



Sant Jordi Newsletter



WELCOME

August 2009

Welcome to the 176th Event Newsletter.

Firstly and most important, this month's stop press news. We have all been the victims of unfortunate and untimely injuries and ailments. So we thought it appropriate to will two of our members speedy recoveries from the ailments they are suffering. Those who immediately come to mind are Bill Cox and Michael Robson. We hope to see both of you back with us at Sant Jordi as promptly as you are medically able and wish you both full and complete recoveries. Take it easy and hopefully we'll see you both shortly.

The Event

Another very interesting tournament and the first using our new tee off timings now published on the web on the Monday preceding the tournament. The idea has worked well taking a lot of pressure and stress from the organising members allowing a stress free day for everyone. I have also spoken to Jordi at the Club and he is in agreement that this is a great leap forward and has made administration at Montanya easier. So for the moment it is here to stay and to be perfected as the coming months pass. Once the morning dew had risen the greens were very good and putted well, most of us found the course playing quite long with the dampness under foot, but the fairways were nicely presented and as you can see from the photos, inviting to sore eyes. With August upon us we were expecting a slightly lower than normal turnout but 21 hearty souls did get to Montanya and we thank all of them for choosing to share the time among friends at Sant Jordi. We were blessed with warm conditions and a slightly overcast afternoon which made it pleasant to play the round and not too hard on the drinking fountains.

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A fair turnout then for the 24th of August event divided as follows: 8 in Category A and 13 in Category B. Just to players were unable to make the date from those originally confirmed so we had an interesting event and competitive golf in Both Categories. There were clear winners in A and B. More of that to follow:



The clubhouse set in beautiful surrounding. Not a soul in sight!



The 18th hole meandering between the 'crispy' rough. Really inviting in the early morning.

If you want to enjoy some of these views there is a full selection of the day's photos they are on the Galley Page on the web. www.santjordigolf.com





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So how did things go in the event?

The Winners were well clear of the rest of the field in both categories. In Category A everyone deserves a mention and the top of the table went as follows:

First place was for Roger Hunger with a fine 41 points consisting of 10 pars of which 8 were on the front 9. This was a tremendous effort and worthy of the win. 'The Style' must have been very happy as he teed off on the 11th, but the second nine provided more of a challenge and what could have been the first winning score in the 50s had to remain at 41. Nice going though Roger.



Roger picked up first prize after an impressive performance over the first 9 holes and 196 Order of Merit points.

Second place with 36 points was Eduardo Torres. His round consisted of 7 pars including the difficult 17th. Eduardo missed out on one hole which could have placed him in a position to make more of a challenge for first place. We all know this feeling, so well done Eduardo for second.



Eduardo takes second with the bonus 141 order of Merit points. Nice going

In third place with a challenging 34 points and a really hot front 9 (He was playing with Roger) was Marc Cox. Marc hit 5 pars but was lacking the killer instinct to hunt down Roger. A steady second 9 left him trailing by seven points but not a bad performance for his third outing of the year.



Marc showed some fine form. Hopefully he can play more often and head up the table where he deserves to be.

So that just leaves the following:

- Fourth was Tomas Maestro,
- Fifth was Josep Maria Comas,
- Sixth Adrian Cox,
- Seventh Emiliano Garcia and
- Eighth Daniel Medina.

Category B was another done deal with 'Import' Graham Nash taking top spot and equalling the top score for the event with an impressive 47 points. Marc Cox won the July 05 event with 46 and Michael Witty has also won with 47 so Graham has placed himself with the 'Hallowed' few with this score. He scored 7 pars and a birdie on the 18th One of only two there on the day (The other by Me had to get my mention somewhere!) and he well deserved his top spot with some fine recovery play all the way round, holing some excellent puts with the broom handle putter hot from the USA. Graham started the year in Category A so his points go there and he is now very near the top.

Second spot went to Les Buchanan with 40 points with 6 pars on and a birdie on the third hole. Les clearly enjoyed the hardest holes as he scored pars on the 4th, 9th, 12th, 16th and 17th so the driver must have been working well.





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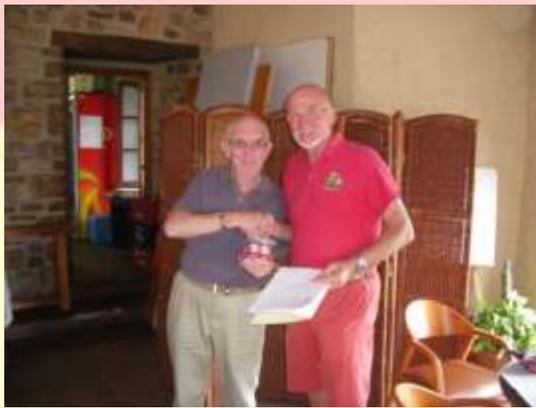


First in category B with a record equalling 47 points was a delighted Graham Nash with a season record of 202 Order of Merit Points. WOW!

