

Sant Jordi Newsletter

180th Event

WELCOME

December 2009



The Mallard ducks running for cover as our boys made their way to the First and tenth tees (They have seen us there before!).



The Classic Vilalba view off the eleventh tee. How many of you have hit those famous walls?

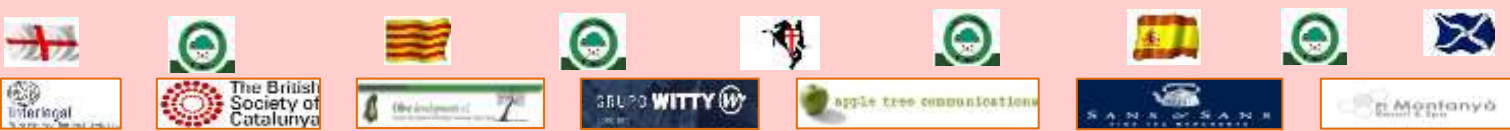
Welcome to the December Newsletter. This event was threatened earlier in the week by the cold front that forced us to change the venue to Vilalba Golf. We are grateful to them for taking us in at such short notice. We also had a change of venue for the meal which was served at the Alzina Restaurant just above the Roca Villiage. Those that missed the event lost out on the absolutely fantastic meal provided in our own room allowing us to chat freely in comfortable surroundings. A total of 11 courses including, 'Pa amb Tomaquet', Cold Meats, Escaixada, snails, partridge, paella, Artichokes, Rovellones, Mussels, Ice-Cream, Reposteria, Porrones of wine, Cava and Coffee. WOW! We will be back very shortly as all the guys agreed that this was an experience to be repeated. The Course at Vilalba was to be fair not in the best of condition with very fast greens, not fully recovered from the recent 'spiking', but they were true and good given the recent cold weather. The reception from the staff at the course has always been one of the nice touches and we offer our thanks to the staff there for making our visit there both friendly and efficient. We look forward to the completion of the clubhouse which will make the whole package so much more exciting for us all and the course layout is one of the best in the region. If you have not played there yet it is well worth a visit as the rates are very competitive.

The Event

The event was set up for the always exciting and competitive round at Vilalba. The air was very cold and 'heavy' and the drives were all falling well short of their summer distances, so we expected low points scoring all round. However, some of the players produced excellent golf with the odd birdie this motivated interesting movements in the Order of Merit. There were some adjustments to the final classifications after the results were announced due to card classification errors so some of the placings have been revised from those announced at lunch & more of that to follow. So how did things go?

In Category A we had to make a revision in the top placings as 17.9 is the upper category limit, so sorry Rhordi, you were on 19 and have gone into the category B classification for the day where you finished second. That left Juan Maestro as top scores in the category with a splendid 33 points including a fine birdie on the tricky par 4 seventh hole and a spectacular 'indian dance' when colleagues failed miserably on the odd shot-A true entertainer.





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The fine 33 from Juan Maestro took top spot. A true entertainer and great fun on the course and in the 19th hole.

In Second then with 31 was Roger Hunger who scored a really regular round off his 13 handicap. Five pars but nothing really disastrous brought Roger some really valuable points in the Order of merit moving him up the table to second.



Roger driving off on the 13th tee. Some fine golf earning him second spot and all those points.

Third in the classification was Antonio Baraza with 27, followed by Graham Nash on 26, Juan Sanllehy on 24, Les Buchanan on 18 and Adrian Cox with his non playing lunch points with 5.

Category B was revised with the incorporation of Rhodri and this therefore finished in the following manner

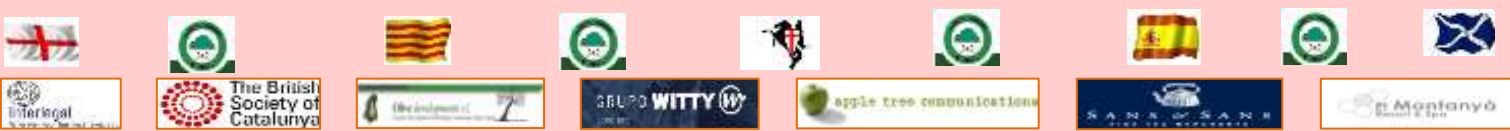
The 'Top Cat' with a fine 37 points was Paul Smith. This is Pauls second victory with Sant Jordi and a feeling he is becoming accustomed to relishing having has several high finished recently. A well deserved classification in difficult conditions.



The 'Top Man'. Paul taking home the 'spoils of conflict' after a single point victory. Nice going Paul was One of only three to score a par on the difficult 12th.

