



Sant Jordi Newsletter

No 5/08.

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

LATEST NEWS

In addition to the Newsletter we will soon be starting a small web page with all the previous Newsletters, Order of Merit etc in PDF format. This will be on:

www.slicer.jazztel.es/index.htm

Watch this space for the 'go live' date.

SANT JORDI VERSUS THE HANSLOPE PARK GOLF SOCIETY

The event was played over two wonderful days at Montanya and Vilalba Golf Courses on the 29th AND 30th May. The weather was perfect with bright sunshine, plenty of heat on the fairways and quite a bit off. Sant Jordi was represented by a formidable and Inspired team comprising :

Graham Nash
Adrian Cox,
David English,
Albert Sant,
Juan Maestro,
Michael Robson,
Michael Witty,
Richard Rose,
Simon Green,
Roger Hunger
Juan Sanllehy

The Hanslope Park Golf Society was represented by an equally formidable group Captained this year by Phil Canale and the following

Gary Peers
Dave Welstead
John Bennett
John Carter
Fred Dominguez
Rob Gordon
Colin Buswell
Roy Coombs
Mike Thom

The Match was played over a Stableford match format on the Thursday combining the Sant Jordi Trophy within the format. There was a shotgun (Airhorn) start and this ensured we all got back in time for a healthy lunch and all the presentations.

One has to say they the Hanslope team arrived on the previous day and we had arranged for them to play their traditional warm up game at the tricky Taradell links just outside of Vic. They were therefore well loaded up with 'Vino', 'Butufara de Pages' and 'Pacharan' before they got to the tees on Thursday. This small detail had not gone unnoticed by certain long standing members of the Sant Jordi Society which as a result took a healthy 5 – 0 advantage to Vilalba after the first day of the event.

There were some interesting moments during the day to which I was a direct witness. Fred Dominguez won the nearest the pin on the 14th with a majestic strike leaving the ball just inside 60cm from the flag

We had a moment on the 7th hole which I shall be writing in my memoirs. The title.....You have guessed it!

'Adrian and the Toad',

So there I was on the 7th tee contemplating my future after hitting a well struck 2 iron out of bounds on the right, three, a drive over the trees to the left cutting off too much of the dog leg. Third into the top

of the poplar trees which dropped into the lateral on the left. Fred found the offending sphere, so into the hazard did one go....There

was this big brown toad sitting next to the ball, frowning, I suppose I must have upset his afternoon 'tiffin' cause Mrs Toad was not in sight. We looked each other in the eyes and it must have decided things were not in it's favour and he 'hiked it' off the end on my sand iron to safer grounds (without the kiss). My landing site now clear, allowed me to leap across the water right through some brambles and after a severe laceration to my right hand ensued, blood pumping and

A fluffed next from the hazard resulted in a drop, shot followed shot etc etc = 14. Clearly I should have kissed the toad!!!

Anyway once all the festivities were complete after an excellent presentation, speeches and the traditional prize giving draw everyone went home with something to remember the day.

Once completed, all showered and refreshed, we I met up at the Hotel Seva and indulged in some of the excellent local cuisine and more 'Pacharan', GT's and more 'Pacharan'. Now Gary Peers is mainly to blame for the introduction of this tradition but one must say that it did result in some hearty entertainment from certain members on the Hanslope team most accustomed to the onslaught to the liver and brain. We were just missing the stripper, although there were a couple on volunteers from Hanslope, sadly we could not find a table strong enough for the Show.



They really do treat us well at the Hotel Seva and hopefully next year we can have more members of Sant Jordi there to make it an even bigger binge.. Very much worth the visit.



