



Sant Jordi Newsletter

193rd Event

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January 2011



Welcome to the January 2011 Newsletter, the 193rd Sant Jordi tournament and one that witnessed a great event in fine weather conditions. There was no frost and the rail fell on a couple of occasions but never reached the level where waterproofs were extracted from golf bags. The turnout after several injuries and the known difficulties & logistical problems that always arise when we have to move from our beloved Montanya, was limited to 12 players, a record equalling low and one we hope to build upon next month as we challenge the Costa Brava team on their turf. We thank the team at Vilalba for having us at short notice as the threat of snow at Montanya was real as you can see from the snaps below taken on Saturday morning.



There were some spectacular views over Montseny seen from down below in the valley and in the main these were of cloudy and windy conditions, so I think we were correct in moving the event to Vilalba and our apologies to those members who as a consequence of the move that could not join us. We were even treated with some of the local wildlife that came out of hibernation to welcome us.





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Welcome to new members and old colleagues

No new member played today, but we were delighted to welcome David Goss and Jim Forbes both back from long layoffs.

The Tournament 'Category A'

With a total of 12 players groomed for the first tee bash we had 6 in Category A and 6 in Category B with no female participation this time. All the players out in some steady performances with the top score falling again to Steve Watson with 35 points (The Architect) with 9 pars off his 8 handicap he put in a practically unbeatable performance today. In Second place was the present Spectrum IFA Order of Merit leader Simon Gordon (Boomerang) who scored an uneventful 34 points (with no spectacular curving shots this month) with 7 pars and no birdies. In third place also with a splendid 34 and winning category B for his 16th victory was Adrian Cox who scored 6 pars and a birdie (missed the 30 ft eagle putt) on the 4th). Well done to all.



Here Steve Watson receiving his winners prize followed by Simon Gordon and Adrian Cox taking second in Category A and first in Category B

Steve Watson as well as taking top spot of the 5 points also won the monthly Sans and Sans winner courtesy of Alexandra Witty.



Spectrum IFA Order of Merit that he leads by some Fine tea Merchants Voucher for the Category A
 Many Thanks to Alexandra at Sans I Sans

The Tournament 'Category B'

With 6 players competing for this category it was fitting that all the top guns in the classification were there to add their grain of sand to the event and all of them were fighting like wildfire to take the top spot. Alas that was taken by me so the points went to Category A, but the remaining places went to: In second place Roy Waters took the spot with 32 points, followed by Mark Mills with 31 as a little way off Derek Simes with 22. Well done chaps and the points are all very welcome for the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit. With 9 counting events now completed we may start seeing movements as we discount the lowest scoring results over the next three months.





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A Round with Adrian

It is time for the fun section in which I dissect my partner's rounds and try to put them off for the rest of the year. Basically to try to give all the other deserving competitors the chance to win again. It almost worked this month, but for some silly rules violations now and then. This month my partners were Steve Watson, Simon Gordon who are the top two in the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit and Jim Forbes a returning guest from the Costa Brava.

Steve Watson (The Architect)



Steve is an 8 handicap player and usually plays at the Costa Brava Club where we will be playing our next match on Tuesday the 22nd February. Steve plans his way around the course with pinpoint accuracy and always manages to build a good score of around par or better. Here he is playing his third to the 6th green where he got a good par. Steve can get the drive out there when he wants and he has the best short game of any that I have seen at Montanya over the years. Today the putter did not accompany the rest of his well-balanced package but a winning total of 35 points two 34's in the group; the round was fun for all of us.

Simon Gordon (Boomerang)



Simon after today has dropped to second place in the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit in Category A after a tremendous challenge with the two leaders going head to head we look forward to an exciting finale to the year. There were a bagful of pars, great driving and long iron play accompanied with some good approach work, but like Steve the putter was not his forte on this occasion.





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Jim Forbes 'The Dakar Man'



Jim was paying his first visit to the Vilalba club on his second trip with Sant Jordi. He spent more time in the sand than Carlos Sainz so earns the nickname 'The Dakar Man'. Jim is a good driver and mid iron player but was let down today by his work near and on the green. No doubt he'll be back with a vengeance when he plays against us next month at the Costa Brava.

Adrian



This photo was from las month but we managed to get round all 18 again on foot and this time with a good 34 points of 16 holes. Falling foul of a large leaf in the 6th hole actually put paid to my chances of winning (I moved it for a 2 point penalty). Wot a Wally!, Apart from that, the round was darn good fun with Steve, Jim and Simon all in close contention for the lead. There were some great holes, in the main fairly good drives, some regular iron play and two rotten moments better forgotten (All in sand).





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The trip to Scotland is now complete and all set for the off. If anyone still wants to come, we may be able to arrange this through the agency in St Andrews

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THERE IS A SEPARATE TOUR ITINERARY AVAILABLE FOR NON-PLAYING PARTNERS.

