



# Sant Jordi Newsletter

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

## LATEST NEWS

Have you see the Sant Jordi Web Page. This is on:

[www.santjordigolf.com](http://www.santjordigolf.com)

## SCORECARDS

Thanks everyone for the fantastic turn out in August. 28 players actually took the start for the event on a very sunny and one has to say warm day with the course in really great condition thanks to some excellent work by Jordi and his staff. Clearly most of us would prosper in these conditions, and this proved to be the case with some excellent golf being produced by many of us (or should I say, most of you?).

## WELCOME TO

New members, Liam Maher, Dave Collison & Manuel Sole who hopefully will now form an integral part of the Sant Jordi group and after a long absence, MarkMills & Peter Scherschel.

## THE AUGUST EVENT

Some very keen golf was played in both categories with scores reflecting the accuracy of the Sant Jordi Handicap system 3 players beat par in Category B and just 1 in Category A. It was great to see our newer members at the top end of the leader board which broke down as follows. (Full details in the web page)

## CATEGORY A (Handicap 0-17.9)

Things are hotting-up with key members away on leave or business, there were opportunities to take advantage of and differentials to make at the top of the heap. Roger Hunger, while no scoring on two holes played and otherwise exciting round with two birdies on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> accompanied by some excellent approach play to come out in top spot with 37 points. Roger takes the 50 Order of Merit points available and with this moves into the lead in the table. Second with 33, after clearly getting inspiration from events at Royal Birkdate, came Paul Gregson who also had a nice birdie on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole. Paul gets the 40 points on offer for second. Third came 'Grip it and Rip it' Albert Sant who once again managed to put in a regular score of 32 with a birdie on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Well done Albert and Co for producing some great golf and all deserve their placings. David English and Simon Green came in in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.

## Order of Merit Category A (Handicap 0-17.9)

214	A	HUNGER ROGER
210	A	SANT ALBERT
206	A	GREEN SIMON
199	A	COOTE DAVID
183	A	NASH GRAHAM
180	A	COX ADRIAN
160	A	ENGLISH DAVID
132	A	PALAU ANTON
102	A	COMAS JOSEP MARIA
91	A	WATSON STEVE

## CATEGORY B (Handicap 18 and above)

A very large group this month consisting of 17 players contested category B and the heat was on with the top 3 breaking par by a considerable distance. Two of these were new members who clearly delighted in the conditions and well deserved their positions. Top spot however went to one of our regulars (won on lower handicap ruling). Eduardo Torres who came in with an exceptionally well worked 42 points including a birdie on the difficult 6<sup>th</sup> hole (the only one here all day). Eduardo gets the 50 points which count towards the Category A Order of Merit where he started the year. Eduardo 'pipped' Liam Maher also returned 42 points which for a long time looked like being the top score. Liam birdied the 13<sup>th</sup> with 4 fine blows and takes the 40 points for second and we look forward to some more splendid golf from him in the coming months. Third came Manuel Solé who with his 41 well deserved the win....tournaments have been won with far less than 41 and Manuel played well with a birdie on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

So with all the top positions in both categories hitting birdies during their rounds it looks like being an interesting end to the year with player eying up the top spots and the trophies for December. Remember that to win the Order of Merit you must play in at least 6 events or be in the top 30 of the classification at the completion of the October event.

## Order of Merit Category B (Handicap 18 and above)

204	B	SIMES DEREK
168	B	BUCHANAN LES
159	B	ROSE RICHARD
157	B	MATUTES JERONI
133	B	FERRER RICARDO
133	B	THOM MIKE
133	B	WITTY MICHAEL
102	B	RUI DI SILVA
100	B	SMITH PAUL
98	B	GOSS DAVID

## Par Busters Classification

It is nice to reward the 'sharpshooters' with this classification, so go for it boys (and girls). This classification is for gross birdies and eagles so no handicaps come into play.. This will give us all something extra to aim for and is for all Sant Jordi Competitions and matches.

At Nine Under Par for the year is

Roger Hunger

At 6 Under is

Albert Sant

Tied on 4 Under Par are:

Adrian Cox & Anton Palau

Nearest the Pin(s)

There we none nominated in August. No extra Points I'm Afraid.





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## A ROUND WITH ADRIAN

Welcome to my favorite section in which I get the opportunity to (always modestly) blow my trumpet and that of my fellow competitors. They were, Representing Wales....Rhodri James Representing Spain....Ricardo Ferrer & Representing England (South) Roger Hunger and England (Midlands) myself.

Adrian..All started well with good up and downs on the first followed by birdie chances on the second, then my glasses steamed up and I shall go no further with my 'efforts' other than to add that a birdie followed 3 hours later on the 18<sup>th</sup>. What went in between shall remain secret and my three companions on the day have been sworn to silence. No mention shall be made of the 2 tee shots on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole because I enjoyed the walk anyway!

Rhodri was hitting some very nice drives and had what I would call 5 'events' during his round, most noticeably on the 9<sup>th</sup> (a hole that actually saw 7 pars out of the 10 Category A players that went through). The wheels came off on 4 more holes but on the positive side, he was under par for the rest, so some light at the end of the tunnel.

Roger played a very regular round and was also hitting the fairways with long straight shots. He missed on two holes and could have won the event by an even bigger margin had he scored on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes, the two hardest on the course. His drives let him down on both of these which just goes to show the importance of hitting the fairways.

Ricardo was very regular and played some nice golf only missing out on two holes after errant tee shots took him out of play. Some fairly good tee shots gave him a few birdie opportunities but sadly none dropped. He had a tremendous up and down on the 17<sup>th</sup> after a great recovery shot of which Mickelson would have been proud.

All in all a nice day in the company of three of our regulars followed by a good lunch and a bag of tees in the raffle... Who could ask for more?

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A Catholic Priest, an Indian Doctor, a rich Chinese Businessman and a New Zealander were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers in front of them.

The Kiwi fumed, "What's with those blokes? We must have been waiting for fifteen bloody minutes!"  
The Indian Doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such poor golf!"  
The Chinese Businessman called out, "Move it, time is money!"  
The Catholic Priest said, "Here comes George the green keeper.

Let's have a word with him."  
"Hello, George," said the Catholic Priest, "What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"  
George the green keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group fell silent for a moment.

The Catholic Priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."  
The Indian Doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them."  
The Chinese Businessman replied, "I think I'll donate \$50,000 to the fire-fighters in honour of these brave souls"

The Kiwi said, "Why can't they play at night?"

## THE SEPTEMBER EVENT

This will be played at Montanya on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. If there are any changes these will be put in the web page. So keep 'Surfing'.

Graham will be in contact with you all directly or by mail / SMS for the next event.

If you can play, why not call Graham or mail me with your confirmation.

## IN CLOSING

I'm still short of some e-mail addresses.

Could you all pass me your addresses by mail at the following?

[Adrian@santjordigolf.com](mailto:Adrian@santjordigolf.com)

I can then give you all the details and latest info directly at home.. Oh, and please pass this newsletter on to your Sant Jordi Colleagues and friends and ask them to mail me with their addresses.

## Editors Note (me again):

There will be an extension to this newsletter After the Scotland trip with photos and reports.. Watch this space.

There is plenty of space for your publicity which is placed free of charge (except for a small donation for prizes at the St Andrews and December Order of Merit events).

Sant Jordi Newsletter would welcome your comments to improve the presentation and content. It is a nonprofit making newsletter, so my apologies for any omissions or typographical errors. If you wish to have your company logo and description included please drop me a mail on: [eagle@slicer.jazztel.es](mailto:eagle@slicer.jazztel.es).

See you all in September at Montanya

Regards

Adrian

