



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 208

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Welcome to the 208th Sant Jordi tournament which was played at Montanyà on a sunny May day with a slight breeze that took the heat off the midday swelter. I have seen the course in better condition on very few, if any times. The greens were perfectly cut, fast and true, the fairways were even and beautifully manicured, the bunkers well prepared and the teen and pin placements were really challenging. You can see from the two photos above, and those that follow that everyone was in for a real treat around the course. The team at Montanyà have really 'pulled out all the stops' and left the course in absolutely perfect condition and a credit and great advert for Catalan golf and the region. Congratulations to them, as they are very, very near the perfection they seek.



The 9th green and fairway beyond followed by the 18th fairway looking back towards the tee. Some perfectly manicured fairways and greens in an incomparable scenery.

Today's tournament was the first Co-Sponsored event we have played at Montanyà with our long standing friends Jonathan Goodman and Richard Rose at the Spectrum IFA Group being joined this month by Rob Walker from the International financial advisors, Jupiter. All are available to assist you with your financial questions; investments etc and their details are at the foot of the newsletter. Our thanks go to them for some magnificent prizes that made the event really memorable.

Welcome to the following new members

We were delighted to have several new Sant Jordi members join us today. In Category A, Ian Harry played for the first time and Willi Schultz, Frank Taken, and Dave Collinson made welcome returns to the group. In Category B we welcomed Mick Walsh, and Rob Walker and after a long layoff, Peter Scherschel returned from the UK for a day with the group. We look forward to seeing them all back for future events. Following are some of their 'stellar' moments.





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The Sant Jordi co-sponsored event

The tournament began with 33 players taking the tee with a shotgun start and a full contingency from the list of registered players. Apologies for not relaying the 09:30 tee off time are in order to at least one player who managed to incorporate in his allocated slot, 'just in time'. There was a slight breeze that made the conditions just perfect and as I have mentioned previously, the course was in perfect condition and all the players commented on how lucky we were just to see the course in such condition, let alone be able to play on it. The tournament then was set for magical moments to start the Sant Jordi season and the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit. There were certain to be fireworks and so it was with 12 players in Category A and 20 in Category B fighting for the prestige of being the first leader of the year.

Category A

With six of the top ten from the 2011-2012 season in the field it was no surprise to see a previous winner take the victory. That honour went to the January event winner Marc Cox who shot a magnificent 41 points from his 18 holes with some precise tee shots and beautiful iron play. Marc was off 16 today (Less next month). In second position was last month's Sant Jordi Major winner, Simon Gordon who was in stunning form (as we will see later) with a score of 36. In third spot I was delighted to see Jose aria Ciuro, also on 36 but losing out on handicap to Simon.



Marc Cox, Simon Gordon and Jose Maria Ciuro took the top positions in Category A Well done to all three for their impressive golf and consistency over a challenging and beautiful course. Awesome, clearly Richard was having a good time at the presentation!

Category B

The Category B event was populated by 22 players and the results were no less impressive than Category A. There were seven players who shot in the thirties and skimming to the top of the pile and with it becoming the new leader of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit was Jonathan Goodman who shot 39 points from his very respectable 18 holes. In second place with a nice 37 off 26 was Graham Nash who was hitting the centre of the fairways with his tee shots (With the only exception of a wayward drive on the first) and following Graham was Ramon Riba with 35 nicely compiled points. Isabel Martinez placed in fourth spot with 32 points. Well done all of you and enjoy the magnificent prizes from Spectrum IFA and Jupiter.



First place for Jonathan Goodman, Second for Graham Nash and third for Ramon Riba, all shooting in the mid to high thirties to take the prizes.





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With this being a Co-Sponsored event, we decided to have additional nearest the pin prizes on 3 of the par 3 holes and a long drive on the 18th. The results were as follows:

Nearest the pin on the 2nd hole with a little gem of just 2m 81cm was Richard Rose.

Nearest the pin on the 6th hole with a mere punch to just 5m 87cm was Simon Gordon.

Nearest the pin on the 14th hole (and I saw this one) with a beautifully controlled 7 iron to 3m 42cm was you guessed it, Simon Gordon.

The longest drive was for pure consistency and using a new driver Simon Gordon hit the fairway at 290 yards to claim yet another of the prizes. He went home with three delicious bottles of Moet & Chandon plus a bottle of excellent 'tinto' for his second place (Hic!)



The two 'sharpshooters' and long drive prizes went to, Richard Rose (2nd) & Simon Gordon (6th, 14th & the long drive (18th). Well done to both and especially Richard for breaking the stronghold Simon appears to be taking on the precision shots.

News and Events

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 (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 on 28th June will be played at Montanya.

Thank big thank you to Rob Walker and Jupiter for the really great Golf Umbrellas. Those left over will be distributed as prizes during the following months. For details of Jupiter please check out the following page on our web:

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





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2012-2013)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: Marc Cox with 441 points
- Second Place: Simon Gordon with 386 points
- Third Place: Jose Maria Ciuro with 336 points
- Fourth Place: Frank Taken with 283 points
- Fifth Place: Roger Hunger with 232 points
- Sixth Place: Iain Morwood with 181 points
- Seventh Place: David Coote with 151 points
- Eighth Place: Juan Maestro with 137 points
- Ninth Place: Dave Collinson with 127 points
- Tenth Place: Ruari Woodward with 119 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Jonathan Goodman with 439 points
- Second Place: Graham Nash with 387 points
- Third Place: Ramon Riba with 335 points
- Fourth Place: Isabel Martinez with 282 points
- Fifth Place: Richard Rose with 231 points
- Sixth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 180 points
- Seventh Place: Les Buchanan with 148 points
- Eighth Place: Derek Simes with 138 points
- Ninth Place: Albert Sant with 132 points
- Tenth Place: Roy Waters with 127 points

The first ranking of the year and it is great to see so many new names on the list. There is a long way to go yet and we look forward to another great year in the company of all the friends we have made over the last 19 years and 208 events.





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Some photos from the event



Don't forget that you can see all the photos from the event on our web at: www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Galery.html The full collection of photos are also on our Facebook page.





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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.

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

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

GolfPus: www.golfus.es

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 209th at Montanya on Thursday the 28th June. You can now register for this event on:

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