



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 240

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Welcome to the 240th Sant Jordi tournament played at Llavaneras on the occasion of the first tournament of the year played on a fresh sunny day with a stiffening breeze towards the end of the round. Llavaneras always plays host with fine greens and fairways and we give out thanks to the team there Lucas, Regina, the green staff and all those in the restaurant who made us so welcome. Today all 24 of the participants really got into the spirit of Sant Jordi during the round and afterwards at lunch, 100% dined and benefitted from either the prize fund, draw or the performance awards in all three categories.



One of the splendid views of the course at Llavaneras furnished by our ace photographer Brent.

There were some tremendous golf from all the players in all the groups and special mention has to go to Paul Glover who eagled the par 4 ninth hole with his second shot from the distant bunker depicted in the adjacent photo. Well done Paul. So as mentioned the tournament proper consisted of all three Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit Categories. The fight was tough with several position ties on points being decided on handicaps and these scores were the result of some astonishing play. The categories were as follows:



Category A (0-18)

Seven players competed for the category A prizes and all the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit points, with the most spectacular shot being Paul Grovers second straight into the hole on the 9th. Paul was playing an accurate round of golf and was the winner in his group with a fine 43 points. In second place with, what he must have thought was a winning score, with 40 points was Craig McLaughlan. In third place a little back was Colin Bell which scored 32 points towards his account.



Paul with his Eagle on the 9th, Paul taking First. Craig Second and Colin's third placed awards being presented by Chris Burke at the Club.





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Category B (19 to 27)

There were 13 players in this category and from the scores made we can see that the Sant Jordi handicaps are in all but a few cases running well. Indeed the top 3 scores in this category all made 35 points and they could therefore only be separated by virtue of handicaps. With a top score of 35 off his 21 handicap was Richard Rose who is having a nice season. In second place off his 26 handicap was Graham Nash and in third place also off 26 but with fewer birdies was Roy Waters. All three are hitting a fine vein of form as we go towards the Saint Jordi Open Golf Championship in April. Good luck to all of them.



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

Category C (28 to 36)

Category C was the lesser populated group this month but there was some good golf played here and the top scores this month were although lower was a reflection of the windy conditions that affected those last out on the course and may have been, in part, responsible. Top of the list this month with 23 points was Paul Smith, in second with 17 was Modest Sala with Alejandro Yunta getting his first podium finish and loads of Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit Points.



Paul Smith and Modest Sala, winners of their categories in the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit.

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 Hole 5 and 15 with a longest drive on the third hole. There was no winner on the green at the 5th hole, Craig McLaughlan hit his to 3m on the hole 15. The longest drive on the 3rd hole was won but the 'tonk' by Jonathan Goodman.





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- 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.
- You can now register for the next event which will be on the 26th February at Llavaneras. Just drop me a mail to confirm your place as soon as possible on: asc@santjordigolf.com
- As ever places are limited to 40 and they must be on first come first registered basis so don't wait for the last minute.

New Friends

We welcomed Mike Toll as a new player this month and hope he had an enjoyable time with us at Llavaneras. Here he is receiving his complimentary golf ball from Brent Ledford.



From one Mike to Another



Mike Thom who has been the heart and soul of the society for well over a decade has decided to stand down from the committee. Mike feels the time is now right for new blood to enter into the organisation of events and take us into the future. I wish to offer Mike our sincere gratitude for all his work over the years and in particular in the Saint Andrews Open every November. He has captained the Sant Jordi team in matches against the Costa Brava and the Hanslope Park Golf Society and was the Winner of the Major Saint Andrews Open Golf Championship in 2013.

Mike will continue to play in our events and hopefully offer us the delight of seeing him in Full Regalia. (Especially in November).

Here he is seen during the Saint Andrews Presentation in 2010. Mike Thanks from all the players for your humour and friendship.

We already have a couple of candidates to fill the position Mike has carried out so well over the years and your committee will be liaising to look at the opening in the next few days. If you are interested in the 'hot seat' drop me a line on: asc@santjordigolf.com





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2014-2015)

(After the January 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	2960	First	Derek Simes	1826	First	Martin Kirby	2575
Second	Richard Rose	2038	Second	Graham Nash	1633	Second	Xavier Pitarque	2572
Third	Simon Fletcher	1856	Third	Albert Sant	1494	Third	Brent Ledford	2416
Fourth	Iain Morwood	1668	Fourth	Marcel Blommendaal	1410	Fourth	Paul Smith	1718
Fifth	Craig McLaughlan	1625	Fifth	Michael Robson	1284	Fifth	Geoff Harrison	1235
Sixth	Roger Hunger	1382	Sixth	Stijn Teeuwen	881	Sixth	Alejandro Junta	1062
Seventh	Mick Walsh	1273	Seventh	Clemens Brauer	538	Seventh	Roy Waters	1025
Eighth	Jonathan Goodman	1238	Eighth	Michael Bates	481	Eighth	Trisha Smith	951
Ninth	Chris Burke	1216	Ninth	Mark Robbins	436	Ninth	Joan Domenech	700
Tenth	Ralph Griffin	1169	Tenth	Ian Robertson	277	Tenth	Robert Strauss	585

Paul Glover is looking good to top the Category with a fine win today at Llaneranas, Richard Rose, Simon Fletcher, Iain Morwood & Craig McLaughlan are all in contention....but will Paul flex under the pressure? Will his great run of form continue? No change in Category C but the gap has closed with Derek Simes having a steady tournament, Graham Nash has moved into second with his play today. Category C is really warming up with Brent Ledford and Xavier Pitarque both scoring good points today. This together with Martin Kirby's absence today leaves just a 3 point lead. Wow this is going to be a great battle.

Photo from the event (Thanks to Brent for these)





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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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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.

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

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

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