(The rest of the 'motley crew' at the end of the document)

It was a motley crew that turned up at Vilalba for the second round of the Hanslope – Sant Jordi Trophy. Ten singles matches were to decide the destiny of the silverware which has remained in Hanslope's care for the last two years. Sant Jordi had an advantage of





Sant Jordi Newsletter

5 points so clearly the Hanslope boys needed to get off to a good start. They did this, quickly moving ahead in several matches and they retained this lead for most of the day. The advantage was slowly pulled in and with 6 of the matches turning Sant Jordi finished with a 11 – 4 final score. Many thanks to the team at Vilalba who provided us with great greens and fairways and an excellent BBQ to top off the day. The captains did the ‘honors’

A Special note for the Prize that Hotel Montanya provided for the Best Combined Stableford score over the two days of Competition. This was a weekend stay at the Hotel Montanya and included Spa and all the trimmings. No-one was happier that Graham Nash (and I am sure wife Ruth, who truly deserves the prize for putting up with Graham) who came in with two cards totaling 68 points. Well done to the happy couple and special thanks to Hotel Montanya for their tremendous ‘STAR PRIZE’. A great initiative and Mike Thom deserve the credit for expanding our Sponsor Base. Hopefully we can add the Hotel to our Sponsors list and widen their scope for business from clients in the Hanslope Area.

Please also all put a date in your diaries. We have 8 spots for the return match in the UK in September. Graham will be in contact with you all later to finalize the dates which I believe will be around the 8th September.

The Captain’s Quotes

Sant Jordi

The two day match against Hanslope Park was a victorious occasion for both the Sant Jordi team and the advantageous effects of Pacharan!! It is always a pleasure to play the guys from Hanslope. They are serious golfers, great competitors, bon vivants, and a really nice bunch of people. I had the special pleasure of a toe to toe, and nose to nose scrap with Gary Peers on the last day at Vilalba and I must say from a personal point of view that, even though I lost by one hole, it was one of the most interesting games for me for some time. It was great to meet Phil Canale, this years Captain and I am really looking forward to defending the trophy at Phil’s tournament in the U.K. in September. Thanks again Hanslope and well played Sant Jordi for their 11 to 4 victory.

Graham Nash.

Captain.

Hanslope Park

Mike Thom

The organisation of this event is very much a shared team effort and is made easier by the enthusiastic participation and commitments of all players and sponsors. Congratulations to all for making the Fifth Anniversary event such great fun.

Until we meet again at the Captains Day challenge at Cherwell Edge & Haste ye back tae Catalunya.
Slainte,

Mike.

THE SANT JORDI TROPHY (Category A)

This was played over the 18 holes in strokeplay mode. There were some high scores (although nobody got within 3 shots of my 14) and quite a few low ones too. Only two player actually played to his handicap and that was David English who was placed top after initially thinking he had come second.

This was due to some confusion over the cards. Originally Michael Robson, with whom I played, was placed first, but after examination of the cards, unfortunately his efforts and good golf sadly resulted in his card not counting for the competition. I inadvertently marked him too low on two holes and after signing the cards we realized the error. Michael took this very well and did not deserve to become a victim of the rules by which we all abide. My apologies go to Michael because I made the mistake on the card.

That said, David hit a solid round resulting in a net score of 72 on the damp fairways and slow greens. The green keepers have had a difficult time with the weather and I think they deserve congratulations for giving us fair conditions on Thursday. Second place was one of our newer members, David Coote who hit a net 74 and Albert Sant came in third with 75. Nice work chaps.

Order of Merit Changes

The Order of Merit has varied slightly with the two classifications now being as follows:

Category A (Handicap 0-17.9)

157	A	COOTE DAVID
134	A	COX ADRIAN
132	A	PALAU ANTON
120	A	SANT ALBERT
111	A	ENGLISH DAVID
109	A	HUNGER ROGER
102	A	NASH GRAHAM
96	A	GREEN SIMON
91	A	WATSON STEVE
79	A	COMAS JOSEP MARIA

Category B

This was decided on the normal Stableford system for players with handicaps 18 and above.