Next placed were Jill Minshaw (who takes top spot in the female category) followed by Mark Mills, David Minshaw, Antonio Castañeda, Paul Smith, Ventura Coch, Kevin Ellis, Miquel Medalla, Lawrence Jones and Alois Linde. Well done to you all.



Some fine play was produced from these four fine specimens of European youth.



Les fired a hot 40 points and must have thought this a winning score until the results were announced. Some really fine play and a birdie to boot!



Les was the 'leading light' in this group between them scoring 131 points.

One of the steadiest performers and leader of the Category B Order of Merit, adding a healthy 109 points today to his total was Derek Simes. Derek hit 6 pars in his round but just had four bad holes (three of these on the second nine) which, added to his creditable 39 points could have given him the win.



Derek ('Sure Fire') Simes took a great third with some fine play and Order of Merit topping points. Well done Derek.



'Tiger' Nash hitting his second to the seventh hole. See the ball on its way to the back right of the green. Alas the putting didn't accompany on this occasion. (Four off the handicap for September, he, he, he!)





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A Round with Adrian

Today it was my pleasure to share my round with the following:

Ventura Coch



Ventura had a very interesting round with some good play in both halves. He has a good drive and made some fine putts during the round. There were some glimpses of better things to come and we look forward to a victory in the coming months. This photo is of his second shot on the 9th hole which put him in pitching distance of the green. Ventura can lease you nice rustic apartments in the La Molina Area. Well worth the stay for skiing or just to chill out and walk. Check out our sponsors pages on the web.



Graham Nash (Tiger) and Kevin (Power Fade) Ellis

What more can be said about Graham? One of the most improved player on the 'Tour' with a fine long drive, good iron play and sound putting. He really has everything in his favour. Today everything 'clicked' and 47 points was the result.

Kevin produced some powerful drives and put himself in great position on most of the longer holes. The putter did not really accompany these efforts so the final score left him a little way from the leaders. His drives on the 13th and 18th were the best of the day leaving him little more than a 'flop' to the greens. Both of these are great golfing companions and good entertainment both on and off the course.



Kevin getting himself out of a tight spot on the 6th.

The Order of Merit

Ralph is still up on the top in Category A. He is being 'hounded down' by Graham Nash now just 34 points adrift and Steve Watson 60 behind. Unfortunately Steve could not be with us this month and I understand that Ralph will be back with us in September. So things are now tight at the top. Roger Hunger is now pushing up the table which stands as follows:

Category A

First Place	Ralph Griffin	579 Points
Second Place	Graham Nash	545 Points
Third Place	Steve Watson	519 Points
Fourth Place	Ricardo Ferrer	478 Points
Fifth Place	Roger Hunger	450 Points

Category B

Derek Simes is building a firewall at the top of Category B with an impressive 886 points, following in a distant second is Mark Mills who today put in a great round to start his challenge.





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The standings are as follows:

First Place	Derek Simes	886 Points
Second Place	Mark Mills	520 Points
Third Place	Rui di Silva	505 Points
Fourth Place	Ian Robertson	459 Points
Fifth Place	Wolfgang Finkbeiner	436 Points

Female Category

Jill Minshaw made great strides up the table and is now nicely positioned in second spot with a fine 454 points. She scored a table challenging 39 points today, took overall 4th in Category B and top spot in the female classification. The standings are as follows:

First Place	Montserrat Sant	585 Points
Second Place	Jill Minshaw	454 Points
Third Place	Isabel Martinez	410 Points
Fourth Place	Linda Shaddick	310 Points
Fifth Place	Gillie Morwood	197 Points

There are still a lot of points still in play and two 'majors' still in this year's timetable with double points quotas. You can keep abreast of all the details in the web page.

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Some Snaps from the proceedings





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There are more images on the web page including all your 'Mug Shots'

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT

We are constantly trying to improve and develop all aspects of the Sant Jordi Events, Newsletters and general organisation. If you have any points of view or suggestions to help us 'fine tune' please drop us a line.

The views on the recent survey will be placed on the web shortly in the member's area and from these you can see that we have taken many of the ideas into account and are actively using your suggestions. Thank you for these.

THE NEXT EVENT

Is scheduled for the 24th September at Montanya.

We will be in contact with you all before the event for your confirmation and Tee Time notification will be sent by SMS and be posted on the web on the Monday preceding the event.

If you have any preferences as far as times or playing partners are concerned please let me have these by e-mail or sms before the previous Monday to the event. This will allow us to organise the groups more efficiently.

Adrian

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