

Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 232

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Welcome to the 232nd Sant Jordi tournament played at Montanya on the occasion of the Sant Jordi Major Open Golf Championship. The event was well attended with a contingent of 33 players teeing off for the honour of becoming a Major Champion. In addition to this we had the final round of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit to reward the performance over the whole of the 2013-2014 Season in both Category A and B. Next year we look forward to having three categories A, B and C for the higher handicap players so there will be even more opportunity to take home the bacon. We went into this event with a single player having the opportunity of becoming the first in our history to take a Sant Jordi Grand Slam by winning the two majors and the Spectrum IFA Order of Merit. The person with that chance was Iain Morwood and we will look at how he got on with his demons lower down in this newsletter.



The weather accompanied by sunshine for and a stimulating breeze which got stronger as the day went on. The fairways were in pristine condition and the greens though fast, were true and easier to play on than those from March. Recently cut holes in tricky positions, given the effect of the wind on the shots that caused playing the second nine particularly complicated, but all but one the players all got round and competed to the end for their results. We were sadly missing from the event a small number of high profile players due to injury, sudden business meetings and conflicting dates with the Pentagonal event and hope they will shortly be recovered and able to participate in our serious but fun events. Michael Bates was sadly forced to retire after just a few holes when a recurring lower leg injury flared up.

So how did everybody fare in the inaugural three level event Sant Jordi Open Golf Championship? Teeing off the back white tees makes the task more complicated for the players in group A while in Groups B and C the tees were also set well back making the course a challenge with its full length spread out before us. The fairways were excellently manicured, the bunkers finely combed and the true greens slightly down on their traditional pace gave everybody a fair chance, but finding the pins made the job all the more difficult and vital to good scoring. A nice job from all the green staff and the same must be said of the service in the bar and L'Estanyol Restaurant which served up a splendid selection for lunch.

Category A (H'Caps 0-17.9)

Category A was a very competitive group with 9 players lined up for the off the eight competing for victory in Category A of the Sant Jordi Open Golf Championship played as a stroke-play event off the back competition tees. All eight played well and with the very real possibility of Iain Morwood being the first to score the 'Sant Jordi Golf Society Slam' (The Saint Andrews' Open, The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit and the Sant Jordi Open won in the same calendar year). After all was said and done and some excellent golf the winner of the Sant Jordi Open was Chris Burke with a fine net 69 followed by Iain Morwood on net 73 and in third place Gert Verkerk with 78 strokes. Chris took full use of his handicap and just about pared all the way round as was very regular. Well done to him.



Major Champion Chris and Iain took the prizes from Mike Thom and our Guest of Honour 'Flash Be Gone!' (No third prizes as we did 3 categories today).





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Category B

There were 16 players in Category B including Ann Robertson who was celebrating her birthday today and was the recipient of a nice Sant Jordi Rose. The event was played in the normal points system which brought the crème to the surface in the name of Richard Keeling playing in his second event with a fine score of 38 points. Second with 34 was Edwin Hebink and third also on 34 was Ian Robertson. Well done all three.



Major Champion Richard and Edwin took the prizes from Mike Thom and our Guest of Honour 'Flash Be Gone!' (Again No third prizes as we did 3 categories today).

Category C

For the first time this year we had a Category C for handicaps above 27,9 which consisted of 8 players. The category holds the same status as a Major event and we are delighted to say that the first winner in this category was one of our best known players and star of the show, Wolfgang Finkbeiner on 40 points, a score that would have won category B but for the handicap limits there. Well done to him for being the first Category C Major Champion. In second place, very close behind was Brent Ledford on 38 and in third was Xavier Pitarque on 37.

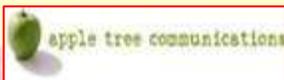


Major Champion Wolfgang and Brent took the prizes from Mike Thom and our Guest of Honour 'Flash Be Gone!' (Again No third prizes as we did 3 categories today). All the winners today are automatically inducted into The Sant Jordi Hall of Fame together with the winners of both categories of Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit.

