



Sant Jordi Newsletter

201st Event

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Welcome to the October newsletter reporting on events at the 201st Sant Jordi Tournament at Montanya. With a record participation for October of 40 players on what we knew beforehand would be a rainy day. Everyone came prepared with their waterproof suits and umbrellas so there was no reason to not start on time off both the first and tenth. So off we went at 09:08h. A small group actually completed their 18 holes as the rain fell upon us that had started to flood the greens at around 13:00h. The majority though decided that after some 12 holes, enough was enough and made their way back to the clubhouse while they were still near. The following photo highlights their difficulties.



There were some who decided that shorts were fine (One actually- The Brave Richard played all round in the temperate climate, 'just like in August' and was an inspiration to us all as he fired in a score taking him into second place. We had to decide the tournaments as two groups with two sets of prizes. We therefore had one tournament for all handicaps starting on the first and another for those who started on the tenth with Spectrum IFA Order of Merit points for each of the competitions. This was agreed by everyone present as the best way forward.





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For those players who unfortunately could not be with us, we look forward to you returning for the November Major Tournament which is of course the Saint Andrews Event on the 24th of November. Big bonus points and Great prizes plus the honour of being a Major Champion contested in both category A and B. This is a Medal competition for category a and Stableford in Category B. We also have a small stock of shirts available at each event for collection and prizes. If you do not yet have one of these yet, email Graham on graham.nash6@gmail.com to place your request.

New Friends

We were delighted to welcome several new players to Sant Jordi. They are: Clive Ford, Paul Glover, Jeremy Jago, Josep Pedrals, Rodney Haynes, Tim Helbing & Marcel Blommendaal. And a welcome back to Ann and Andy Robinson & Hernan Morgenstern after a layoff of 12 or so years.

So with all the ingredients in place for an interesting and memorable day off to the tees we went to challenge the conditions, made no easier by some busy little 'urchins' with their delightful taste for uprooting the fairways in search of the tasty truffle.



This little chap was not seen on the course as, by the time we started, he was probably trying to escape the dogs that we heard up in the hills. I presume he got away as no shots rang out. The staff should be congratulated as they did a magnificent job of repairing the damage caused on several holes. Well done chaps.

So the competitions were decided on nine hole shootouts and given the conditions later on in the morning, there were some excellent results. They were as follows:

Category A/B Tee Off from the first hole

Twenty Four players left the first tee and all reached the ninth in good weather and on fast greens. In top spot firing on all cylinders was Craig McLaughlan who scored a fine 21 points including a nice birdie for 4 points on the second hole. In second position with 20 points and taking this spot by virtue of a lower handicap was Richard Rose. Richard shot 2 pars and was regular all the way round to take this position. In third position, also with 20 points was Ian Robinson who I followed round. Ian was hitting some very nice shots from the tees and into the greens and scored 4 pars. I went through all the cards to cross check all the results, as given the conditions and the different format used, there were some errors in the annotations of the results (Originally Ian and Richard were placed in reverse order).





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Craig, Richard and Ian with their prizes at the presentation lunch in the clubhouse.

Category A/B Tee Off from the tenth hole

The tenth hole bash was decided by eight players and although undoubtedly the more difficult nine, the results were outstanding. The top Spectrum IFA Order of merit scoring positions were taken by, in first place Xavier Pitarque with 17 points. Xavier is one of only a handful of players in Sant Jordi History to have back to back victories. He scored regularly all round so well done to him for a great result. In second position with 16 points was Iain Morwood with two pars for his efforts. He was followed closely by Simon Gordon with 15 points and a single par.



Xavier, Iain and Simon collecting their prizes after some fine golf around the harder second nine of the Montanya course.

I must note here the efforts by two of our new members who would have won the event had they been qualifying players. Marcel and Tim were in their first event so could not win or score spectrum IFA Order of Merit points. However, today Tim scored a spectacular 28 points from 9 holes and Marcel 21 They will be able to score next month after their respective handicap reviews. So watch out chaps, there is new blood in town and November is a major championship!





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Tim and Marcel. Two of our new incorporations and both fine players deserving a mention after their results. We look forward to them returning in November for the Saint Andrews major event.

Sans and Sans Fine Tea Merchants Voucher



The traditional Sans and Sans Fine tea Merchants Voucher will this year be awarded to the winner of each category on alternate months. This prize courtesy of Alexandra Witty is a long standing award from one of the most esteemed and historic 'colonists' of Barcelona, The Witty family were first established here in the 19th century and have always been at the forefront of Catalan sport and industry. Their link with the founding of FC Barcelona is particularly highlighted this week with the Champions title (Michael & Freddy Witty are also founder members of Sant Jordi) and we give our continued thanks to Alexandra at Sans I Sans for her monthly support of Sant Jordi. Given the differential system used today we decided to award this prize at the next event which will be our second major championship of the year.

News and Events

Andy Gordon will be offering a golf clinic in November before the Saint Andrew's Major Trophy on warm up techniques (among other themes) so we look forward to that (He also hit those previously mentioned 5 birdies on the second 9 holes). Welcome to Sant Jordi and well done Andy who is opening a Sports Performance Center which is conveniently located in Sant Cugat. www.sportsperformancecenter.es





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2011-2012)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: David Coote with 1875 points
- Second Place: Iain Morwood with 1758 points
- Third Place: Josep Maria Comas with 1467 points
- Fourth Place: Albert Sant with 1318 points
- Fifth Place: Simon Gordon with 1239 points
- Sixth Place: Steve Watson with 1206 points
- Seventh Place: Ralph Griffin with 1203 points
- Eighth Place: Juan Maestro with 1156 points
- Ninth Place: Dani Medina with 1132 points
- Tenth Place: Roger Hunger with 1126 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Xavier Pitarque with 2015 points
- Second Place: Ian Robertson with 1570 points
- Third Place: Mark Mills with 1542 points
- Fourth Place: Richard Rose with 1226 points
- Fifth Place: Lawrence Jones with 1225 points
- Sixth Place: Craig McLaughlan with 1103 points
- Seventh Place: Ricardo Ferrer with 982 points
- Eighth Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 971 points
- Ninth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 921 points
- Tenth Place: Roy Waters with 849 points

Some interesting movements but top positions remain the same and with next month's double points status for a Major winner awaiting the top positions nothing is decided yet. Polish up those chip shots and drives, get the putting in shape and the warm up fine-tuned! The Saint Andrews trophy is waiting. Will your name be engraved or will last year's winner Antonio Berraza repeat the feat of 2010?





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Some photos from the event

My Apologies as these are not the usual quality. Given the rain I used the small camera. They are on the web in the Gallery 2011 heading and also on Facebook.



As always there are loads more photos on the web of the event and prize giving so check out www.santjordigolf.com





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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

ALL OF YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

And.....

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.

Sans & Sans Fine Teas: <http://www.sansisans-finetea.com/>

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

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

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>

GolPus: www.golfus.es

The next event will be our 202nd event and this will take place on Thursday the 24th November at Montanya. This is the Saint Andrew's Major and we will contact all of you shortly before the event for your confirmations. You can now register for this event on:

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