



Sant Jordi Newsletter

198th Event

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June 2011

Welcome to the June 2011 Newsletter. The weather was absolutely perfect for play, sunny, slight breeze from the SW and a residual freshness in the air from the previous night. This remained with us throughout the day giving us ideal conditions. The course was immaculate and the greens were some of the fastest we have seen this year. Challenging to say the least and in immaculate condition. The pin positions were 'devilish' and the tees long. All the groups went out on time and this month we nearly had a hole in one when Jeremy Hickey left his iron shot just 30 cm from the hole on the 14th. I was back on the scene in a buggy so managed to get loads of photos from the event which are all on the web and we were delighted to welcome several new associates to the group. These were Jaume Pla, Jose del Castillo, Steve Lewin, Joan Taulats and a warm welcome back to Mark Robbins. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Marina Honrubia to the group as Caddie for Marc Cox. In addition the 14 brave adventurers who returned from Scotland with a wealth of golfing memories and some great photographic and video material were on hand to share their experiences. These have been mounted into two fantastic presentations by Joan Coma and copies will be available for distribution at the next event (One is on the web and takes about 10min to download). Many thanks to Joan for these.



What about this spectacular snap to highlight some of the delights around the clubhouse. I had to venture a little off line on the first to find this one but suspect that others may also have seen it as they appeared to be 'troubled' on their way to the greens.





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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.

So with all this on offer and 31 players taking the start from the first and tenth there was certain to be some fireworks our 'stars' hit the fairways. But the course 'bit' back and of the 31 only 5 scored par or better and this was clearly due to the very keenly mowed greens and tricky pin positions. Anyone who left their approach above the cup paid the ultimate price and 3 putts abounded. The rough was also 'penal' and tricky to walk though let alone play from. In all, a really great challenge and the course was just as we would wish to see it and I am sure that in July we will be in an even higher level of glory. So don't miss it. The team at Montanya are working marvels to give us these conditions and you really must come along and enjoy them.



There were a total of 35 at the event divided into 32 players, 13 in category A, 19 in category B with myself, Graham and Marina in different capacities. Some were recently returned from Scotland, others had clearly been resting since May and one or two appear to have been involved in competitive events. The results were many and varied as players jiggled around in the classification which finally turned out as detailed below.





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Category A Results

In first place with a magnificent 42 points was Juan Maestro who hit seven pars and a dice birdie on the 13th. He was very regular all the way round. This was a nice result for Juan and is his 5th victory leaving him just one away from Hall of Fame induction. In second position just two points adrift was David Coote who has had some stunning recent results. David scored 40 points off his 14 handicap and hit 10 pars in the round. Third was Dani Medina who is making another concerted challenge for the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit. Dani 5 pars and birdies on the 4th and 8th holes.



Juan Maestro with his drive on the 10th



David teeing off from the 1st of the day



Dani also driving from the first to the fairway

Category B Results

After several steady performances Lawrence Jones has risen to the top of the classification and has taken first place with 41 points. Lawrence hit two good pars and was very steady throughout the rest of the round. In second spot this month with another nice round consisting of 5 pars on difficult holes was Mark Mills on 37. Finally in third place this month with 36 points after a podium position in May Ian Robertson hit the jackpot again with his 3 pars.



Lawrence went off the 10th so I missed him, but he was in 'Ricky Fowler Orange' so I thought this snap appropriate; Ian and Mark are both driving off the first in these shots.

Well done to all six seen above for their golfing excellence.





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Juan Maestro takes the first place prize while David Coote and Dani Medina took the lower honours in Category A



Lawrence Jones took first spot closely followed by Mark Mills and Ian Robertson in third.. Nicely done boys!





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2011-2012)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: David Coote with 830 points
- Second Place: Iain Morwood with 620 points
- Third Place: Simon Gordon with 521 points
- Fourth Place: Steve Watson with 464 points
- Fifth Place: Joan Maestro with 442 points
- Sixth Place: Dani Medina with 335 points
- Seventh Place: Joan Coma with 283 points
- Eighth Place: Albert Sant with 273 points
- Ninth Place: Roger Hunger with 266 points
- Tenth Place: Michael Robson with 181 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Ian Robertson with 670 points
- Second Place: Mark Mills with 621 points
- Third Place: Lawrence Jones with 593 points
- Fourth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 553 points
- Fifth Place: Roy Waters with 414 points
- Sixth Place: Graham Nash with 384 points
- Seventh Place: Francesc Cuxart with 285 points
- Eighth Place: Xavier Pitarque with 278 points
- Ninth Place: Ventura Coch with 233 points
- Tenth Place: Richard Rose with 227 points

The scoring system is more straightforward this year with the following system being applied.





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The Sant Jordi Golf Society Rules and Regulations 2011



The Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit

The 2010-2011 Spectrum IFA Order of Merit will run from May 2011 ending at the Sant Jordi Major in April 2012 and will punctuate as follows:

Winner	400/800	11th	90/180	21st	40/80
Runner Up	350/700	12th	85/170	22nd	35/70
3rd	300/600	13th	80/160	23rd	30/60
4th	250/500	14th	75/150	24th	25/50
5th	200/400	15th	70/140	25th	20/40
6th	150/300	16th	65/130	26th	15/30
7th	120/240	17th	60/120	27th	Oct-20
8th	110/220	18th	55/110	28th	Aug-16
9th	105/210	19th	50/100	29th	6/12
10th	100/200	20th	45/90	30th	4/8

Double point's totals are awarded in the Major's which are both stroke-play events

The stableford total will be added to this to give you your monthly total. The system is based only on your performance and there are no additional points for attending lunch or representing Sant Jordi in team events. Neither are there reductions for 'no show' or 'non-attendance' for lunch etc. This system is based on your views and opinions and hopefully we are all in agreement that it will give the right result to the competition. Finally, no player can score in their first event. This is to allow for Sant Jordi Handicap adjustments to be made for the following competition.





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We welcomed back the group from Scotland and the following are a few photos from each course.

Day 1 Lundin Links



Day 2, St. Andrews



Day 3, Scotsraig





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Day 4, Ladybank



There were also rounds at Crail and Falkland Golf Clubs and there is a photo presentation of this on the web page, plus loads more of these magnificently presented by Joan Coma.

Clearly great fun was had by all and I can see some familiar faces. Congratulations to Biel Garriga for taking the overall top place from all the qualifying courses.

We are looking at venues for next year and will communicate these to you all when we have a proforma plan from the agency in Scotland.

The Sant Jordi T-Shirt for 2011

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





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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.

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.

Sans & Sans Fine Teas: <http://www.sansisans-finetea.com/>

Interlegal: <http://www.interlegal.net/es>

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

Love in Style: <http://www.lis-cosmetica.com>

Golf Montanya: <http://www.golfontanya.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/>

GolfPus: www.golfus.es

The next event will be on Thursday the 28th July at Montanya. We will contact all of you shortly before the event for your confirmations.

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