



Sant Jordi Newsletter



WELCOME

Welcome to the April 2009 Newsletter

The 23rd of April Saint Georges Day and the date for the FIRST MAJOR of the new season brought together 50 players to the Magnificent setting of Montanya on a splendid day. Truly the best event so far with a great lunch and tremendous prizes. Special thanks for the organisation go to Graham Nash and Mike Thom not to mention the invaluable contribution of all our sponsors that will be detailed at the end of the newsletter.

THE SANT JORDI TOURNAMENT



View towards the 9th hole from the second tee (09:00am).

You can see from the photo that we were in for a special day and so it turned out with 50 players participating and also a full complement dining together after the event.

The Sant Jordi Trophy is the first of two major events we have and given the special status and significance of the event deserved this tremendous turnout. Thanks to all of you for your support and I know a great time was had by everyone making this an event not to be missed and one of the best events to date. So how was the golf on the Strokeplay event?

With a total of 28 players teeing off for the trophy which is limited to max handicap of 18 meant that there were several

very good performances from a generous turnout of low handicap players. The top ten in order with scores were:

First:	Ralph Griffin	71
Second:	Emiliano Garcia	73
Third:	Freddy Witty	74
Fourth:	Steve Watson	74
Fifth:	Clive Shaddick	74
Sixth:	Juan Maestro	74
Seventh:	Daniel Medina	75
Eighth:	Josep Canet	76
Ninth:	Michael Witty	76
Tenth:	Jordi Valldeneu	78

So you can see some pretty hot scoring. The lowest Scratch score was shot by Freddy Witty with a fine 83.

The course was in pristine condition with the fairways manicured to the usual Montanya standards and greens with interesting pin placements and that had been set with some very fine crosscutting making line judgement difficult and bringing the Cream to the top. There was a 'star moment' on the par 5 fifth hole when Jordi Valldeneu popped in his third shot for an eagle, A fine effort accompanied by a birdie on the 13th and total of 5 birdies between the rest of the field. This is a rather low total birdie count bearing judgement to the tricky conditions on the 'lawns'.



The tricky first hole, scene of just seven pars on the day.





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THE PRESENTATIONS

Ralph Griffin became the first Major winner of the season after a 71 and he takes home 300 points for the Order of Merit and the Magnificent Sant Jordi trophy and copy for him to retain.



A delighted Ralph getting used to the fame and fortune that Major status brings. Nice going and well deserved.

Coming in a close second with a 73 was Emiliano Garcia who nearly scored a hole in one on the 6th (40.5 cm from the hole) after rolling just 2 or 3 cm to the side..Veerry Close!.



Emiliano receives his prize from Mike Thon and Graham Nash

In third place came one of our founder members and a fine golfer. Freddy Witty fired the lowest scratch score and a 74 net to take home the bacon for the Witty Empire.



A welcome third place prize for Freddy presented by Mike

Now this is all very exciting..but there is more. We also had 4 nearest the pin prizes and a long drive competition. These went to the following:

Nearest the Pins

The 2 nd	Emiliano Garcia	3.29m
The 6 th	Emiliano Garcia	0.40m





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The Long Drive

The 14th

Jeroni Matites

4.35m

Men:

Freddy Witty (Somewhere around 300m)



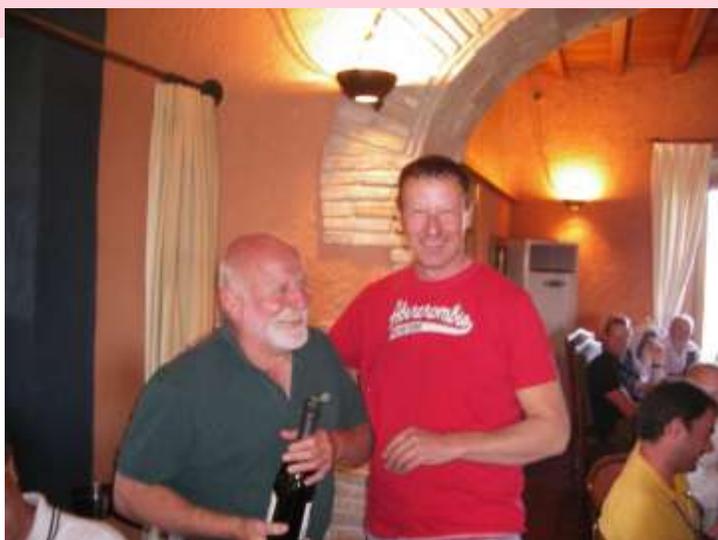
The 17th

Wolfgang Finkbeiner

0.82m

Girls:

Linda Shaddick (Linda will tell you it was over 250) I believe her.. Nice tonk!





