



# Sant Jordi Newsletter



## WELCOME

July 2009

Welcome to the 175th Event Newsletter.

Firstly and most important, You will all have noticed that one of our long term members, Richard Rose was not playing today. Richard hardly misses a tournament and is one of our most valued friends. We can forgive him for missing this one, however. Mr and Mrs Rose have just been blessed with a beautiful daughter, Sophie. Congratulations from all the Sant Jordi Clan to you both.

## The Event

This was one of the most interesting events we have had to date and to celebrate the 175th match we had a bit of everything. Great weather, fast greens, perfect fairways & some of the most challenging and devilish pin placements ever seen at Montanya. Everyone was in agreement that the course was playing at it's hardest and the scores reflected this. We have never had such a low winning score in Category A with just 34 points, in Category B it was 33 and in the Female Category 35. However, in Category A just 4 points separated the top 10 an indication itself of the difficulty on the conditions. The greens were again comparable with the best we have seen at Montanya and the fairways were 'Persian carpets', true and perfectly manicured. The team at Montanya are working wonders on the course and surely it must be considered one of the 'Gems' of European golf and worthy of the highest accolades.

## THE SANT JORDI TOURNAMENT

A great turnout of 31 players were at the event including two of our female contingent looking for top positions in the Order of Merit. We were still without the Category A leader Ralph Griffin who may need to cut short his 'American Adventure' if he is to retain his top spot. Several of the stars are hot on his heels at the top of the list.



**Sunrise from the Practice Area. Some of us really do get the course early to enjoy the marvellous sunrise over Montseny. Well worth getting up early to see.**



**The Clubhouse, One of the finest examples of Catalan Architecture and the symbol of Montanya, The Holm Oaks next to the practice area.**

If you want to enjoy some of these views there is a full selection of the day's photos on the Gallery Page on the web. [www.santjordigolf.com](http://www.santjordigolf.com)





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So how did things go in the event?

The Winners were all the players that came. After the event and prize giving we has our traditional 'sorteo' for the star prize donated monthly by [Golf US](#) this month a fabulous Callaway Tour Gap Wedge won by a delighted Simon Green. Very nice!

Second place went to Adrian Cox also with 34. Nothing to write home about, but something went right. Adrian was looking forward to victory number 16 but Josep was better on the day so second it was.



**Simon overwhelmed by emotion after winning the Lob Wedge is looking forward to some shot cutting 'wonders' when he puts the 'star' prize in his bag.**



**Second spot, a 'nice surprise and unexpected' with 34 points. Some movement up the OOM 'to boot'.**

So how were the top spots placed in each group.

Category A was a very tight event with two points separating the top 6. 34 points was the top score with Josep Calvo taking the position and points by virtue of a lower handicap. Some good consistent scoring all the way round was the secret to the victory.

After hitting a fine 33 points third place went to Josep Canet. Josep has also been a regular top finisher in recent months and must be a final contender at the top of the order of merit in May 2010.



**Josep takin the spoils for top position after several stellar performances over recent months.**



**Josep taking the prize and a health 103 points for the Order of Merit.**

Next on the podium in the female category we had first place finisher Montse Sant with a splendid 35 points followed by Isabel Martinez just three points back on 32. Nice going from both girls.





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**Montse Sant taking top spot and a 'bagful' of points in the Category.**



**Ian took top position after originally thinking he was sixth in Category A. Nice going and well done.**



**Isabel played really well for second spot missing out on wining by just three points.**



**Mark took second spot in the category with his 33 points. Bon profit!**

*Category B. The score sheet had to be adjusted to take into account the 3 categories so it will be a surprise to some of you to learn that you have better spots than you thought. After the adjustments based on handicaps (18 and above is in Category B and taking into account the new girls category) the results were as follows:*

*Top spot went to Ian Robertson who took this position from mark Mills by virtue of a lower handicap. 33 points from both golfers who clearly struggled on the odd green or two. Well done though and great strides up the classification for both. Third with 32 again winning on handicap was Ricardo Rovira.*



**Ricard, still recovering from minor surgery after a domestic accident did well to take this position with a steady round.**





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## A Round with Adrian

Today it was my pleasure to share my round with the following:



**Simon, 'It went that way, didn't it?' Green (Pointer)**



**Rhodri 'Harrington' James**



**Roger 'The Style' Hunger**

Despite (or because of) these images, which are a testament to this competitive round, all four of us were within three points after the 9<sup>th</sup>. Rhodri was in top spot on 19 followed by two 17s and a 16 and we eventually finished within the same 3 points of each other at the end. Now let's look at individual merits.

### Simon Green (The Pointer)

Simon has been working on his game recently and has been hitting some genuine monster drives reaching up to 300 yards on several occasions. The Pointer is taken from the shot on the left (no explanation required) had a good first nine. This followed by a couple of errant shots on the second nine that took him away from the top spot. The Pointer is a great golfing partner and built his round on a solid base and good swing ethics. Clearly coming from a construction background has benefitted him and a fair round leaving him just 3 points short of the winning score.

### Rhodri James (Harrington)

Harrington nicknamed by Simon Green for his classic finish, as seen in the photo, has a fine swing and is a very steady performer. He doesn't use his driver off the tee and this is a handicap on some holes like the 12<sup>th</sup>, but he gets good distance from his 3 wood and is a good mid iron player. He had the misfortune of hitting a tree on the left of the dogleg 3<sup>rd</sup> & this cost him a no score and the win in the event. (He was just one point short at the end of play). If you are looking to buy a 'Jumbo' jet or any kind of air transport, Rhodri is your first point of contact.

### Roger Hunger (The Style)

Roger playing off the lowest handicap this week put in another fine display. The photo is from his second on the par 5 fifth hole and shows good posture while driving through the ball in typical fashion. The result on this hole was a tree some 20 yards ahead of the ball, but he got off the hole with a good 6. 'The style' plays frequently and his form is topping just in time for the August event that I understand he intends to win.

So be there, we all need the points and August is traditionally the easiest event to win. We should get a good turnout on the 26<sup>th</sup>. (a Wednesday) and the course is guaranteed to be in great shape.





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## The Order of Merit

As things stand today Category A is still being led by Ralph Griffin who won the first Major of the season and still has a small margin at the top. He is being caught and I expect will be overtaken before he joins us again in September. I expect it is hot in Michigan, but it is certainly hotter at the top of the table. The classifications are as follows:

### Category A

First Place	Ralph Griffin	579 Points
Second Place	Steve Watson	519 Points
Third Place	Ricardo Ferrer	478 Points
Fourth Place	Josep Canet	412 Points

### Category B

First Place	Derek Simes	777 Points
Second Place	Rui di Silva	505 Points
Third Place	Ian Robertson	459 Points
Fourth Place	Wolfgang Finkbeiner	436 Points

### Female Category

First Place	Montserrat Sant	585 Points
Second Place	Isabel Martinez	410 Points
Third Place	Linda Shaddick	310 Points
Fourth Place	Jill Minshaw	260 Points

So you can see from the tables that Ralph's dominance in Category A is in danger, Derek Simes is building a 'Firewall' in Category B with some fine play and Montserrat Sant is holding a fairly dominant position in the Girls group.

There are still a lot of points still in play and Two majors still in this year's timetable with double points quotas. You can keep abreast of all the details in the web page.

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## Some Snaps from the proceedings





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There are more images on the web page including all your 'Mug Shots'

## THE NEXT EVENT

Is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> August at Montanya. We will be in contact with you all before the event for your confirmation but you can mail either Graham, Mike or me to confirm at any time before then.

Adrian



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