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Tournament 222

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Welcome to the 222nd Sant Jordi tournament played at Montanya on a 'roasting' day with no cloud cover and temperatures above average for the end of July. There was a slight breeze all day which made things bearable, but the effect on the two categories was unusual in that all the Category A players underperformed while quite the opposite can be said of the Category B lads who were all superlative. I suspect they knew more about correct rehydration and used this to their advantage. It took quite an effort to get 22 players on the course, which is average for the July tournament and if at all possible, we need to keep these numbers up above 30 to maintain the favourable green fees that Montanya now offer us. There was some spectacular golf played today with balls dropping very close to the pins in an attempt to win the nice prizes and those in the 50% draw with a special prizes this week of a book on Severiano Ballesteros which was won by Ian Robertson. After the tournament we had a delicious Barbeque lunch on the Patio in cooler temperatures under the shade which went down well with Rioja, water and pop.



So not a lot of protection from the blazing sun with the fairways and greens in pristine condition you would have thought that conditions were ideal for low scoring. So with shorts, new studs, white socks 'n' all we teed off at 09:45 from the first 5 tees and as was to be, varied results.



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Category A

Category A was the less populated of the two groups with 6 players registered and 5 taking the start. Strangely it was this category that suffered today with the winning score being just 30 points and the bottom if the pile 13. From the scorecards one can appreciate the presence of several 7's, on 8 and more Zero's than there were at Pearl Harbour (I think there were more Mitsubishi's). However, that said, the order from top to tail did produce some good golf. In first place with 30 points off an 8 handicap was last month's winner, Steve Watson who now has a remarkable total of 11 Sant Jordi Victories. Steve hit 4 pars and had a nice birdie on the 10th hole. In second position was Phil Troke off his 11 handicap. Phil carded 28 points which included 3 pars and a birdie on the 8th hole. The bottom position on the podium was for 14 handicapper, Roger Hunger who is always there or there about and with 27 points consisting of 5 pars. Roger had a poor start to the second nine and if not for this could have won today.



Steve, Phil and Roger take their well-deserved prizes from Mike Thom. Well done to all three for some excellent golf over a beautiful course.

Category B

Category B was quite the opposite of Category A, with the players producing some stellar golf in the conditions. All 15 of them in league with 'higher (or lower) powers' to spur them on. Their results were quite remarkable with the top 14 all scoring above 27 points with a winning score of 40. In top position today with 40 points off his 21 handicap was Craig McLaughlan who scored 5 pars in his regular round with just one high score. In second place, also with 40 points today but with a higher handicap was Martin Kirby. Martin Derek scored 2 nice pars and again was very steady during the rest of the round. Third position this month with a splendid 38 points was the ever popular Derek Simes and a card noting 6 pars including a stretch from 14 to 17 all in par-absolutely magnificent golf over the hardest holes on the course. Well done all three.



Craig, Martin and Derek take their well-deserved prizes from Mike Thom. Well done to all three for your exciting play.





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2013-2014)



Category A (Top 10)



Category B (Top 10)

- First Place: Roger Hunger with 890 points
- Second Place: Steve Watson with 869 points
- Third Place: Phil Troke with 746 points
- Fourth Place: Juan Sanllehy with 547 points
- Fifth Place: Mick Walsh with 438 points
- Sixth Place: Edwin Hebink with 405 points
- Seventh Place: Iain Morwood with 389 points
- Eighth: Adam Parmer with 380 points
- Ninth Place: Jose Maria Ciuro with 330 points
- Tenth Place: David English with 266 points

- First Place: Craig McLaughlan with 856 points
- Second Place: Albert Sant with 855 points
- Third Place: Martin Kirby with 775 points
- Fourth Place: Derek Simes with 725 points
- Fifth Place: Steve Coltman with 719 points
- Sixth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 571 points
- Seventh Place: Richard Rose with 521 points
- Eighth Place: Xavier Pitarque with 433 points
- Ninth Place: Brent Ledford with 357 points
- Tenth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 286 points

Three players in Category a and 5 in Category B appear to be surging ahead now with three events gone and nine counting towards the end of year total there is still a lot to play for. DON'T miss the summer events as there are traditionally the easiest to score from and you can see some popular faces in the list. The lesson to learn is to keep your agenda free for these events.

Additional Event Prizes

We had two special prizes today for nearest the pin on the 6th and 14th holes. These were won by Ian Robertson on the 6th with a distance of just 4m 20cm and by Edwin Hebink on the 14th with a distance of 13m 28cm. Two really nice prizes.



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Upcoming Events and News

- The August Tournament will also have a Barbeque Lunch on the patio outside the club member's room. This will allow those who missed today to enjoy the lunch which went down well with all the players. This (second chance) is not to be missed so get your names down to play as soon as possible.
- We are planning a Match play competition against a team from Golf Eixample to be played possibly in September and will give you more news on this as we get nearer the date and plans are finalised.
- Steve Watson will try to organise events at the Costa Brava on Thursdays as well as Tuesdays so there is another opportunity to play if you need more!

Fun from the buggy

The following were my interpretation of the funnier side of the day. Can anyone identify this character on the 14th green?





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Photos from the event



Don't forget that the full selection of photos from the event is available on our web page and also the Sant Jordi Golf Facebook page.





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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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David English, Andres Lozano, & Craig McLaughlan

The next events will be at Montanyà on Thursday the 29th August. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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