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

### Tournament Summary

A somewhat noisier event which Graham had organised at the beautiful Vilalba club near Cardedeu which I think all that participated would agree is a great alternative to Montanya for the frozen winter months. Indeed when the impressive clubhouse is completed will be a spectacular venue that I am sure will woo many of us to take mid-week breaks. The greens were hard but fast and true and I must add had one or two very tricky pin placements which were hard to get near in the stiff breeze which also combined to make club selection difficult and some long holes even more so.

The event was really two in one with hearts split against the Tournament proper and the classification on the Order of Merit. This was very evident in my group which was made up of 'Servidor', Roger and Graham.

### The scoring system for the Final two events

The Order of Merit works as follows for the final two events. Only those players who have competed in 4 or more events or who are in the top 30 classified after the October match can score in the last two tournaments. This means that if you have only played in 3 events, you might win the first prize in November or December, but the points will be awarded to the first player who qualifies as above. With that in mind the results for November were as follows:

### The Sant Jordi Event Category A

Category A saw Albert Sant pip Graham Nash on Handicap with 31 points with Michael Robson coming in a very close third with 30. All 3 deserved credit for putting together some excellent golf in difficult conditions; I witnessed Graham's efforts and must comment on his excellent approach play. He deserved better but there was much more on his mind than just golf and this possibly cost him the overall win. Given the circumstances he deserves a lot of credit.

### Category B

Category B as always seems to be the case with some excellent new participants, was a high scoring match with top spot going to a rapidly improving David Coote (who we expect to see in Category A next year) coming in with 39 points, Second going to a delighted and deserved Ralph Griffin with 35 and third to a new member, Derek Simes with 35 (Derek lost out on second by handicap). So all said and done some good golf was played by all in cool conditions which hopefully will be better when (Should Montanya be iced over) we return to Vilalba in January.

Both winners can now contemplate a 4 shot handicap cut for the December meet.

### Photo Competition



Now you all disappoint me....Nobody managed to tell me where this photo was taken...I am convinced that you have all been very near this spot which is one of my ball's favourites'. It is looking back towards the tee of the 13<sup>th</sup> hole at Montanya from the edge of the lake on the left of the fairway. Oh well, better luck in the next test at the end of the newsletter.

### The Complete Order of Merit for 2007

With a total of 30 of the 106 Sant Jordi players qualified to score in the last match, the Order of Merit was set to provide some interesting results and this proved to be the case with changes taking place at the top level after a stunning year. All the players should be congratulated on their performances over the past twelve months and the introduction of the competition has prompted several players to become more conscious of the importance of each shot towards the end result. I have personally observed stress, pain, and joy from those in the groups I have played in and it was interesting to see how the last three or four months petered out. Many thanks to Graham and Mike for their efforts in keeping the whole year together, to our sponsors for providing such magnificent prizes and above all to Montanya Golf Club, to Steve Watson at the Costa Brava Club and the Vilalba Club that allowed us to finalise the year at such short notice after the snow caused havoc at Montanya.

So how did things fare in December, Before the November event, I thought we had a clear winner with Roger Hunger well ahead, but circumstances appeared to be against Roger with whom I played over the last two events, so I was really please when Mike was able to award him the third place in the Order of Merit because Roger had two 'really difficult rounds' and to his eternal credit was able to put in a final effort to pip Graham to third place by virtue of two wins to one. Well done Roger for a Great overall performance and hard luck to Graham who can console himself with the thought that had he been here for all of the events, he may well have taken the overall honours.

Second spot went to Adrian Cox. Without getting personal, my 'balls were out for most of the first two holes' which means they were not in play for much of the first 800 metres of the beautiful Vilalba course. However, once I got the offensive object back in play, things started to evolve, but the lost points were to prove decisive in the final reckoning. So second it was and just one point behind the winner...Michael Robson, who was by far and away the best average scorer for the whole of the year, took the top spot with 128 points. Michael has played in eight of the events and was never lower than 5<sup>th</sup> (not bad for a 'lefty') so he really deserved top spot and our congratulations go to him.

Congratulations also to the remaining top eight who earn a places in the Sant Jordi team to play a match against David Duckering's squad in Scotland combined with a round at either Carnoustie, St. Andrews (Course to be finalised) and or Royal Dornoch. There will be limited places available for additional players to join the group in a playing but non competing role so watch this space. All 8 also will earn the representative points for next year's order of merit.