In Second place with his 19 handicap today was Rhodri James who originally thought he had won the classification in Category A. Rhodri, you owe (Juan Maestro three balls)- Rhodri scored a spectacular 21 points on the second nine with a seven over par total for that nine including a birdie on the 10th. That was impressive and combined with the 15 on the front nine combined to give him his 36 points. My apologies for the category mistake, but the points obtained are still considerable and have advanced you well up the classification of the Order of Merit.





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A Round with Adrian

Today it was a non playing Adrian who presented himself on the course with his camera prepared to capture more stellar moments from the tournament. These are on the web in the gallery section. I had the pleasure of following the group comprising, Juan Maestro, Richard Rose, Ramon Riba and Mike Thom. This group showed a lot of promise and with a little practice and about 20 years on the range they could all develop into reasonable golfers! Here is the breakdown of their rounds.

Richard Rose (The Leaner)

Richard to be fair did not have a great start, having snapped his putter in two on the first hole. He said it was accidental but I really think he knew what the 'evil iron' has in mind for him and wanted to be done with it before the rot started. It worked as he scored a fine 33 with an alternative weapon. Richard is a long hitter with great touch around the green and a really welcome partner on the course. We all had great fun during the round and later at the restaurant.

Smooth swinging Rhodri made a fine challenge today for top honours and is advancing towards Ralph at the top of the order of. Nice going.

So that left Wolfgang in third with 34 (I expect you have already drunk the wine !) which should have gone to Roger Hunger with the balls. (R come and see me in Jan), Ralph Griffin on 33, Richard Rose on 33, Rudd Karlsdorp 32, Roy Waters 29, David Minshaw 27, Manuel Sastre 25, Mike Thom 23, and Ramon Riba on 22.

Jill Minshaw chipped in with her top placing in the female category and she is now challenging Montse Sant for top spot on their Order of Merit. Nice going Jill.



Richard just before the lean that cost him his putter. It is time for you to get something similar to the fine prizes you have always presented from Spectrum IFA group.

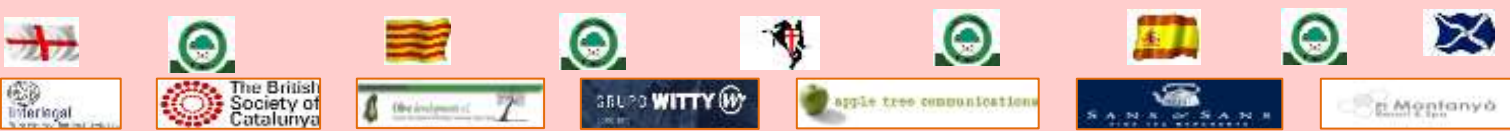


Ramon Riba (El Tuareg)



This is not Ramon, but he must have felt like this friendly gentleman was after him as he spent most of his round in the sand. Ramon was





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thinking of going into the camel market but came good in the end annotating his 22 points in fine style.



Ramon left this shot just inches from the cup on the 18th green.

Mike Thom (Little We We!)

Mike is full of conversation and some of the best was reserved for the restaurant. Today he was at a disadvantage playing with my clubs which are not really suited to his swing pattern, but he made some great shots and hit some fine tee shots. He is developing a talent for hitting fairways and I expect to see him challenging for top spots come the spring. Mike was responsible for the shortest drive of the day [see below]



Mike's tee shot seen just 5m from the tee peg. Celebrating with Juan.

Juan Maestro (Charlie Rivell o El Porrón)



Charlie had a great round and was the winner in category A with a fine score. He is however, a fine and intense golfer and great fun to have in your group. Juan always found time to get a smile from all the group and his celebrations when his colleagues failed brought a smile to all of us. So he gets more photos.



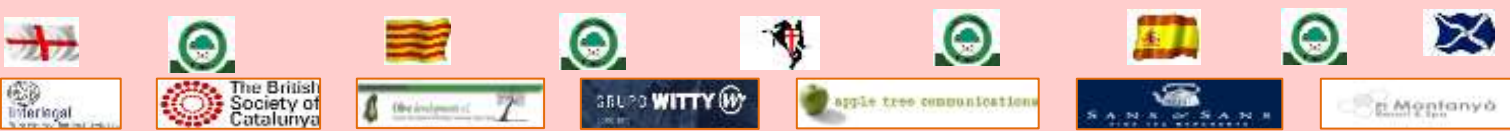
Great position here, Head down, good posture and a fine result.

The Order of Merit

Ralph is still up on the top in Category A with 776 points, Roger has now moved up into second position with his best finish at Vilalba on 710 and Graham is now down to third with 692 off his best 10 results. (Remember that only the best 10 results count during the year). Fourth is Juan Maestro on 652 and Steve Watson drops to fifth on 598 as he was unable to play today.

