



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 245

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June 2015



Welcome to the 245th Sant Jordi tournament played at Montanya on a scorching hot day over a course in perfect condition. A slightly lower turnout for June but in line with previous years saw 16 players shooting for the Two Category Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit points and the prize booty from the event. There was some good golf played today and now we have adopted the federation handicapping for the tournaments the results have come well into line with these with top scores in each category of 36 with 35 taking 3rd place also in both categories. To top off the perfect golfing conditions and thanks to the organisation and L'Estanyol restaurant a lunch on the lower terrace was arranged and obviously a great golfing day was complete.



David, Xavier watch on as Robert tees off on the 14th hole.

Category A (0-19)

Eight players were in the competition in Category A and after the round was completed by all there was a tie on 36 points between Craig McLaughlan and David Coote which was decided in Craig's favour by virtue on him having the lower handicap on the day (12.7 to 15.9). In a very close third place was Gert Verkerk on 35 points. Close play is much more exciting so we look forward to more of the same over the rest of the season.



Craig McLaughlan, David Coote and Gert Verkerk receive their prizes for their work during a stifling day. Well-deserved for all three.





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Category B (20 to 36)

Category B which this season incorporates those players who last year participated in Category C of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit was smaller than Category A with a total of 7 players. The results were pretty good and again the winners totals were on par or there about. There was a clear winner in 36 points in the person of Martin Kirby followed by a tie decided on handicap again with 35 points which were scored by David Hutchinson and Xavier Pitarque.



Martin Kirby, David Hutchinson and a welcome return to form for Xavier Pitarque. All three played great golf to make the podium



Special mention must go to Wolfgang Finkbeiner. Wolfgang was playing what must be described as 'adventure golf'. He was the only player in Sant Jordi History to actually go into territory unknown to most players. The dreaded water hazard in front of the fifth green. With mud over his ankles he bravely played his ball out to the green. Receiving the 'nickname' of El Pato.

Nearest the Pin and Long Drives

Nearest to the pin on the 6th hole was David Coote and on the 14th Xavier Pitarque took the honour. Well done to both players for their fine 'tonks' from the respective tees.



Wolfgang seeing all the course and using a great deal of imagination and enthusiasm while extracting his ball from the hazard on the fifth hole. Xavier and David receive their prizes for the nearest the pin.





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The Draw prizes

Firstly thanks to Robert Strauss for his donation of balls which was greatly appreciated by the players. The booby prize went to Wolfgang Finkbeiner for his total points score. A new prize for birdies and Eagles went to Martin Kirby for his birdie on the first hole and to David Coote for a magnificent eagle on the par five 13th hole (With a great drive and second to the green. Finally in the draw the 'star prize' of a €100 Decathlon voucher went to Michael Bates. He has now won a golf watch and this voucher in the last two events so he kindly donated it back into the draw and David Coote came out next taking the prize. Many thanks Craig for that very kind gesture.

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- Check out the web page for all the details, player's stats and interesting features: www.santjordigolf.com is the address.
- You can now register for the next event which will be on the 30th July at the Real Club de Golf El Prat we have a golf plus lunch deal with them for €55. Thanks to David English and Paul Glover our Tournament and Venue Manager for organising this. Please get your names on the list as soon as possible to confirm your place on: asc@santjordigolf.com
- We will play the first Masters Event in a single category in the September tournament to be played on October 1st. It will be a Major event played annually and is NOT an Order of Merit tournament as it is a single category Major. We now have three majors in our calendar.



Committee Comments

Clearly playing off Federation handicaps is working as, at least this month, we did not get a runaway winner in either category so well done to all the players and the organisation for making this decision and sticking to the goal of having fairer tournaments for all the players.







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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2016)



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Category A (Up to 18.4)			Category B (18.5 to 36)		
					
Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
First	Craig McLaughlan	819	First	Martin Kirby	809
Second	Paul Glover	564	Second	Robert Strauss	705
Third	Chris Burke	540	Third	Brent Ledford	660
Fourth	Marcel Blommendaal	440	Fourth	Xavier Pitarque	613
Fifth	David Coote	436	Fifth	Michael Bates	607
Sixth	Richard Rose	386	Sixth	David Hutchinson	559
Seventh	Gerd Verkerk	385	Seventh	Tony Cobo	537
Eighth	Steve Coltman	359	Eighth	Wolfgang Finkbeiner	279
Ninth	David English	334	Ninth	Jonathan Goodman	177
Tenth	Colin Bell	283	Tenth	Roy Waters	147

Summary

With his stunning play Craig McLaughlan has jumped into top position after his victory this month followed closely by Paul Glover and Chris Burke. In Category B the familiar name of Martin Kirby is at the top of the list followed by Robert Strauss, Brent Ledford and Xavier Pitarque who is back to the level which won him the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit two years ago.

