



# Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 216

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Welcome to the 216<sup>th</sup> Sant Jordi tournament which was the first in the year and we were delighted to see so many faces returning from the Christmas and New Year break and also welcome three new members and a couple of returning friends. The event was played at Llanvaneras Golf Club in glorious weather conditions. The course was difficult with the tees right back on the white competition markers and the greens shaved to the minimal expression making putting the prime point's collector during the round. Most of the players were having difficulty reading the subtle breaks and borrows on the beautifully prepared surfaces and with the varying amount of sand in the bunkers. Lessons to be learned there for a lot of players, we have 14 clubs in the bag and the sand wedge is not always the best option when there is little sand below the ball. Easy for me to say in my non-playing capacity and there is no question I would have been all over the place like a bad rash had that not been the case. So with that said and done the final results varied from spectacular in Category B to steady but effective in Category A of the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit.



Llanvaneras always greets us with a spectacular sunrise and this time with some magnificent wildlife including this enormous bird of prey resting on the fairway. Alas I could get no closer and after spending some time flying around the course it made for the hills. Does anyone know what species it was? This photo was taken with a 600mm lens at about 400 yards. It had a wingspan of around 4 feet and moved with intent!

Today's tournament was the last before we start to discount the lowest scores for the players as we go towards the final events of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit which finishes in April at the Sant Jordi Major. We had a good group of the top contenders on the tee for the event broken down into eleven in Category A and sixteen in Category B and all but one managed to complete their rounds on the delightful links. Unfortunately Andres had to leave at short notice so we hope everything was resolved ok and we thank him for leaving us some very classy belts in the prize fund. Congratulations also to Roger Hunger who celebrated his birthday today and donated a nice bottle of cava for a nearest the pin prize. We welcomed three new players to tour events, Pere Garcia in Category A together with Steve Coltman and Mark Nicholls in Category B. We also welcomed back from their travels Edwin Hebink and Murray Marr. It was nice to see so many new and also familiar faces and to be fair all performed admirably.





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## Category A

With 11 players registered for the Spectrum IFA Group Category A event, as always there was a good chance to earn some valuable points while those unable to travel down to Llanerellas were otherwise occupied after the Christmas and New Year festivities. Several players moved nearer to head of their respective classifications but in Category A there was no change at the top. In third place today with another regular round keeping him in the top ten of the table was Iain Morwood. Iain scored 28 points, highlighting the difficulty of the greens and the course in general. In Second place today was Michael Robson with a welcome return to the form that took the first Order of Merit and 4 Major not so many years back. Michael scored a solid 30 points. Top position today went to the present Category A Spectrum IFA Order of Merit and Roger Hunger Trophy holder, David Coote. David with this victory now totals 5 with 3 in the calendar year (He ties with Marc Cox with that feat). His points total today, 34 being the only player to threaten par for the round.



Iain Morwood receiving his third place prize from David Coote. Michael Robson gets his second place prize from Adrian Cox and David Coote taking the honours from Les Buchanan. Well done all three...

## Category B

Category B was an altogether different 'kettle of fish' with Craig McLaughlan taking his second Sant Jordi victory and a 'bucket full' of valuable Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit points. Craig tore up the course today and was never in danger of slipping from the top of the classification. His 45 points will no doubt have been one of the best rounds of the past 12 months and (as mentioned) his second victory after winning his first event in October 2011. In second place with a really regular round was Paul Glover. Paul was striking the ball very nicely and he can be well proud of his 36 points. So in third place on this occasion just a little was back on 31 points was Ralph Griffin who will accumulate some good points towards his total for the year. Ralph now stands in eleventh spot and that, believe me is good going from so few events. Glad to see you back Ralph.



Ralph Griffin and Paul Glover collect their prizes for third and second respectively. But with the best round of the day (and also shirt) was Craig McLaughlan. Magnificent golf from all three. Well done chaps.