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CATEGORY B

Category B for the above 18 handicappers

19 players fought for the Category B prizes which also draw double points while played in the normal Sant Jordi format of stableford.

First in this category with a fine score of 42 points was Rui di Sliva. Riu had a very steady round and came out a point ahead of second.



Second then with 41 was Derek Simes with some regular golf and I am reliably informed 'hot' putting.



Third in Category B with 38 points came one of our 'Stars' of the day. Mike put in a considerable effort to making this event a success and deserves this fine position with a creditable knock.



'Honest Mike' presenting himself with the third place prize. Six balls, a week in the Olimpia Hotel in Trinidad & Tobago for two with golf, and a Lifetime membership of Montanya. Plus a New Set of Callaway X18 Tour Irons. With this he has taken Professional Status and will never play with us again! On yer bike Mike!. No really Just 6 balls and some tees.

THE ORDER OF MERIT 2009

There are some significant jumps with the Major Status points and the list is now as follows (all on the web page in the Stats Area)

Category A

First Place	Ralph Griffin	579 Points
Second Place	Simon Green	259 Points
Third Place	Steve Watson	258 Points

Category B

First Place	Derek Simes	534 Points
Second Place	Rui di Silva	477 Points
Third Place	David Goss	371 Points





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A ROUND WITH ADRIAN

This month it was my pleasure to be partnered for the first time with two of our regular members, German Alarte and a more recent incorporation, Daniel Medina. Both are fine strikers of the golf ball and great partners to have for a day's golf. So here we go!

German Alarte is a 16 handicap, Right Hand, Senior member. He started with a couple of fine pars and looked to be in contention for a top placing until we got to the seventh hole. German is a very steady player and I think I probably put him off his game with my atrocious play. German came in with an 81 and but for two serious mishaps on the 7th and 12th we would have seen him take a top position. Thanks for the round, a true gentleman.



Daniel Medina is also off 16, Right Handed and my age. Daniel provided some stiff opposition and it was clear from the outset that he was going to take a prominent place in the classification. He can hit a fairly long drive and has rifle precision from anywhere inside 100m. He shot a 75 to take 7th place just 4 off the victory. No real disasters anywhere on the course, with a few

of those putts we all missed during the event Daniel could have taken top spot from Ralph.



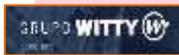
Adrian Cox @# handicap (Rubbish Right Hand Whacker!) did not really get started and would have best stayed in the club house watching the rest of you staring on the links. I'll contest Freddy over who had the longest drive of the day, but he left it on the short grass and deserved the prize. Anyway, my staring moment was a total of just 2 pars (8th and 13th) and a fine 10 on the 9th. Hopefully between now and May I'll have forgotten all about it and can live with the thought that Richard Rose had an 11 and there were 4 8s, so I was not alone.

THE SPECIAL MENTION

The Special mention this month must clearly go to all our Sponsors and in particular to:

- Hotel Montanya Resort and Spa, Julie
- Michael & Freddy Witty
- Spectrum, Jonathan Goodman & Richard Rose
- Interlegal, Albert Sant
- Bodegas Elvara, Derek Simes
- Sans and Sans Fine Teas, Alexandra Witty
- Club de Golf Montanya, Jordi and his team
- James Marshall
- Xalet Coromina, Salvador
- Apple tree communications, Kirsty Brown
- Ganduxer, Mike Thom





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- GolsUS, Retailer and supplier of some of our principal prizes located in Sant Just.
- Peter Schershal from Anagio our web agent (see link on first page of the web) for his help in developing the site format.
- All of you who have assisted in maintaining the Sant Jordi spirit and for making the event what it is today. May it grow and grow.

EVENT IMAGES

One or two more images from the day (The presentation is already on the web in the 'gallery').



THE NEXT EVENT

Is scheduled for the 28th May at Montalya. Watch the web for any possible changes to this date and apologies again for having to change the date to the 23rd April. At least this gave us a chance to welcome our ladies group and offer them a deserved rose. This has inspired us to create an Order of Merit for the female section and start the battle to the trophies.



Adrian

Don't forget that all the latest information is on the web

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