The classification presently stands as follows with everything to play for in the next 5 events.





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Category A

First Place **Ralph Griffin** **776 Points**



Positions: 4th, 2nd, 16th, 1st (St Jordi) 9th, 10th, 26th and 4th

Second Place **Roger Hunger** **710 Points**



Positions: 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 11th, 1st, 7th, 14th & 13th & 2nd

Third Place **Graham Nash** **692 Points**



Positions: 8th, 8th, 8th, 13th, 12th, 10th, 8th, 1st, 8th, 13th, 20th & 4th

Fourth Place **Juan Maestro** **652 Points**



Positions: 3rd, 6th, 5th, 4th, 7th, 8th & 1st

Fifth Place **Steve Watson** **598 Points**



Positions: 4th, 8th, 4th, 1st & 6th, 6th & 29th

Category B

Derek Simes is still reigning strong at the top of Category B with an impressive 970 points, Derek was not on course today and is being caught by Les who is still second, Third Wolfgang followed by Paul who moved closer today with his win.


The standings are as follows:

First Place **Derek Simes** **970 Points**




Positions: 5th, 9th, 1st, 2nd, 9th, 2nd, 10th, 3rd & 16th, 9th & 17th

Second Place **Les Buchanan** **851 Points**



10th, 5th, 12th, 2nd, 3rd, 1st & 6th

Third Place **Wolfgang Finkbeiner** **790 Points**



Positions: 4th, 3rd, 9th, 12th, 15th, 14th, 6th, 4th, 10th, 4th & 3rd

Fourth Place **Paul Smith** **743 Points**



Positions: 10th, 11th, 5th, 14th, 17th, 7th, 8th, 5th, 3rd & 1st

Fifth Place **Roy Waters** **701 Points**



Positions: 7th, 10th, 3rd, 11th, 7th, 1st, 16th, 5th & 7th

Sixth Place **Mark Mills** **658 Points**



Positions: 6th, 7th, 4th, 7th, 2nd, 4th & 5th, 21st & 12th

Female Category

Jill Minshaw has moved up to second spot with her win today. The remaining 4 events will be crucial to the classification so come on girls let's get you all involved in the New Year. The standings are as follows:

First Place **Montserrat Sant** **1061 Points**



Positions: 2nd, 1st, 1st, 3rd & 1st

Second Place **Jill Minshaw** **693 Points**



Positions: 1st, 5th, 1st & 4th & 1st

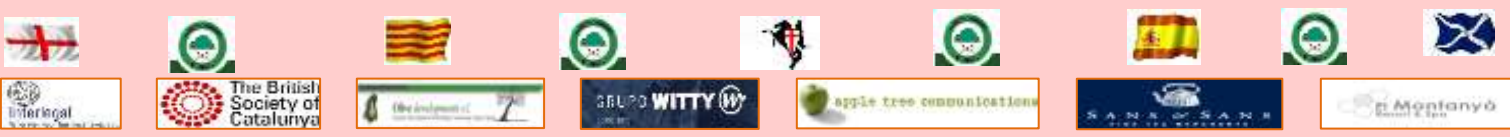
Third Place **Isabel Martinez** **601 Points**



Positions: 3rd, 2nd & 2nd & 1st

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

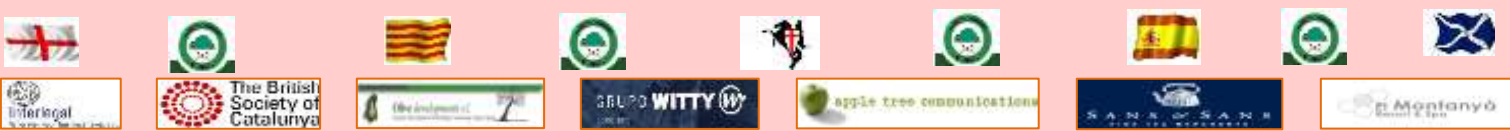




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Some Snaps from the proceedings





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

www.santjordigolf.com/gallery

Many thanks to Golfus for their support and I must recommend them for having the best selection of Golf equipment and attire, bits and bobs and a fine selection of competitively priced second hand clubs. They have everything so take a look at the magazines that Graham has for distribution or better still visit them in Sant Just Desvern. Golfus will buy your old clubs when you exchange them for a new set, so no excuses for not having the best kit and the best chance to score at our events.

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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 NEXT EVENT

Will be at Montanya on the Thursday 28th January, [Weather and Ice permitting] and 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.

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Please note that the cut off day for registering for events is 12pm on the previous Friday. We need this to allow us to prepare the start times and get agreement for these from the club. Please inform Adrian or Graham of your participation before then to avoid missing out on the tournaments. Tee times are posted on:

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