



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 206

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Welcome to the 206th Sant Jordi tournament in which we returned to the 'spiritual' home of the Sant Jordi Golf Society. Jordi and the team of hardworking green staff had entrusted us with a course in absolutely magnificent condition after the snow and recent cold weather. The course was set up in completion mode with the exception of the 1st and 10th holes all the tee markers were set back and on the greens the flags were in their competition placements. That combined with shaven greens made the scoring seriously difficult for many players and all the groups were taking about how challenging it was to find the correct position with the approach shot to the green to give yourself a fair chance with the putter. There were several great moments during the day with scoring in the mid-thirties, but the cream on the cake on this occasion must go the Ian Robertson who managed to score an eagle on the 12th hole by sinking his second shot to the green. I believe he said he had an 8 iron in his hands for the shot after a long drive down the middle. My thanks to Craig McLaughlan for capturing this moment on film. Congratulations to Ian.



Ian Robertson holed out on for two shots and an incredible 6 points on the hardest hole on the course. The challenging uphill 390m par 4 stroke 1 hole seen with the majestic Montanyà clubhouse rising in the distance. A nice photograph from Craig





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The morning was bright cloudless and sunny and I chose to start my day with a 500mm lens stuck on a tripod behind the 9th green. So most of the shots in the first half of the web presentation were taken at a distance of between 250 and 500m away. Not an easy focusing task but a fun experiment. Here are 3 of the best. You can see all the photos in our web page and also posted on 'Facebook'.



Some interesting positions here, You are now safe from the press at no point on the course! Next month we will try the 'full Monty' 1000mm lens!

Welcome to the following new members

We were delighted to welcome the following to Sant Jordi. Brent Ledford who has just arrived from the United states of America having wisely chosen Barcelona as his place of residence. He is a great guy and a pretty good golfer finishing today with 31 points and that with some hired clubs. His are now on the way hers so 'watch out' category B! In Category A, Murray Marr returned after a long layoff so welcome back to him, too.

Category A

It appears as we get older, injured or just too tied up in business (or the general strike) that this category is getting rather 'lite' on components. We have had a tough year and only 8 players competed today for the serious points on offer in the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit. They found the going tough and from my perspective the difficulties were all on the green. I saw some spectacular bunker play from Iain Morwood, some wonderful driving from Marc Cox and Simon Gordon and some neat approach play from nearly all these present. But at the end of the day, the player with most to gain finished on top. David Coote added points to his winning margin at the top of the table and is looking good for the title (So long as the following 5 don't win the Sant Jordi Major and he has a disaster)...Not all done and dusted. David scored a fine 37 points including 5 pars and a birdie on the 17th hole. In second place just two points adrift after scoring 5 pars was the very fashionable (in my view) Roger Hunger. Roger missed winning because he had a couple of no score holes so he must have been happy for the result and points. There was a tie in third place between Marc Cox and Iain Morwood on 34 points. Marc scored 4 pars and a fine birdie on the 15th and Ian scored 6 good pars and by virtue of a lower handicap took third, well done to all three for their efforts leading up to the Sant Jordi Major on the 26th April.



David Coote (37), Roger Hunger (35) and Iain Morwood (34) collect their Category A prizes from Graham Nash.





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Category B

Again a larger group with 24 players taking the start line with great scoring although only one broke par. The difficulty of the course was also evident in the category and tales of woe and suffering were rife! It was not all bad however as 10 players hit scores in the 30's which shows that the handicapping system is working and it is great to see that we regularly get new winners on the podium. Winning for the third time in the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit was Roy Waters who scored 37 points in his steady round. Roy has several other victories prior to the Order of Merit but the most recent is always the best, so well done my friend. In second place just two points adrift on 35 we had a tie between Richard Rose Derek Simes and Ricardo Ferrer. Richard finishing on top by virtue of having a handicap one shot lower so quite close and in fourth was Derek Simes also on 35 for the same rule. Well done all 4.



Roy Waters (37), Richard Rose (35) and Ricardo Ferrer (35) received their prizes for their great efforts today at Montanyà

News and Events

1. Some of you (if not all) will have been to the new web page to browse through and pick up on the Current Sant Jordi affairs. There is loads of new exciting content. If you have not it is on the same address as before which is:

<http://www.santjordigolf.com>

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

2. The Sant Jordi Major event will be played on the 26th April at Montanyà. This will also be the final event of this year's Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit so we will have the prize giving for that and also The Roger Hunger trophy which will go to the winner of category A. The Sant Jordi Major will have prizes for the following:

- i. Winners trophies in Category A and B
- ii. The best score on the 1st nine holes
- iii. The best score on the 2nd nine holes
- iv. 4 Nearest the Pin Prizes for the par 3 holes
- v. Longest Drive on the 18th hole
- vi. Special Prizes in the Sorteo Sant Jordi

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3. There will be a special event in May which you cannot miss. This will be jointly supported by the Spectrum IFA Group and Jupiter and will have magnificent prizes and goodies for the sorteo. Take a look at the web page for full details on the link below:

<http://www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Special.html>





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2011-2012)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: David Coote with 3150 points (9 scores)
- Second Place: Ralph Griffin with 2937 points
- Third Place: Simon Gordon with 2748 points (9 scores)
- Fourth Place: Iain Morwood with 2594 points
- Fifth Place: Josep M^a Comas with 2435 points
- Sixth Place: Roger Hunger with 2409 points (9 scores)
- Seventh Place: Marc Cox with 1973 points
- Eighth Place: Albert Sant with 1847 points
- Ninth Place: Michael Robson with 1418 points
- Tenth Place: Steve Watson with 1416 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Xavier Pitarque with 3086 points (9 scores)
- Second Place: Mark Mills with 2017 points (9 scores)
- Third Place: Lawrence Jones with 1944 points
- Fourth Place: Richard Rose with 1897 points (9 scores)
- Fifth Place: Ian Robertson with 1883 points
- Sixth Place: Craig McLaughlan with 1838 points
- Seventh Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 1726 points (9 scores)
- Eighth Place: Ricardo Ferrer with 1712 points
- Ninth Place: Roy Waters with 1527 points
- Tenth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 1491 points

Seven players have now played 10 or more events and therefore their scores now reflect their best 9 results counting towards the final Spectrum IFA Order of Merit totals. With 800 points in play for the winner of the Major Sant Jordi event next month in Category A there are up to 6 players still with mathematical possibilities to win. In Category B although Xavier did not add points to his best 9 scores in the March event, he has already won the Category. There are however ten players who mathematically can take the second position in this highly prestigious classification. So let's 'go for it' get your names down quickly for the Major event.

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Some photos from the event



Some nice scenes from a great day. The full collection of photos are on the web and Facebook.





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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.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>

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GolfPus: www.golfus.es

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The next events will be our 207th at Montanya on the 26th April. You can now register for this MAJOR OPEN event on:

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