



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 2012

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Welcome to the 20th Sant Jordi tournament which was played at Montanyà on a hot and sunny with little or no breeze during the morning although freshening in the afternoon to present problems on the second nine holes. As usual, the course was in great condition, the greens were fast and true with beautifully manicured fairways. Conditions ideally suited to low scores and with over 30 players registered for the tournament we were expecting excitement and we got exactly that with some fine golf and a great meal prepared by the Restaurant L'Estanyol served on the outside patio. All very nice.



The 1st green and fairway seen from the tee followed by the 18th green looking back towards the clubhouse. Some perfectly manicured fairways and greens in an incomparable scenery.

Today's tournament was the second of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit and with a fairly good turnout for June with 30 players registered for the event split evenly between the groups 12 in Category A and 18 in Category B. The scoring was topped in Category A with 38 points and 45 in Category B showing that a lot of the guys were coming into the event on a fine run of form. More of that later. We were missing several of our usual players and hopefully we will welcome them back in July as the season warms up.

Welcome to the following new members

We were delighted to have several new Sant Jordi members join us today. In Category A, Chris Burke made his debut and in Category B we welcomed you youthful Oriol Cuxart, Andres Lozano and Federico Garcia.



Chris on the 15th, Oriol on the 13th, Andres on the 9th and Federico putting out on the 4th. Welcome all four to the start of your Sant Jordi Careers.





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The Tournament

The tournament began with 28 players taking the tee with a shotgun start at 09:30. The groups were spread out over the first nine and the scene was set for some exciting play in perfect conditions. I spent my time getting everything ready and all the work proved effective as we all teed off from the right place with the right partners. During the round I saw a mixture of indifferent to magnificent golf from all the guys and it was clear that everyone makes great efforts to do well and at least for a few holes everyone appeared to have achieved perfection. The best shot of the day is open for debate, but the best shot I saw was probably from the ever consistent Jose Maria Ciuro who 'oh so very nearly' chipped in on the seventh hole from an impossible position on his way to a great third position.



Jose Maria in a portrait on the 9th green followed by loads of colour behind the 5th green. If you look you can find all kinds of natural beauty around the course but seldom do you see such a variation in colour all together.

Category A

We welcomed Rhodri James back into the group for this star filled event. Marc Cox the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit leader was joined by the top players from last year including previous winners Simon Gordon and David Coote, major winners such as Steve Watson and Iain Morwood. All these chaps were on varying degrees of form and there was some great golf played by all of them. Precise drives, long irons and accurate putting was abundant and although he has a two shot penalty for winning last month, it was Marc Cox who came to the front with a fine 38 points from his 18 holes. Close behind in second position just one point adrift was Steve Watson on 37 and in third place with 33, Jose Maria Ciuro who tied with Juan Maestro but played with a lower handicap, 12 to 14.



Marc, Steve and Jose Maria, all receive their prizes from Simon Gordon, the current saint Jordi Trophy Champion, Congratulations to them.





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Category B

Category B was disputed between 16 players led by an experienced team of saint Jordi regulars, from eight different communities. We had British, Australian, American, Mexican, Dutch, German, and Spanish and of course Catalans in the mix for the top honours in the category and the results did not disappoint. In his first event with Sant Jordi Oriol Cuxart (Francesc's son) scored a world beating 45 points in his fine round over the Montanyà carpeted fairways. However, Oriol could not win the event because was his first tournament with us. The sweet swinging Oriol will hopefully be able to play in July and compete for the honours with his reviewed handicap. We look forward to seeing his result. So in the first qualifying position with 38 points Derek Simes was placed to take all those Spectrum IFA Order of Merit points and the first placed prize. In second place with 35 points was Richard Rose who is putting in a great challenge this year and in third position with 34 was Stijn Teeuwen. Well done all four.



Oriol Cuxart teeing off the 14th tee. on his way to 45 points. First placed Derek Simes and second placed Richard Rose receive their prizes.

News and Events

Don't forget the Sant Jordi Web Page where you can get ALL the information about our events:

<http://www.santjordigolf.com>

There are versions in English, Català and Castellán (and also pages compatible with your mobile phones which you can access through the flag links at the top left. The passwords for the member's area are: Login: **members** Password: **santjordi**

The next event will be on the 26th July and will be played at Montanya.





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2012-2013)



Category A (Top 10)



First Place: Marc Cox with 879 points

Second Place: Jose Maria Ciuro with 669 points

Third Place: Simon Gordon with 565 points

Fourth Place: Juan Maestro with 420 points

Fifth Place: Steve Watson with 387 points

Sixth Place: Roger Hunger with 370 points

Seventh Place: David Coote with 151 points

Eighth Place: Dave Collinson with 357 points

Ninth Place: Iain Morwood with 313 points

Tenth Place: Frank Taken with 283 points

Category B (Top 10)



First Place: Richard Rose with 616 points

Second Place: Jonathan Goodman with 588 points

Third Place: Derek Simes with 576 points

Fourth Place: Les Buchanan with 431 points

Fifth Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 415 points

Sixth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 412 points

Seventh Place: Graham Nash with 387 points

Eighth Place: Ramón Riba with 335 points

Ninth Place: Isabel Martinez with 282 points

Tenth Place: Roy Waters with 232 points

Marc Cox with two straight wins is the leader in Category A followed by Jose Maria Ciuro and Simon Gordon who exchanged places. Steve Watson, Juan Maestro and Roger Hunger are holding good positions as we go into the summer events. In Category B Richard Rose has taken over the top position from Jonathan Goodman while Derek Simes, Les Buchanan and Stijn Teeuwen all take good points from today's event. No Xavier Pitarque yet, but I am sure that will be resolved shortly. We will see on the 26th July.





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Some photos from the event



Some pretty spectacular shots from an enjoyable day at Montanyà. What a great course! Don't forget that you can see all the photos from the event on our web at: www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Gallery.html the full collection of photos is also on our 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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Bodegas Elvara: <http://www.elvara.com>

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

4 Ball Travel: <http://4balltravel.com>

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

Restaurant L'Estanyol: <http://www.restaurantestanyol.com>

The Scottish Government: <http://home.scotland.gov.uk/home>

Barcelona Adventure: <http://www.bcn-adventure.com>

CallForHelp: <http://www.callforhelp.es>

Nigel Wing: www.golfersmindset.com

The next events will be our 210th at Montanya on Thursday the 26th July. You can now register for this event on:

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