

Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 233

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Welcome to the 233rd Sant Jordi tournament played at Montanya on the occasion of the first Texas Scramble competition. The event was well attended with a 26 players (and 28 diners) teeing off for the honour of becoming the first champions of the competition. The event was run in teams of three members taken from the hat by draw which meant that everyone was paired with a player from at least one different category. After much anxiety and slotting in here and there we ended up with eight groups of three with seven of these competing for the podium. The day dawned with a little drizzles as we left Barcelona which dried up around the time of tee off at 09:30. The air was quite heavy and drives were shorter than during the hotter summer months, but the gods were on our side and we all managed to complete our rounds before a short shower came in. By the time we had completed lunch it was dry again so we could not have arranged it better!

The course had taken a lot of water over the previous two days. However, one has to say that it was in pristine condition for the game and the tees, fairways and greens can rarely be found in better condition for golf. The following view if from behind the sixth green and seventh tee...and it was sunny at times!



We welcomed several new players to the event and were delighted that they enjoyed the company of the players in the group and the fine lunch presented by the Restaurant. They are (among the players): Alejandro Yunta, Helmut Schafer, Eric Santkin and Rudolf Morgenstern and in the capacity of caddy and relatives Xavier Fernandez and father.

The competition we exciting and the popular opinion was that we should repeat the experience during the year, so with that in mind we are looking at possible repeating the format in December at the Christmas event. This being a one category team tournament we were pretty certain that the results were going to be spectacular and that the players were going to shoot some good scores but no one could have expected the level of golf seen today. The final scores were so low we may have to re-write the Sant Jordi history books to contemplate this. **They were as follows:**

In eighth place with a net score of 67:
Eric Santkin and Wolfgang Finkbeiner.

In seventh Place with a net score of 64:
Iain Morwood, David Hutchinson & Gerd Verkerk.

In sixth place with a net score of 62:
Helmut Schafer, Roy Waters & Mike Thom.

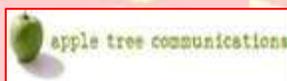
In fifth position with a net score of 58:
Simon Fletcher, Graham Nash & Stijn Teeuwen.

In fourth place with a net score of 57:
Chris Burke, Xavier Pitarque & Alejandro Yunta.

In third position also on 57:
Martin Kirby, Paul Glover & Edwin Hebink.

In second place with a net score of 57:
Richard Rose, Brent Ledford & Mick Walsh.

So the winners of the season opening Sant Jordi Golf Society Texas Scramble with a magnificent net score of 54 was that comprised of Michael Bates, Jonathan Goodman and Roger Hunger which scored an eighteen under par score and a gross round of 72. We saw some tremendous golf from three really deserving winners (although I think we all won today).





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The presentations were done over lunch and the winners were finally snapped relaxing with their wares on the sofa! Well done chaps.

There were also several other prizes distributed at the event for the nearest the pin and longest drive. These were won by the following:

On the sixth hole with a shot just 2.93 metres from the hole it was Paul Glover who won the goods.



On the fourteenth hole with a tee shot 9.1 metres away Chris Burke was ahead and was one of the few players to hit the green in the heavy air surrounding Montanya on the day.

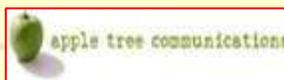
The Longest drive on the eighteenth hole today was keenly contested and no fewer than four players were on the list. It was however the long-hitting Richard Rose who finally came out on top with a splendid knock to the centre of the fairway some 15m ahead of second placed Graham Nash.



So all in all, a very nice day in the company of those fortunate enough to be able get up to the course and enjoy the perfect golfing weather and conditions. Hopefully we will see all the players again in June and that we can also repeat the format of this event in the December tournament.

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- The Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit will start on the 26th June and will have 8 qualifying tournaments during the season. We hope this will allow more players to compete for the final honour of becoming the Order of Merit winners at the April Sant Jordi Major in 2015.
- Lucas Fox International Properties has also agreed to continue their sponsorship of the Nearest the Pin prizes for the 2014-2015 season. Our thanks to Stijn Teeuwen for his kind assistance at our events.
- There are now three categories A, B & C. The handicap limits for all three are: A 0 to 18.5, B: 18.5 to 27.4 and C: 27.5 and upwards.
- Should any player wish to start the year and play in a lower handicap category, they may do so and would start with the maximum grading for the corresponding group.
I.e. If a player has a handicap of 20 (which corresponds to category B) wish to play and score his points in category A, he would start the season with a handicap of 18. If you wish to do this, please let us know before the June Tournament.
- All categories will tee off from the Yellow, Blue & Red Tees that correspond to your sex and age group. We will not use the white competition tees **except for the two major events in November and April.**
- We look forward to making an important announcement shortly with regard to the Saint Andrews Open Championship event in November. Very exciting indeed.
- Graham Nash has a new exhibition of his artwork. Contact Graham on graham.nash6@gmail.com if you would like to view his work.
- You can now register for the next event on the 26th June at Montanya. Just drop me your confirmation on: admin@santjordigolf.com





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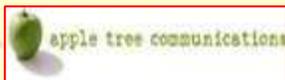
The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2014-2015)



Category A (Up to 18.4)			Category B (18.5 to 27.4)			Category C (27.5 and above)		
Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
First			First			First		
Second			Second			Second		
Third			Third			Third		
Fourth			Fourth			Fourth		
Fifth			Fifth			Fifth		
Sixth			Sixth			Sixth		
Seventh			Seventh			Seventh		
Eighth			Eighth			Eighth		
Ninth			Ninth			Ninth		
Tenth			Tenth			Tenth		

So with eight events contributing to the final total of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit for 2014 – 2015 we hope to see a season full of great golf and enjoyable experiences combined with the immaculate course presented every month by the team at Montanya.

[Photos from the event](#)



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

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

Nigel Wing: www.golfersmindset.com

Xavier Pitarque, David English, Roger Hunger & Andres Lozano

The next events will be at Montanyà on Thursday the 26th June. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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