First was Les Buchanan who has been a regular scorer over recent months and he turned up at the scorers box with a total of 43 points and what must have been a very satisfying round. Les had a birdie on the 16th so well done to him..Well deserved first place. Second was Fred Dominguez from Hanslope park who gets the prize but not the points which go to the next Sant Jordi player on the list. Fred hit a majestic well worked shot to the 14th green and holed the put (60cm) for the birdie. Third then was Peter Schneider who came in with 34 points. Well done Peter and the others for some excellent golf.

Category B Handicap 18 and above)

147	B	SIMES DEREK
144	B	WATERS ROY
127	B	ROSE RICHARD
115	B	MATUTES JERONI
105	B	BUCHANAN LES
100	B	THOM MIKE
80	B	GOSS DAVID
74	B	SMITH PAUL
71	B	WITTY MICHAEL
65	B	GRIFFIN RALPH

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.

Tied on 4 Under Par are:

Albert Sant and Roger Hunger





Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tied on 3 Under Par are:

David Coote and Adrian Cox

Nearest the Pin(s)

The Second Hole	Antonio Castañada	1.71m
The Sixth Hole	Gareth Bean	3.46m
The Fourteenth Hole	Fred Dominguez	0.82m
The Seventeenth Hole	Jerome Scannell	6.28m

Ten points each for these magnificent strikes. Very well done gentlemen.

View from the side.



My match at Vilalba consisted of the 'Likely' bunch above plus Michael Witty our 'Official Photographer'. The Heat was on from the start with Phil taking an early lead that remained for virtually the whole round with a maximum of two holes advantage balancing either way until the very end when Phil hit a hidden bunker on the 17th fairway and I finally managed to play a good 'Texas Wedge' (The first of the day) to take a one hole advantage. Phil played very well and has a very controlled game which could really have taken the match his way had it not been for this misfortune so I am sure he is looking forward to vengeance in September. There were no 'Toads' other than those with the clubs and only a couple of brave recoveries from waters edge, Just good steady play.

Joke of the month



I almost cried when I saw this picture. It is absolutely gut wrenching. It shows the importance of being properly strapped in.

A friend sent this photo of a horrible highway accident in Germany. The picture may be kind of hard to take for some of you. If you look closely you can see what appears to be some survivors of the accident still in the wreckage. Although the picture is quite graphic, it makes you realize how quickly our loved ones can be taken.from.us.

My friend stayed on the scene to help and even though he performed mouth to mouth on quite a few of them, none apparently survived

See Image at end of Newsletter.

The rest of the snaps.

These photographs may be reproduced and used as evidence... Difficult to comment on these really...You can all form your own opinions.





Sant Jordi Newsletter



The long drag up the 10th



The Long Drag back down the 12th

Some on Course Snaps (Thanks to Michael Witty for these Action shots)



Poise and balance



Pacharan Peers and Nash 'The Bash'
(For the mallet Broom handle Putter)





Sant Jordi Newsletter

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.**

Thank to our Sponsors

A Special Thanks to all our sponsors for their contributions to the prize funds with Special emphasis on the following: Alexandra Witty for her initiative with the Sans and Sans Vouchers, Albert Sant of Interlegal, Chris Owen & Richard Rose of Euphony, Mike Thom from Ganduxer, Kirsty Brown from Appletree, Jordi Puig from Golf Montanya, Hotel Montanya and everyone who participated in making this event the most memorable in Sant Jordi History.

Please take a look at their company profiles below. They vary from exciting offers in telecommunications, Legal Services, The best tea you are ever likely to drink, Competitive Financial Services, Event Organisation, Worldwide Transport Services and even Music for your events. There is little you won't find among our members.. as and such I am sure you will be able to negotiate premium services from all of them.

Jordi Puig of:



El Club de Golf Montanyà: Is a Course set in unforgettable atmosphere and beauty in the National Montseny Park and surrounded by extensive Pine and Holm Oak forest.

