



Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 213

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Welcome to the 213th Sant Jordi tournament which was played at Montanyà on a very overcast day with no wind worth talking about, but above all no rain. The course was playing relatively long with the fairways in their usual perfect condition and the greens now in perfect condition and recently cut with 'devilish' pin placements. This made scoring quite a task on some of the greens most notable among these were the 7th, 13th and the 16th. I did not get around today to see all the greens but I think the flags were all at the back making the course fair but long. I saw some superb putting today from several of the players but, while I considered myself a good putter, the lever achieved by Ian Robertson today may have been equalled by others but I had to admit that his performance on the greens was nothing short of marvellous. His putt on the 13th green from well above the hole was faster than 'surfing on a Tsunami' and he left the ball inches from the cup. I had seen several attempts from the same position pass the hole and wonder 'merrily' down the 'cliff face' to the bottom of the putting surface. Well done to him. The tournament was played in Great Spirit between the 35 players present with a slight weighting towards Category B this month with 22 registered to play and 13 in category A. The greens started fast then as the dew came down they slowed and this made putting just that little bit more complicated than usual on the very fast surfaces. The day maintained a comfortable temperature and most of the player participated in short sleeves. I think it fair to say that conditions were ideal. There was a delicious lunch at the L'estanyol Restaurant and prize giving with a special thanks to Mick Walsh of 'Tengotwo (see link at top of pages) who has agreed to assist us with the special prizes, to Derek Simes (Elvara) for some great selections of wine and Graham Nash for their provisions. Again thanks to Jordi and his team for facilitating the shotgun start that allows us all to get in early for the meal and for providing us with a course in such great and improving condition.



This 'Haunting' view out from the club patio gives a good idea of the conditions in which we played the tournament. Looks like something out of a science fiction film. Mark Mills finally received his Second Place Trophy for his Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit finish for the 2011-2012 Season. Well done to him.





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Today's tournament was the sixth of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit and with a fairly good turnout, which is normal for the month of October. Scores ranged from 23 at the bottom to 38 at the top of Category A while in Category B we had 18 at the bottom and 42 at the top. The weather conditions, as is normal at Montanya will determine who might win and today again the course suited the longer hitters in the groups. However as already mentioned putting was by far the most important facet of the game today....and the best putters got to the top in both categories of the classification.

We were delighted to welcome Ian Harry, Ricardo Palà, Miguel Mendez, and Jamie Whitehead to the Sant Jordi Golf society and look forward to them winning at future events.

Category A

With 13 players registered but only 12 going into battle, there was a good chance to grab some valuable Spectrum IFA points for the Order of Merit. The current leader Jose Maria Ciuro had a less than perfect day and will want to forget it. There were some exciting shots during the round but for me the best was that previously mentioned and it was a putt! The final round up left Iain Morwood in third position with 36 points including a nice birdie on the 1st hole and 6 pars. In second position (by virtue of a higher handicap) was the in form Mick Walsh who scored 38 points off his 16 handicap including 2 birdies and 3 pars. In top position with his second win in this season's Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit was David Coote who scored 7 pars but no birdies. In 4th and 5th were Simon Gordon and David English with 34 points each - well done to all of you.



Iain Morwood, Mick Walsh and David Coote taking the top three positions and prizes from Xavier Pitarque after their magnificent rounds of golf. Well done all three.

Category B

22 registered players with 21 competing in the line-up today and the top 14 scored better than 31 points. Six of them made the grade with 36 or more points. There must have been some stunning golf played in this category. The final round up: In third position with 39 points was Rodney Lutti in just his second tournament with Sant Jordi. Rodney scored four pars including the 14th and 17th stunning play. In second place this month with a fine 40 points was the long hitting Richard Rose who scored two birdies (5th & 10th) and four additional pars in his round. So that leaves first place and it is with great joy that the honour went to Our longstanding President, Graham Nash who notched up a fine 42 points with his long putter doing a large amount of the work and contributing with a nice birdie on the second and pars following on 5 more holes. Good going all three.





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Graham Nash took top spot this month followed by Richard Rose in Second and Rodney Lutti in third. Nice play from all three.

We also had prizes for the nearest the flag on the 14th and 17th holes and these were won by the following:



On the 14th hole with a distance from the pin of just 2.40 m was Ricardo Palà.



On the 17th hole with a distance from the pin of just 6.17 m was Ralph Griffin.





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The passwords for the member's area access are: Login: **members** Password: **santjordi**

THE SAINT ANDREWS MAJOR TOURNAMENT

The next event will be on the 29th of November and this will be played at Montanya. We hope to see all of you there plus your golfing families as all are very welcome to join us. This is the First MAJOR event of the season for the Saint Andrews Trophy. Trophies are awarded in both categories. Category A will be played in Medal format and Category B as normal in Stableford. There will be loads of prizes so don't miss it.



The Category A and the New Category B trophy which has kindly been donated to Sant Jordi by Mark Mills. Mark will shortly be retiring to the USA. A great thanks to Mark for the friendship he has shown to all of us at sant Jordi and we wish him well in his retirement and the odd return visit to Spain for a round.
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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2012-2013)



Category A (Top 10)



- First Place: Jose Maria Ciuro with 1790 points
- Second Place: Simon Gordon with 1651 points
- Third Place: Marc Cox with 1601 points
- Fourth Place: Roger Hunger with 1257 points
- Fifth Place: Juan Maestro with 1254 points
- Sixth Place: Dave Collinson Place with 1197 points
- Seventh Place: Iain Morwood with 938 points
- Eighth: Steve Watson with 899 points
- Ninth Place: David Coote with 883 points
- Tenth Place: Rodney Lutti with 340 points

Category B (Top 10)



- First Place: Richard Rose with 1510 points
- Second Place: Albert Sant with 1285 points
- Third Place: Derek Simes with 1238 points
- Fourth Place: Les Buchanan with 1002 points
- Fifth Place: Graham Nash with 993 points
- Sixth Place: Mick Walsh with 963 points
- Seventh Place: Jonathan Goodman with 912 points
- Eighth Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 799 points
- Ninth Place: Isabel Martinez with 742 points
- Tenth Place: Josep Pedrals with 739 points

Simon Gordon moves to second position as Marc Cox goes back down to third. In Category B, Richard Rose regains his lead over Albert Sant while today's winner Graham Nash moves straight into the table in 5th place. Mick Walsh, Jonathan Goodman and Stijn Teeuwen all scored good points.





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Some photos from the event



Some pretty spectacular shots from an enjoyable day at Montanyà. What a great course! Don't forget that you can see all the photos from the event on our web at: www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Gallery.html the full collection of photos is also on our Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.455762501132725.102649.100000969385413&type=1&l=ff99f8272c>





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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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The next events will be our 214th at Montanya on Thursday the 29th November THE SAINT ANDREWS MAJOR. You can now register for this event by e-mailing me on:

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