries.html>

And on our Facebook page on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/santjordigolfsociety#>

Chris will also place information on the LinkedIn page for your perusal: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Sant-Jordi-Golf-Society-Catalunya-7462715>

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Xavier Pitarque, David English, Roger Hunger and you committee:

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

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