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Welcome to the third edition of the Anglo Catalan Sant Jordi Golf Society Newsletter. .

April Tournament Result.

The April tournament was played under near perfect conditions, the course was in splendid condition although most of us thought that the greens still needed a few days to be at their best. A great time was had by all and as you will see from the changes in the Order of Merit the opportunity was well taken by several members. In addition the April tournament was also the Annual Stroke play event for the Sant Jordi Trophy. This was won by Pau Gomez who turned on a display of golf rarely seen by finishing the front nine in level par. He did well to hold on and completed the second in 10 over giving him a total of Net 63 which was a tremendous effort. Roger Hunger and Marc Cox followed Pau on the table; both played excellent rounds and truly deserved their positions.

The tournament was combined with a Sableford event won by Michael Witty whose fine 40 points was followed by Diego Davila and Ricard Rovira. A well deserved mention for Paul Smith and Les Buchanan. Both followed closely in the wake of the first three.

Order of Merit.

There were a few notable movements up the list in April, notably Pau Gomez and Michael Witty advanced with their wins and Roger Hunger with his second place. Little to note at the 'sharp end' other than Michael Robson's lead has now been cut to just two points. Let's hope Michael can be with us in May because the writing is on the wall...If you miss a tournament the 'Price can be High'!

View from the Side.

Like last month, I spent rather a lot of time on the side and was quite lonely because Simon Green was on the other side most of the time and Pau Gomez was in the middle...at least Peter Schneider had someone to talk to! We did meet on most of the greens, though. So One must mention Pau's blinding round... I saw it and can assure you he was genuinely 'hot', accurate and striking a beautiful draw with his iron shots...a joy to watch.

The greens were 'suspect' but given they were 'spiked' recently we can't complain. The green keeper has made a serious effort and the rest of the course was immaculate.....So What went wrong?....I think most of the bottom half of the table were just 'gob smacked' by the views.

New Members

A special welcome to our new members. This month we welcomed Diego Davila, Angel Perales and Moises Basco to the event...They all did well and deserved the 'prize ball'.

'Mention of the Month'.

I'd like to give this to me, but I think Mike Thom Deserves it for doing the brunt of the work organising the Hanslope Park match. So he gets my vote. Well done Mike.

Order of Merit position (After Hanslope Park Match)

Points	Position	Name
54	1	COX ADRIAN
53	2	ROBSON MICHAEL
51	3	HUNGER ROGER
49	4	NASH GRAHAM
48	5	WITTY MICHAEL
45	6	HEBINK EDWIN
41	7	GOMEZ PAU
40	8	THOM MIKE
32	9	ROSE RICHARD
30	10	SMITH PAUL
28	11	GRIFFIN RALPH
24	12	WATERS ROY
22	13	BABES KEITH
22	13	RUI DI SILVA
19	15	SHADDICK LINDA
19	15	JAMES ROHDRI
18	16	OWEN CHRIS
17	17	GARCIA OLIGARIO
17	17	MANENT JOSE
16	19	GREEN SIMON
15	20	BUCHANAN LES

Sant Jordi vs Hanslope Park 25th and 26th April.



A delighted Gary Peers receives the Annual Sant Jordi vs. Hanslope Park Trophy from Mike Thom





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Match Report

The Annual Hanslope Park vs Sant Jordi match took place over the 25th and 26th April. The first leg was played at Montanya and the second at the Gerona Golf Club. The Match was fought in great spirit and to a man, one cannot fault the effort put into the event by all the participants. Day one ended in a tie on 2½ points each. There were some notable performances notably Richard Rose who scored 38

points and Adrian Cox on 36. It was alas a mirage that was washed out with 'Pacharan' and other fine brews together with an excess of lamb chops that proved our downfall. Mike and I went to great lengths to seed the Gerona course with some particularly nasty blood sucking 'bichos' and the suggestion that Shorts would be the most appropriate attire for the day. The whole Hanslope team fell into the trap, but we did not count on there being a large stock of repellent in the pro-shop. We tried to negotiate a cut in the profits, but the pro would not fall for it... Such is life!. Also worth mention was the fine targeting in my match (and the Sant Jordi team in General) of Pine trees. I counted about 18 friendly glances (one per hole) in my match and Gary did well to withstand such an onslaught to gain keenly earned half.

The result I am pleased to say after three years fell in favour of Hanslope and the whole Sant Jordi team, joined forces to congratulate the visitors who truly deserved to win. Prizes were won by all and thanks to the imagination of the two captains; I think everyone had a great time. There will be a return match in the UK in September so please get your names down as soon as possible for this one. Contact: Mike, Graham or me to get your names down. I think the score was something like 5 ½ to 12 ½.

Captains Comment's

Gary Peers

On behalf of the whole 2007 Hanslope team, I would like to say a big thank you to all the Sant Jordi members who made time to come out and give us another memorable few days. We understood the fixture difficulties and really appreciated you all making the effort to play amongst your other commitments. Montanya was in as good a condition as we have seen and Girona was very lush - even worth the scarred legs we all have from the attention paid to us by the evil biting beasts. It is truly the friendship, the hospitality and the good laugh we all have which makes the visits so special. That said, I do have to admit that Hanslope actually winning the trophy back this year left quite a nice taste in the mouth - a change from our usual butifara bashing and even if we did need a little help from some SJ members. Montanya Golf Club and Hotel Seva are becoming homes from home and places we now associate with meeting up with old friends. Adrian's help behind the scenes was superb as always and Mike Thom excelled even his high standards with sorting out the match venues, the hotel, meals and the very generous sponsors. Thanks also to Jordi at Montanya who helped negotiate a good deal at Girona. We have invested the savings made from the reduced green fees in anti-histamine cream and fresh supplies of golf balls. I am writing this from England where the beer is the best in the world but the bars (thankfully) don't serve Pacharan. As mentioned, we will be back in touch very soon with another proposal for a return visit invitation - most probably for September when we would be delighted to have the opportunity to return some of your hospitality.

If you'll have us back in Catalunya next year then we would love to come, but be warned - we'll be doing our best to hang on to that wee trophy.

Very best wishes

Gary

Mike Thom

Many thanks to all the players and sponsors for their enthusiastic commitments.

Both courses were in fine condition for our match, and congratulations to Hanslope Park for a great effort to win the trophy for the first time. Finally, sorry to have dashed off so quickly and not having a chance to say a proper goodbye to all - family commitments in Barcelona after two days of great fun!! This tournament just gets better and better - I'm sure we'll all meet again soon.
Visca!

Mike

A very Well deserved thanks' go to:

I know that all those involved in the tournament wish to pass on our thanks to all of the sponsors of the event for their magnificent prizes. All of them made sterling contributions to the event. We are truly grateful and trust that their efforts and assistance to make the event work will prove beneficial and we look forward to counting on their support next year. They in turn deserve our support and I am sure that they all have genuine reason to be pleased with the event.

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Man of the Tournament



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