Masia l'Estanyol s/n
08553 El Brull (Barcelona)
Tel. 93 884 01 70
Fax: 93 884 04 07

Tel. Restaurant: 93 884 03 54
Fax Restaurant: 93 884 05 27

Electronic mail:
Reservations: reserves@golfmontanya.com

David English of:



Smith & Nephew develops and markets advanced medical devices that help healthcare professionals treat patients more effectively

Smith + Nephew, S.A. (Medical Division)
Fructuós Gelabert, 2-4 Conata 1
08970 Sant Joan Despí
Barcelona
Telf.: 933737301 / Fax: 933737453

<http://www.smith-nephew.com>

Albert Sant of:



Interlegal is a network of commercial law-firms; we all believe in an entrepreneurial approach to the practice of law and the advantages of personalized services that a medium sized law firm can provide.

Please check our web to find out more in

www.interlegal.net

Kirsty Brown of:



Apple tree communications, founded in 2002, is the leading Barcelona based communications and events company. The company specialises in delivering high return communication strategies and large-scale, high-impact events.

Assaonadors, 31 (Pral. 1ª)
08003 Barcelona
Tel. + 34 93 318 46 69
Fax. +34 93 268 09 28
Mob. + 34 610 255 760
www.appletreecomunications.com

Michael Witty of:



Provider of combined transport services worldwide with Spain, accepting full container loads and 'groupage' cargoes. We can take your orders from any inland point in China, North America, Africa, and deliver direct to any inland point in Spain, at competitive rates.

C. Casanova,2,
08011 Barcelona
Tel 932 309 300
Fax 932 309 348
www.wittygroup.com
www.pandispain.com
www.wittystryxsports.com





Sant Jordi Newsletter

Alexandra Witty of:



At Sans & Sans Fine Tea Merchants we want to communicate our passion for the world of tea and invite you to share in its magic. In our shops in Barcelona we stock almost three hundred types of tea and we also offer people the chance to taste some of them as well.

www.sansisans-finetea.com

Jonathan Goodman and Richard Rose of:



The Spectrum IFA Group
Independent Financial Advisors

The Spectrum IFA Group

The Spectrum IFA Group member, Baskerville Advisers S.L., is an authorised insurance brokerage operating throughout Spain with offices and teams of experienced advisers based in and around a number of major centers:

Barcelona - Costa Blanca - Costa del Sol - Ibiza
Madrid - Mallorca - Murcia

Our role is to create and provide solutions for expatriates and foreign residents with a broad range of insurance products available. The synergies achieved by working within a group environment allow our advisers to draw on considerable and varied expertise to enhance the service offered to our clients.

Call for a free consultation 93 665 8596 or
e-mail on
info@spectrum-ifa.com
www.spectrum-ifa.com

Chris Owen of:



Tired of receiving those expensive phone bills at the end of the month?? Here's a proven alternative, it's called Euphony, a low-cost international telecoms service provider operating in 7 major countries in Europe since early 1998, and expanding every year.

Free national and international calls to 28 countries world-wide, including Spain, for a 1£/month flat fee!! you can see why we have 900,000 happy customers.



Check out www.euphony.com for details.

Marc Cox from 'Imperfect Rock Sector'



An attractive band offering a variety of musical styles. Ideal for Parties, Birthdays, fiesta mayors, Christenings. The best Live music stage show in Catalonia at really competitive rates.
Contact: Marc on 695 492 670
Web: www.imperfectrocksector.com

Concerts to be announced shortly.. See their latest hit in 'YouTube'.

Freddy Witty of:

Papillon Food and Beverage.

Mike Thom of Ganduxer Inc.

Founded in 2001, Ganduxer Inc works with marketing managers predominantly in multinational companies to improve their marketing planning, budgeting, executing and tracking so more time can be spent on effective marketing practices.



In closing

As always, I'm still short of some e-mail addresses. Could you all pass me your addresses by mail at the following?

eagle@ slicer. jazztel. es

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 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.





Sant Jordi Newsletter

The Image



See you all in May at Montanya

Adrian