Some snaps from today’s event





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit



The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit for 2010 – 2011

The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit 2009 –2010

Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: Steve Watson with 2547 points*
- Second Place: Simon Gordon with 2542 points*
- Third Place: Roger Hunger with 1909 points*
- Fourth Place: Dani Medina with 1802 points*
- Fifth Place: Graham Nash with 1420 points*
- Sixth Place: Ralph Griffin with 1376 points*
- Seventh Place: Juan Maestro with 1289 points*
- Eighth Place: Adrian Cox with 1253 points*
- Ninth Place: Josep Calvo with 888 points*
- Tenth Place: Michael Robson with 881 points*

Category B (Top 10)



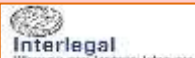
- First Place: Richard Rose with 2411 points*
- Second Place: Les Buchanan with 2383 points*
- Third Place: Derek Simes with 2183 points*
- Fourth Place: Roy Waters with 2012 Points*
- Fifth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 1743 points*
- Sixth Place: Victor Alvarez with 1437 points*
- Seventh Place: Mark Mills with 1356 points*
- Eighth Place: Miquel Medalla with 1255 points*
- Ninth Place: Paul Smith with 1166 points*
- Tenth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 957 points*

The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit 2009 –2010 Category F (Top 3)



- First Place: Montserrat Sant with 2808 points*
- Second Place: Isabel Martinez with 2442 points*
- Third Place: Maria Dolors Tura with 780 points*





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So that was the January tournament marking the beginning of 2011, great fun and well worth the effort to brave the threat of cool temperatures.. If you want to see more photos and detail these are on the web page. The login is: **members** and the password is: **santjordi**. The web page is: www.santjordigolf.com

Many 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. Following these lines is the Golfus

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

Bodegas Elvara: <http://www.elvara.com/>

Love in Style: <http://www.lis-cosmetica.com>

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

Restaurant L'Estanyol: <http://www.restaurantestanyol.com/>

Barcelona Adventure: <http://www.bcn-adventure.com/>

Spectrum IFA: <http://www.spectrum-ifa.com/spain.shtml>

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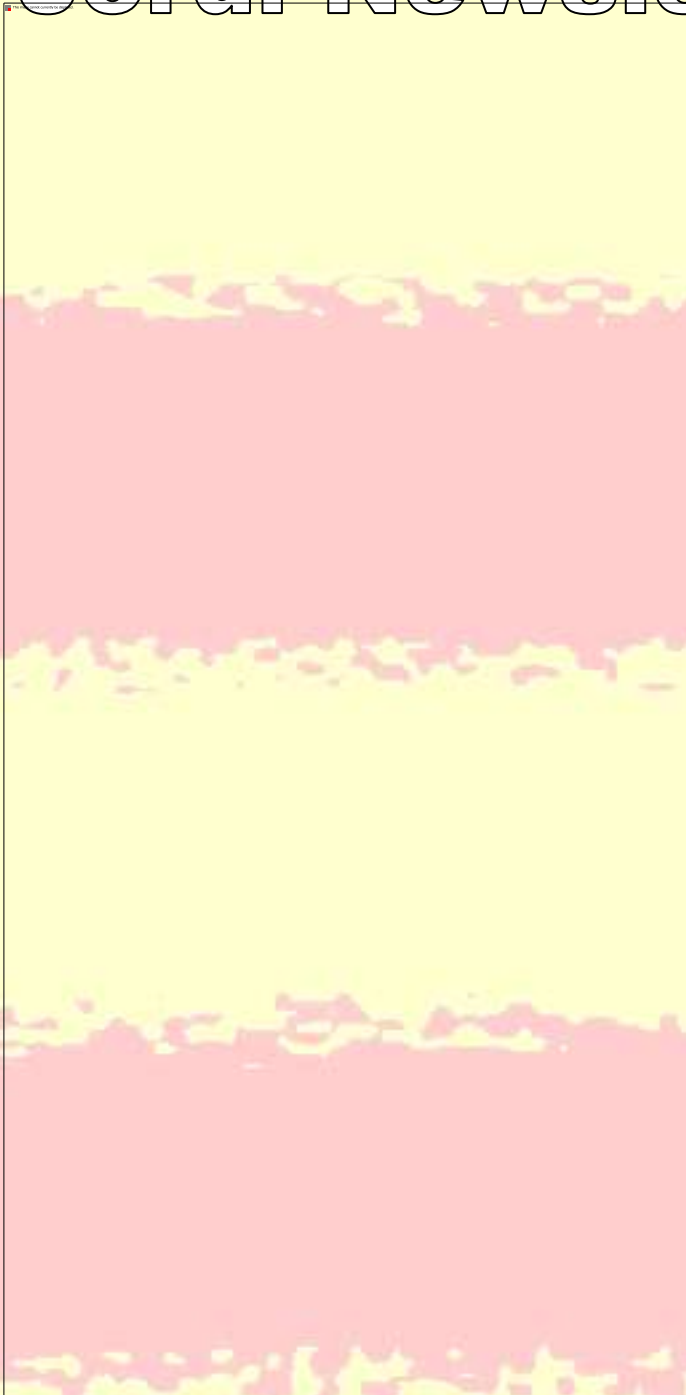
Golfus: www.golfus.es

(Check out the offers for December on the following page)





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The next event will be on the 22nd February at the Costa Brava Club for our annual match against the team presented by Steve Watson. On the form seen in January, I expect they will be worried! We will contact all of you shortly with the details.

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