In general nice progression from all of the players to the point that missing an event could cost you the end of season trophy.



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Photos from the event



There is a complete selection of photos on our web page: <http://www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Photo%20Galleries.html>

And on our Facebook page on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.912626815446289.1073741858.100000969385413&type=1&l=b6779522c1>

Chris will also place information on the LinkedIn page for your perusal: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Sant-Jordi-Golf-Society-Catalunya-7462715>

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The Scorecard



GOLF MONTANYA GRUP SANT JORDI - 25062015

Fecha Listado: 25/06/2015
Hora Listado: 15:34:40

- Stableford (Recorrido: MONTANYA)

FECHA: 25/06/2015 CODIGO: CB1815063

CLASS. CAT A (ASC: 0)

1ªVuelta

POS	JUGADOR	MEX	MIN	EDA	S	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	357	358	359	
1	MCLAUGHLAN , CRAIG	12,7			M	M	4	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	0	3	6	5	3	4	22	15	36
	COOTE , DAVID	15,9			M	M	5	3	7	5	5	3	0	5	8	5	6	6	3	3	6	6	3	4	21	18	36
3	VERKERK, GERT	10,1			M	M	5	3	4	4	5	3	6	5	6	4	5	0	6	4	5	5	3	5	24	12	35
4	ENGLISH, DAVID	17,1			S	M	6	3	6	4	6	4	5	0	6	6	0	6	5	4	5	5	4	5	16	20	34
5	BELL, COLIN	13,0			M	M	6	3	4	0	5	3	5	4	6	5	6	6	6	5	6	6	3	5	18	15	33
6	GLOVER , PAUL ERIC	11,6	11,7		M	M	7	3	4	0	5	4	6	4	6	5	5	5	5	3	8	6	4	5	19	13	30
7	COLTMAN , STEPHEN JOHN	17,6	17,7		S	M	6	3	6	5	6	5	8	6	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	5	4	5	12	20	29
8	SIMES DEREK, LAWRENCE	16,5	16,6		S	M	5	3	5	6	0	6	5	4	5	5	6	6	0	4	6	6	5	6	12	19	28



GOLF MONTANYA GRUP SANT JORDI - 25062015

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CLASS. CAT. B (ASC: 0)

1ªVuelta

POS	JUGADOR	MEX	MIN	EDA	S	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	357	358	359	
1	KIRBY .., MARTIN	25,0			S	M	3	4	6	5	8	4	6	5	7	8	6	6	6	4	7	7	4	5	11	28	36
2	HUTCHINSON, DAVID	25,1			M	M	4	4	5	4	5	4	7	5	6	7	6	5	0	5	9	6	5	5	13	28	35
	PITARQUE CASAS,FRANCESC X	33,3			S	M	8	3	8	6	5	4	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	3	9	8	5	5	8	38	35
4	BRENT R. , LEDFORD,	24,2	24,3		S	M	6	5	6	6	7	0	5	5	6	5	5	8	7	4	0	5	5	5	8	27	30
5	STRAUSS , ROBERT	35,7	35,9		S	M	4	5	5	0	7	4	0	0	8	0	7	8	8	0	6	6	5	6	5	40	29
6	BATES , MICHAEL	20,6	20,7		S	M	4	4	6	4	6	5	7	5	8	4	5	6	0	0	0	7	5	6	10	23	26
7	FINKBEINEK, HOLGANG	22,3	22,4		S	M	7	5	6	6	7	5	8	6	8	8	7	6	9	5	7	7	4	6	1	25	17

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

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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Golf Montanya: <http://www.golfmontanya.com>

Golf Llaveneras: <http://www.golflavaneras.com>

The Spectrum IFA Group and Jupiter Financial Services: <http://www.spectrum-ifa.com/spain.shtml>

TengoTwo Creative solutions: <http://www.tengotwo.com>

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

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

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

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

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

Xavier Pitarque, Gert Verkerk, Simon Fletcher, David English, Roger Hunger and all the committee:

The net event will be at R.C.G de El Prat on the 30th July. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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