### The Final Classification is:

128	ROBSON MICHAEL
127	COX ADRIAN
124	HUNGER ROGER*
124	NASH GRAHAM
114	WATERS ROY
106	SANT ALBERT
97	WITTY MICHAEL
94	JAMES ROHDRI
91	ROSE RICHARD
86	THOM MIKE
73	SMITH PAUL
70	WATSON STEVE
65	ENGLISH DAVID
58	SALA JOSEP MARIA
57	GOSS DAVID
49	BUCHANAN LES
48	GREEN SIMON
45	HEBINK EDWIN
44	MAESTRO JUAN
41	GAUNT PETER
38	DAVILA DIEGO
38	ALARTE GERMAN
37	GRIFFIN RALPH
36	GARRIGA JOAN
34	MANENT JOSE
33	TORRES EDUARDO
27	COX BILL
23	ALBALATI NATI
23	ELLIS KEVIN
23	RAMOS JESUS
23	RUI di SILVA
23	SHADDICK LINDA
23	VALL.LLOVERA PINOS JAUME





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6	CAMPS XAVIER
5	JOVER JOAQUIN
5	ROBINSON ANDY
5	SCANNEL JEROME
5	SCHERSCHEL PETER
4	LANSDOWN BRIAN
3	MARTINEZ ISABEL
2	GARRIGA BIEL
2	TOLL JOAN
1	ALARCON GALISTEO FRANCIS
1	ALBURY BRIAN
1	CALLAHAN CLIVE
1	CANELLES JOAN
1	CHRIST ACHIM
1	DALET LOZANO ROSA
1	FINKBEINER WOLFGANG
1	MIRO ENRIC
1	MUNCH JAKOB
1	MCKINNELL JAMES
1	NOSTRUM LEIF
1	PALAU POMAR NURIA
1	PEARSON MERV
1	PITARQUE XAVIER
1	VERT JUAN
0	ARIMANY JAUME
0	GALLAGHER JOHN
0	HOWARTH JOHN
0	HUTCHINSON DAVID
0	JOAN FRANCAS
0	LARS NORSTRUM
0	MINSHAW JILL
0	MORAN DAVID
0	PALAU POMAR ANTON
0	PUIG JORDI
0	SKINNER IAN
0	STRANGE PHILLIP
0	WITTY FREDDY

### View from the side.

Hard hitting and noisy drivers was the scene for the top of the table clash. I've already gone into my trials and tribulations on the first two holes and both Roger and Graham took advantage of this to take a lead that was only drawn back on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole before I pulled ahead by two only to see Graham put in a burst of spectacular play particularly around the greens and so deservedly take the top spot in our match. I don't know if anyone else has a square driver ( I think Juan Maestro has one), but the noise is beyond belief and totally against *noise abatement laws*. I got the impression that I had broken it after every shot but

would add that although it is straighter off the tee and slightly longer on off centre hits, my son will benefit from the investment (Nike Sumo 2). I'm going back to my R5 though, at least for the moment.

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### Photo competition Time



Does anybody know on which course this lighthouse is set?

**This month the competition is open to everyone and the first correct answer will get two points for the 2008 order of Merit.**

### In closing

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### Joke of the month

*One winter morning a husband and wife were listening to the radio during Breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowploughs can get through."*

*So the good wife went out and moved her car.*





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*A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowploughs can get through.*

*The good wife went out and moved her car again.*

*The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park..."*

*Then the electric power went out.*

*The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowploughs can get through?"*

*With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to Blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"*

**Special thanks to My Brother, Dave for providing all the jokes Ricardo, Simon, Albert, Mike, all of you for participating in the events over the years, and all those who have made them events really worthwhile.**

### Future Events and Plans

Following on from this year's Order of Merit, there are proposals in the pipeline for changes. Possibly two divisions for A and B Categories and the following additions to the rules.

1. The Points Scoring system will change rewarding the winner a larger points margin the same to apply to second and third places.

Winner	25
Runner Up	20
Third	16
Fourth	12
Fifth	10
Sixth	8
Seventh	6
Eighth	4
Ninth	2
Tenth	1
Nearest flag*	3
Longest Drive*	3
Attendance (with lunch)	2
Mention of the Month*	2
Non Attendance for Lunch	-2
No Show after confirmation	-5

2. Should we remain with one category we may limit the maximum handicap for all but 'Super Seniors' (over 65s) to 30.

3. Possibly run the event from January to November with the qualifying number of events set at 5 (or any player in the top 30) after the September event. Only these top 30 will compete for the Order of Merit points in the last two events which would be October and November.

Graham, Mike and I will be discussing these proposals and the final decision will be circulated shortly to you all.

### New Members

We were please to have Derek Simes join us this month and were all delighted to see him take a prize with third place in Category B. Well done Derek who can be contacted on:

dpsimes@telefonica.net

I hope to see you all in the January Event which will be hopefully back at Montanya, ice, fog and snow permitting.

Regards to you all and hopefully you will all enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the company of those dearest to you...(a tear comes to my eyes). Don't drink too much and stay healthy.

Adrian

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