



THE SANT JORDI GOLF SOCIETY NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome everyone to the 20th Anniversary of the Sant Jordi Golf Society which falls on the occasion of the first Saint Jordi Masters Championship at Montanya. Over the last 20 years we have had many exciting moments and all the highs and lows that one would expect in the modern world. From our beginnings formed out of an idea while a group of us played golf at Vallromanans in August 1995 to today where we have had more than 300 players come and go, visits from The Hanslope Park Golf Society to play matches, trips to Scotland and England to play over such wonderful courses as Saint Andrews Old Course, Crail, Carnoustie, Turnberry (Where my golfing career ended), Royal Troon, Kilmarnock and many more including the home of the Open Championship, Prestwick.



No need to say anything about this wonderful location.

The Voice from the past

So we have come a long way and lived through many happy moments and with the great strides we have taken we must not forget to whom we owe the society as it develops into the 21st century. Those include Graham Nash, former president and Co-Founder of the Society, Ralph Griffin for bringing us to Montanya, Adrian Cox many years assistant to Graham and Co-Founder, Mike Thom, Xavier Pitarque (The soul of the society and Mick Walsh all Vice Presidents. Albert Sant one of our great friends and competitors and now your Senior Vice President. The present committee, Brent Ledford, Chris Burke, Craig McLaughlan, The previously mentioned Albert Sant, Paul Glover and Myself (Adrian Cox). We have our own web page www.santjordigolf.com and many great friend at Montanya and all the other courses we have played. The philosophy of the society was based on ideas that have instilled in and gathered a large community of players to our events over the years It is very simple, to enjoy a round of golf in the beautiful Osona Montanya Club followed by a nice meal and above all the companionship of all the players. We have developed into modern Golf Society and as we get through the economic crisis that has hit all of us to a more or less level, it is pleasing to see our numbers growing again to past levels. We have a group of marvellous sponsors and great players present and past. A special thought to those players who sadly are no longer with us and to whom we give our thanks for all the wonderful moments we spent together and for those who still to join us, welcome to what we proudly claim to be a quite unique thing: The Sant Jordi Golf Society.

At this time I wish to give a special and warm Thank You to Albert Sant who along with me will be stepping down from our active commitments at the end of the season. Although Albert while not a founder member joined us in the initial tournaments and has been the stone on which we have based our philosophy and one that has stood the strength of time with us for the best part of 20 years. Thank you my friend. So Albert and I will be stepping down but we will still be in some form of semi active role in the events, Albert playing and me in the role of photographer, webmaster and editor.

The committee from May 2016 will initially consist of Brent, Craig, Chris and Paul together with any incorporations they may wish to include. I have spent some time with this group and they are full of ideas and have my full confidence to bring the events forward and we look forward to the new season from May 2016.







This Month's Event

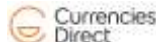


This month marks the 20th year and in November the 250th Sant Jordi Tournament. We thought it best to produce a T Shirt to commemorate both events. The shirt forms the background of the newsletter and is pictured on the right next to the Masters Trophy. The Tournament is a single category stroke-play event for the trophy and as a Major, the double point's distribution will be calculated to add to your Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit in the present manner (0-19.4 and 19.5 - 36).

There was a magnificent spread of prizes courtesy of: Currencies Direct to whom we are very grateful and look forward to their continued support.

The Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit after the Masters

Category A (Up to 19.4)			Category B (19.5 to 36)		
					
Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
First	David Coote	2104	First	Brent Ledford	1872
Second	Craig McLaughlan	1801	Second	Michael Bates	1407
Third	Paul Glover	1669	Third	Jonathan Goodman	1305
Fourth	Michael Robson	1422	Fourth	Martin Kirby	1093
Fifth	Chris Burke	1340	Fifth	Alejandro Yunta	1022
Sixth	Richard Rose	1141	Sixth	Ian Robertson	939
Seventh	David English	922	Seventh	Xavier Pitarque	838
Eighth	Marcel Blommendaal	823	Eighth	Robert Strauss	705
Ninth	Simon Fletcher	699	Ninth	David Hutchinson	569
Tenth	Gert Verkerk	648	Tenth	Tony Cobo	537





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How it developed



A wonderful turnout for this event with 34 players taking the start towards gaining the status of Masters Champion and the excitement was visible in the player's eyes as the siren started the event at 09:45 prompt. As a stroke-play event with one category the round was considerably slower than that to which we are accustomed and the course was damp to heavy in places. The players fought admirably and the results of their forces was truly in line with the Sant Jordi ideology in all cases. There were two players who retired, one through illness before the start and one with two holes to spare. Both were able to enjoy a magnificent lunch and a 20th anniversary cake for dessert.



Once the speeches were concluded and most of the dessert, we started the ceremonies and the draw. The top three places required the application of the Sant Jordi reglementation to find the places which were as follows. In Second place with a nett 69 was Chris Burke who hit his score off a handicap of 15. Chris counts every appearance with a very high level. In third position with a nett score of 70 off a 23 handicap was Colin Campbell. In First place, (pictured on the right) taking the title of Sant Jordi Masters Champion with an incredible 64 shots off a 13 handicap was David Coote. All the winners came from what would have been the upper levels of Category A & B of the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit.



Nearest the Pins

Hole 2

On hole one with a distance of 92cm was Masters Winner David Coote.

Hole 6

On hole one with a distance of some 6.4 metres was Edwin Hebink.

Hole 14

On hole one with a distance also around 4.8metres was again Edwin Hebink.

Hole 17

On hole one with a distance of some 6.57 metres Marcel Blommendaal.

Well done to all of you.





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Welcome to the following new members

Valette Thibault from France and now established in Barcelona scored a nett 69 but as it was his first tournament he was unable to win. I expect him to feature in future events off his low handicap and we look forward to that.

Additional Question's

The net event will be the October tournament at Montanya on the 29th October. You can now register for this on: asc@santjordigolf.com

Following this:

The Saint Andrews Major, our second of the season will be in November 26th at Montanya. You can now register for this on: asc@santjordigolf.com

Photos from the event





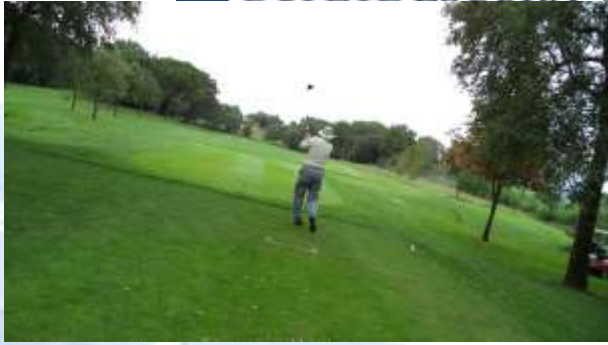
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In no small measure we owe the success of our events to the following. In the year round events we need to give our hearty thanks to all our friends and contributors for their help. These are of course well known to you all, but take a few moments to browse through their web pages where you will find a lot of interesting offers and details.

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Xavier Pitarque, Gert Verkerk, Simon Fletcher, David English, Roger Hunger and all the committee.

New Sant Jordi Polos

DO NOT FORGET TO INFORM CHRIS BURKE OF YOUR REQUIREMENT INCLUDING SIZE FOR THE 250TH TOURNAMENT / 20TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS ON THE FOLLOWING E.MAIL WITH YOUR REQUIREMENTS:



MAIL CHRIS ON: chrisburke@live.co.uk

See you all at the next event on the 29th October at Montanya: asc@santjordigolf.com

New news, thanks to all of you who have reserved a Polo. All have now been reserved.

Bye for now.