We also had four nearest the pin prizes and two long drives which were taken by the following: On Hole 2 with a distance of 1m25 Chris Burke, On hole 6 with a distance of 5.48m Ian Robertson, On hole 14 with a distance of 5.70m Roger Hunger and finally on a very difficult hole 17 with a distance of 5.18m Edwin Hebink. The Long Drive on the 5th was won by Mick Walsh and on the 18th by Stijn Teeuwen. Well done to all 6 for your fine work.



Chris, confident on the green after his great shot, Ian for his on the 6th, Roger for his shot on the 14 and Edwin on the 17th. These followed by Mick and Stijn for their great drives on the 5th and 18th respectively.





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The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2013-2014)

FINAL BREAKDOWN



Category A (Top 10)

- First Place: Iain Morwood with 3603 points
- Second Place: Steve Watson with 3020 points
- Third Place: Mick Walsh with 2961 points
- Fourth Place: Roger Hunger with 2863 points (Best 9 results)
- Fifth Place: Ralph Griffin with 1950 points
- Sixth Place: Edwin Hebink with 1705 points
- Seventh Place: Gert Verkerk with 1224 points
- Eighth Place: Phil Troke with 1224 points
- Ninth Place: David Coote with 1093 points
- Tenth Place: Michael Robson with 977 points



Category B (Top 10)

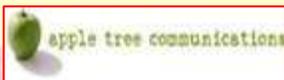
- First Place: Martin Kirby with 3414 points (Best 9 Results)
- Second Place: Derek Simes with 3071 points (Best 9 Results)
- Third Place: Richard Rose with 2570 points
- Fourth Place: Craig McLaughlan with 2030 points
- Fifth Place: Mike Thom with 1812 points
- Sixth Place: Paul Glover with 1804 points
- Seventh Place: Wolfgang Finkbeiner with 1729 points
- Eighth Place: Jonathan Goodman with 1581 points
- Ninth Place: Chris Burke with 1561 points
- Tenth Place: Steve Coltman with 1555 points

We are now discounting the lowest scores as only the best nine counts towards the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit. That is reflected in the list. No change to the leaders in either category so we congratulate Iain Morwood for Winning Category A and Martin Kirby for his win in Category B both with stunning totals, very well done gentlemen and fine challenges from Steve Watson and Mick Walsh in Category A and Derek Simes and Richard Rose in B. Next year we have three categories. A from 0-17.9, B 18 – 28.9 and Category C 29 and above.

Category A



Category B winners of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit for 2013-2014 presented by Jonathan Goodman from Spectrum IFA. Third place to Richard Rose of (You Gussed it) Spectrum IFA, Second place went to Derek Simes of Bodegas Elvira and Third to our great friend and performer, Martin Kirby. Heartiest congratulations to all three.



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Category B



Category A winners of the Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit for 2013-2014 presented by Richard Rose from Spectrum IFA. Third place to Mick Walsh of Tengotwo, Second place went to Steve Watson and third another consistent performer, Iain Morwood. Great Glee from all three.

The Roger Hunger Trophy

This magnificent trophy goes to the winner of Category A of the Order of Merit and has now been won by five different players. They are: This Year's winner, Iain Morwood: And from previous years:



009 Ralph Griffin	2010 David Coote	2011 Simon Gordon	2012 Roger Hunger

Roger, who was the winner last year, presents the trophy to Iain Morwood the lucky chap who will have this fine piece of silverware on the mantelpiece for a whole year.

The Homer Award



This is a new award this year and is awarded to the player or person who has, in the opinion of the committee, best exhibited the spirit of the Sant Jordi Golf Society at our events over the year. We are delighted to award this to prize trophy to Brent Ledford for his drive, enthusiasm and integration over the whole season.



Photos from the event



There is a complete selection of photos on our web page: <http://www.santjordigolf.com/Files/Photo%20Galleries.html> and also on our Facebook page on the following link. Please feel free to use these as you wish: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.700312843344355.1073741845.100000969385413&type=3> Chris will also place information on the LinkedIn page for your perusal: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Sant-Jordi-Golf-Society-Catalunya-7462715>





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David English, Roger Hunger & Andres Lozano

The next events will be at Montanyà on Thursday the 29th May. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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