



Sant Jordi Newsletter

July Event

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July 2011

Welcome to the July 2011 Newsletter. The end of what was a difficult fortnight for the editor with fire in our building (See photo). No loss of life but many 'interesting' moments, insurance difficulties and lessons learned.



So it was with some delight that on arrival at Montanya the weather was absolutely perfect for play with a slightly overcast day with a delicate breeze and crispness in the air. The fairways were damp after a heavy soaking during the night and as a consequence the course was playing longer than usual. This fine weather lingered with us throughout the day giving us ideal conditions to enjoy the perfect receptive greens (Once the players hit them). Considering the overnight deluge, the course was in immaculate condition and as you can see from the following photos, the fairways were in pristine. The work done over the last two months has produced the sought-after results and the fruits so it was wonderful to nearly 40 players had registered to play the event. This was to prove both challenging and competitive in both categories with a particularly large contingent in category B. Play was however slow and we all need to make an effort to get round as

quickly as possible. No need to mark those short puts (because we have seen Sergio or Tiger do it) we are here for fun, so just tap them in (Without treading on your playing partners lines) and quickly off to the next tee. 4 hour rounds should be possible if we all make the effort and etiquette was applied as some faster groups were called through. Well done to those who called groups through, a not too common a sight these days.



Here are two stunning sights seen during the round and captured by your roving reporter. The first looking back towards the tee and the lake from behind the 17th green. Just look at the magnificent cut of the green. The second at around 2pm of the developing Cumulo-Nimbus clouds preparing the 'sprinkling system' for the evening. At the time of writing (Saturday 30th) these hit Barcelona with considerable force.





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The traditional Sans and Sans Fine tea Merchants Voucher will this year be awarded in the Raffle. This prize courtesy of Alexandra Witty is a long standing award from one of the most esteemed and historic 'colonists' of Barcelona, The Witty family were first established here in the 19th century and have always been at the forefront of Catalan sport and industry. Their link with the founding of FC Barcelona is particularly highlighted this week with the Champions title (Michael & Freddy Witty are also founder members of Sant Jordi) and we give our continued thanks to Alexandra at Sans I Sans for her monthly support of Sant Jordi. This was won by Category B winner Mark Mills with his magnificent score. (Mark please call me for the voucher). Next month it will go to the victor in Category A.

So how did the day go?

With all this on offer and 40 odd players taking the start from the first and tenth tees no doubt the expected results were on the cards. We usually get at least one member in each category shining. Every dog has his day, so it was great to see two of our most faithful and loyal friends reach the top of the classifications. As previously mentioned we had 8 in Category A and 30 players in Category B. easy pickings for group A, you might think, but it was not so and both categories were hard fought and exiting with some really competitive front nines on the cards followed by disappointment on the second. However, this was not always the case and in both categories the winner hit some stunning shots and their scores reflected this. Well done chaps.

Category A Results

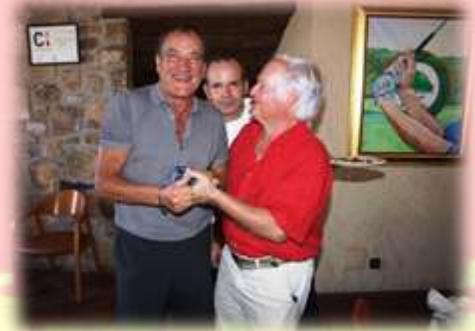
In first place with a magnificent 41 points off his 13 handicap was Dani Medina who scored an incredible 9 pars and a birdie in his round. Pretty good going from the eternally energetic Dani. In second with a pretty standard 5 pars and a well compiled 36 was Josep M^a Comas (Prize pending collection) and in third spot this month with 35 points and 6 pars was Juan Maestro. Some good play from all 3.



Dani receiving his prize from Albert sartó



Josep M^a putting on the 16th hole



Juan collecting his third place prizes





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Category B Results

After several steady performances and a win in the Major Sant Jordi Trophy Mark Mills has repeated success this month with a splendid 44 points off his 24 handicap. This continued Marks run of recent form and with 4 pars and a birdie he should be proud of this result. Mark was unable to stay for lunch so his prize was collected on his behalf by Ralph Griffin. In second spot with 41 was Craig McLaughlan playing in his second event with Sant. Craig scored 3 pars off his 28 handicap (Craig your prize will be waiting for collection next month). In third spot with 41 was Jose Biset who had the distinction of scoring pars on the 2nd and 17th holes, both par 3's.



Ralph collecting his prize on behalf of Mark Mills.

Craig with his approach to the 16th

Jose collecting the treasures for third spot



A nice panorama of the clubhouse from the back of the 4th fairway-Those that could not come.. You can see what you missed!





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2011-2012)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: David Coote with 964 points
- Second Place: Juan Maestro with 777 points
- Third Place: Dani Medina with 776 points
- Fourth Place: Iain Morwood with 620 points
- Fifth Place: Steve Watson with 610 points
- Sixth Place: Simon Gordon with 571 points
- Seventh Place: Josep M^a Comas with 537 points
- Eighth Place: Roger Hunger with 496 points
- Ninth Place: Marc Cox with 433 points
- Tenth Place: Albert Sant with 427 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Mark Mills with 1065 points
- Second Place: Jonathan Goodman with 673 points
- Third Place: Ian Robertson with 670 points
- Fourth Place: Lawrence Jones with 593 points
- Fifth Place: Richard Rose with 517 points
- Sixth Place: Craig McLaughlan with 506 points
- Seventh Place: Roy Waters with 493 points
- Eighth Place: Xavier Pitarque with 466 points
- Ninth Place: Graham Nash with 384 points
- Tenth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 370 points





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- We welcomed back to the group Mike Thom after a longish layoff and new members, Chris Brown, Kristjan Krisjanson (Hope I have spelt that correctly) and look forward to having them back in the group in August.
- We have arranged a 200th anniversary event T-shirt for the September event and they are available to all members from small to XXXL. It would be great if all the participants in September wore theirs to the event. These are high quality textile and will be very competitively priced thanks to the kind assistance of Jonathan Goodman and Richard Rose of the Spectrum IFA group.



The shirt, seen here being modelled by our resident speaker and Sant Jordi President Graham Nash will not fade and bears the celebratory Logo (In Catalan) for the event.

If you would like one (or more) please mail Graham on Graham.Nash@gmail.com or admin@santjordigolf.com

More photos from the event





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There will be more photos from this event published on the web. If you would like copies, please contact me and I can e-mail them to you.





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THANK YOU 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.

ALL OF YOU FOR PARTICIPATING



Francesc Cuxart for the magnificent Open Championship Towel that he brought for the prize fund after visiting the Open Championship at Royal St Georges. This was won by Ventura Coch.





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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>

The Scottish Government: <http://www.visitscotland.com/>

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The next event will be on Thursday the 25th August at Montanya. We will contact all of you shortly before the event for your confirmations.

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