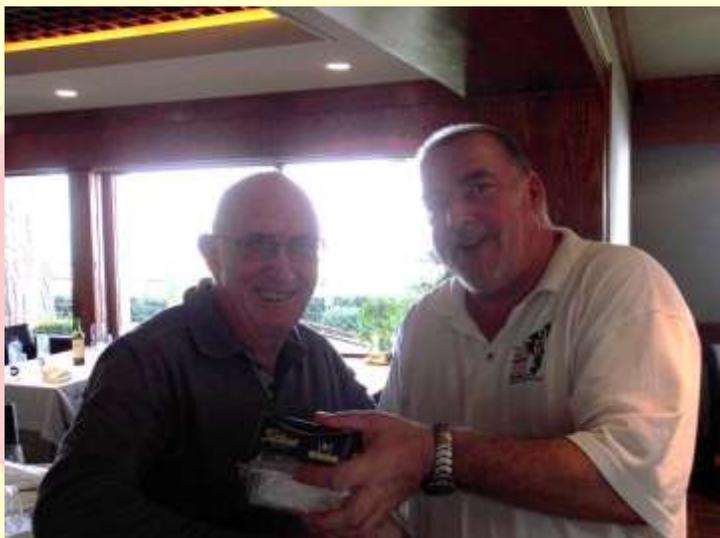
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## Shot of the Day

I suspect that the shot of the day must have been mine from the tee looking back towards the group on the first green. The reason was the banana being held by Chris. Nice one to get that in shot!



However, clearly the shot by Chris on the short uphill par 3 which was not straight (You can see the sphere shooting off to the right,,,,,Agggghhh Shank!!!!. To his credit he recovered well from there. The shot of the day MUST go to Les Buchanan who left his tee shot, on the same hole, just 0.5cm from the cup. The shadow of the ball was at the bottom of the hole but alas the ball stayed up.



Les collecting his prize for the nearest the pin on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. Ian Robertson doing likewise and gladly accepting his prize from 'Birthday Boy' Roger Hunger. The distance 3.44m.





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Jonathan Goodman won the longest drive on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole with a monster crack well past the bunker on the inside of the dogleg and David Coote took the nearest the flag on the second hole leaving his ball just 3,35m away.

We were sorry to miss Graham at the event today. This was due to unforeseen circumstances and Graham needed to return quickly to the UK. Our best wishes and we are hopeful that everything is fine. We will see you next month.

On Wednesday there was also a special occasion which I know many of you attended. This was the presentation in society of one of the sculptures created by Graham for his first exhibition.



This work is at the Canals Modern Art Gallery in Sant Cugat del Valles [www.canals-art.com](http://www.canals-art.com) and is named "Warhorse" a sculpture made from wire, silicon and acrylics created around the middle of 2012. Well worth a visit and you can see more on Graham's web which is:





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## The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2012-2013)



### Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: Jose Maria Ciuro with 2290 points
- Second Place: Juan Maestro with 2054 points
- Third Place: Roger Hunger with 2010 points
- Fourth Place: Simon Gordon with 1984 points
- Fifth Place: Iain Morwood with 1652 points
- Sixth Place: Marc Cox with 1601 points
- Seventh Place: David Coote with 1487 points
- Eighth: Dave Collinson with 1197 points
- Ninth Place: Steve Watson with 1099 points
- Tenth Place: Chris Burke with 957 points

### Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Richard Rose with 2295 points
- Second Place: Derek Simes with 1940 points
- Third Place: Albert Sant with 1876 points
- Fourth Place: Mick Walsh with 1772 points
- Fifth Place: Les Buchanan with 1672 points
- Sixth Place: Craig McLaughlan with 1623 points
- Seventh Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 1599 points
- Eighth Place: Graham Nash with 1417 points
- Ninth Place: Josep Pedrals with 1239 points
- Tenth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 1235 points

We are now at the point where we start to discount the worst results. Only your 9 best scores count towards the final standing in the Order of Merit and you can follow the evolution of the scores in the member's area of the web page which is in English, Catalan and Spanish. See the following link:

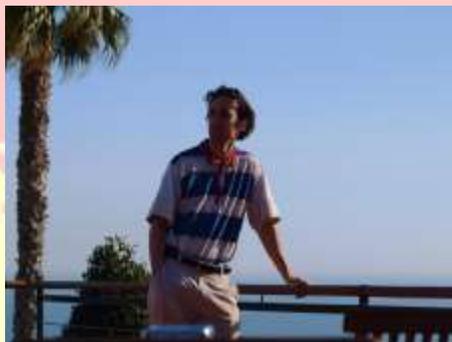
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*Some photos from the event*



Some pretty spectacular shots from an enjoyable day at Montanyà. What a great course! Don't forget that you can see all the photos from the event on our web at: [www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Gallery.html](http://www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Gallery.html) the full collection of photos is also on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.498961926812782.109506.10000969385413&type=1&l=4588b74ef5>





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Andres Lozano

*The next events will be a) Our match against the Costa Brava on the 26<sup>th</sup> February followed by the 217<sup>th</sup> Sant Jordi event at Llavaneras on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> March. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:*

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