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Welcome to the 229th Sant Jordi tournament played at Llanereras on a cool but warming day with 20 registered to play, a number that was snipped by injury and illness to a tally of 18 finally taking the tee for the shotgun start at 09:30 sharp.



This group of animated golfers obviously enjoyed their day out (From the Asylum!)

So not a lot of protection from the blazing sun with the fairways and greens slightly soft in condition you would have thought that conditions were ideal for low scoring. So with attire for these temperate conditions we teed off from the middle course tees completed the round with fair to excellent results. The following is Tournament director Mick Walsh's report:

Weather: The morning started off very overcast looking like rain but cleared after an hour to blue skies and was glorious by the time we finished. The playing conditions: Pretty much perfect with a very light wind only latter in the round. Greenside rough was high stopping balls very quickly. The Greens were in great condition but in play, as is typical in Llanereras, were very hard to read, grain effected the balls track. I'd swear that several puts broke uphill! Some greens were very fast. But all in all they were very soft due to heavy rain the night before so you could attack the pins.

Rate of play was moderately fast today with a moderate 4:30hrs to complete the round which is an indication of good play. Lunch was animated and fun... we made the prize giving and draw between courses which was appreciated by all and we were done and heading to cars at 4:30.

One anecdote from my group was that Roger Hunger hit a tree on the 11th... funny thing was it happened on his backswing whilst on the tee box! Of course Iain and I HAD to question if the tree wood was his best choice of club on this hole! LOL!





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Category A

Category A was disputed by 6 players with handicaps ranging from 10 to 17, their efforts produced golf mostly on or around par. With the winner scoring a fine 39 points responsible of this was Mick Walsh who takes another win and a 2 point drop in his handicap for next month. In second place with a slightly more moderate total of 33 was Chris Burke on his first outing this season. Third was taken by Ralph Griffin, who always performs well at Llavaneras, with 30.



Mick, Chris and Ralph take their well-deserved prizes for the day from presenter Michael Robson. Well done to all three for some excellent golf over a beautiful course.

Category B

Category B saw a first time winner in Paul Glover who had a magnificent performance and as a consequence a 4 shot cut in his handicap for next month. A superb 42 points took the first prize followed by Roger Hunger with 37 and Derek Simes in third with 34. Some pretty neat scoring and great points in the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit. Remember that with 9 results now on the board and only the top 9 counting towards the final total, changes may be interesting. Take note not to miss any of the following 3 events ending in April with the Sant Jordi Major.



Paul Glover won the top spot here followed by Roger Hunger and Derek Simes. This was Paul's first win so extra congratulations to him.



There we also two nearest the pin prizes today which were taken by splendid shots from both golfers. The 15th hole came around first where Paul Glover was first on the card, swiftly beaten by Mick by 50cms and then again later by 15cms more by Rodney Haynes. However Paul got his revenge



on the 8th when his 60cm ace shot remained unchallenged. "I knew I shouldn't have 'slagged' him about it! His determination feeds on that stuff" said Mick after the 8th)- HA.HA. Ha!!!. Well done Rodney and Paul for some great golf.





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2013-2014)



Category A (Top 10)

- First Place: Mick Walsh with 2578 points
- Second Place: Roger Hunger with 2535 points
- Third Place: Iain Morwood with 2468 points
- Fourth Place: Steve Watson with 2138 points
- Fifth Place: Ralph Griffin with 1235 points
- Sixth Place: Edwin Hebink with 1082 points
- Seventh Place: Phil Troke with 924 points
- Eighth: David Coote with 873 points
- Ninth Place: Michael Robson with 824 points
- Tenth Place: Rodney Haynes with 757 points

Category B (Top 10)

- First Place: Martin Kirby with 2945 points
- Second Place: Derek Simes with 2438 points
- Third Place: Craig McLaughlan with 2030 points
- Fourth Place: Richard Rose with 1732 points
- Fifth Place: Mike Thom with 1672 points
- Sixth Place: Steve Coltman with 1555 points
- Seventh Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 1196 points
- Eighth Place: Paul Glover with 1129 points
- Ninth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 1127 points
- Tenth Place: Albert Sant with 1008 points

Changes at the top in Category A where realistically with 1,600 first place points still available any of the top six can still win. In Category B the situation is exactly the same with 6 in contention and the honour of becoming a major champion and winner of the Spectrum IFA group Order of Merit all still in play. Keep the dates clear in your diaries.





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Sant Jordi – Where do we go from here?

Both Mick, myself, Mike and the rest of the committee were delighted by the offers of help and assistance that you made during the lunch break at Llanereras. There are many tasks that you can help with. Most of the work can be done from home and they include, calculating handicaps, collecting and placing players into groups and then on the web, collecting lunch and prize money at the events, getting the prizes each month and presenting them. I will continue to do those functions closely linked to the web page. To give you an idea after the events I do the following:

- Take the photos of the tournament.
- Download and make a presentation of the photos and Post them on the web.
- Prepare the presentation for Facebook and post them as an album.
- Calculate the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit positions and Category A & B.
- Scan and post the scorecards on the web.
- Set up the web pages and the links so they work.
- Edit the newsletter and post on web and e-mail the high definition version to all of you.
- Calculate the handicaps based on the results and use these for the following month.

Most of this is usually completed during the evening and I cannot hand these functions over as they are linked to my pc and web design.

The preparation of the next event involves e-mailing the club to inform them of the groups and send them the final list by excel spreadsheet. Keeping the club informed of any changes to the groups and additional players / drop outs. Based on these numbers, purchasing the prizes (from the funds left over from the previous month) this usually involves travelling to your local Decathlon. Contact Derek Simes at Bodegas Elvara to request wine for the event. All this depend on having a certain security that those appointed for the event can actually make it on the day. Get all the prizes to the club on the day of the event.

I have some proposals which are interesting and this is where you come in. We have thought about this and may initial proposals would be:

1. To take groups of two players in turn at each event to take the fees at reception and then make the presentations during lunch, each using their own individual style and management to give the event some added spice.
2. For the 2014-2015 season, have three sections for the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit, Category A (1-16) Category B (17 to 30) Category C (31 and above). Winning an event in each category would result in a Sant Jordi handicap reduction of (2 shot, 3 shots and 4 shots respectively. For second place finishers a reduction of 1,2,3 shots off the handicap. (we can discuss the group ranges together).
3. There would be first and second place prizes at all events and also at the final presentation which would be done at Golf Lixample in the evening at a pitch and putt / BBQ event (Similar to that we had this year).

... so there we have it, we need volunteers to take on some of the non-web tasks and after the tremendous show of hands at Llanereras I am sure you will all be e-mailing me on Adrian@santjordigolf.com to offer your assistance and proposals for the upcoming season. What we are looking for is for you to feel you participate at all levels, this is your chance to get Sant Jordi into the 21st century!

[On a much more important note](#)

It was great to see you back in the group Roy. I understand that you had some 'Ballesteros like' drives and better still recoveries for good points. Hopefully I will be able to join you soon.





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Photos from the event were limited and these are published with thanks to Michael Robson, Mick Walsh and Chris Burke.





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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.

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

Golf Llaneras: <http://www.golfllaneras.com>

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

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

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

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>

CallForHelp: <http://www.callforhelp.es>

Nigel Wing: www.golfersmindset.com

David English, Andres Lozano, & Craig McLaughlan

The next events will be at Llaneras on Thursday the 27th February. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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