



Sant Jordi Newsletter



WELCOME

Welcome to the May 2009 Newsletter

Time to put pen to paper and get down the details of the events that transpired on the 28th of May. A somewhat sunny day with crisp clear blue skies and a slight breeze coming from the north which is quite the opposite to normal. As we thought last month after the greens were treated, we were blessed with some of the best putting surfaces and everyone who played agreed that the recently mowed fairways were a delight to tread. The scene was set therefore for some fine competition and competitive golf. We were not disappointed and again thanks to the team at Montanya for giving us a wonderful day followed by a great meal, wine included.

THE SANT JORDI TOURNAMENT

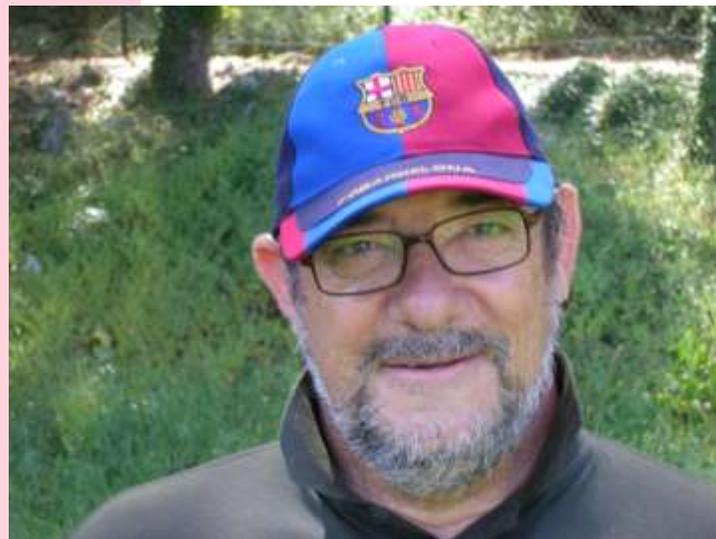


View towards the 1st fairway from the tee (8:45am).

You can see from the photos that we were in for a nice day and so it turned out with 34 players participating and 32 dining together after the event.

With a total of 34 players teeing off for the honours there were some serious attempts to get 'hero' classification. There were surprisingly only 5 birdies during the day and they were scored by: Albert Sant on the 6th and 13th, Tomas Maestro on the 15th, Jeroni Matutes on the 5th and Roy Waters on the 2nd. Well done all. The lowest scratch score was from...NO let's not dwindle on

that one cause we all had a bad hole and anyway BARÇA won the triple!



Albert on the 15th Tee. Just prior to his 'big moment' (In fact all three of us) as we all took 3 off the tee! Just too much emotion over the last 24 hours. Nice hat (and I am assured by 'showermates' that the 'undies' were a matching set!)

HOW THEY FINISHED

Category A

First place went to Thomas Maestro who took home a great 189 points for the order of merit but this was then discounted by 10 because he was unfortunately not able to stay for lunch. Well done for this effort that has taken Tomas well up the Order of Merit. Tomas's round consisted of 10 pars and a birdie off his 11 handicap. One of the best rounds of the year for his 39 points. Second with 38 points was Josep Canet. A clean round with 8 pars off a 14 handicap and missing out on just one hole. Following the leading 'brace' with a disadvantage of just one point on 37 we discovered one of our very consistent performers, Juan Sanllehy with a total of 5 pars. Juan crept in to this spot by 'osmosis' quiet and slow. Nice going to all three and all now figure highly in the Order of Merit.





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A delighted Juan Maestro takes the first prize on behalf of Tomas who was unable to be present for the presentation. Well done Tomas. The Photo is just in case you did not get the fine wine and balls from Next of Kin.



A quietly happy Juan Sanllehy took third place with a fine 37 off his 17 handicap. Well done Juan.

Category B

It has been some time since we have had the top 3 all in the 40 plus points bracket. Clearly the conditions proved to the liking of the Category B players. Positions in order were:

First with 44 points and taking 154 points plus lunch bonus and a new 'pill' for being a first time player was Robert Webb who off his 25 handicap found conditions perfect for his game. Robert fired 5 pars including Montanya's 'AMEN Corner' 13, 14, & 15th in the list. Nice going Robert and welcome to the Sant Jordi Golf Society. Second with an inspired 40 points was a Sant Jordi regular, Ventura Coch who hit 4 pars in his steady round, a deserved position at the top & some good Order of Merit points. Ruud Karlsdorp who hit a firey 40 points and lost out to Ventura on handicap. Ruud hit 3 pars off his 32 handicap and well deserved third which he took by a point from Jeroni Matutes in forth. Well done to all of you. Well deserved in the hot conditions.



Getting used to top honors and fine winre was Josep Canet with his 38 points. Nice going Jep!...





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A delighted Robert Webb getting used to the fame and fortune that top spot on Category B brings. Well done Robert 44 points, 6 balls and a bottle of wine.



Third, with 40 points was Ruud Karlsdorp. Ruud missed out on Second by virtue of a higher handicap. Well done and keep up the good work. The wins will come.

THE ORDER OF MERIT 2009

As to be expected there has been some significant movement in the Order of Merit and the present top three in each Category now standing as follows: (The full list is available on the web page in the Stats Area Login: **members**, Password: **santjordi**)

Category A

First Place	Ralph Griffin	579 Points
Second Place	Simon Green	315 Points
Third Place	Geoff Brown	302 Points

Category B

First Place	Derek Simes	588 Points
Second Place	Rui di Silva	479 Points
Third Place	David Goss	371 Points



Second with 40 points was Ventura Coch. Nice going Hic!





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The New Order of Merit Category for the Female Section

This year we have introduced a new Order of Merit category for the female section. With a total of 12 players now in contention for the top positions. (we have adjusted the totals for the men's section from January to take into account the new table). The top spots are presently:

Montse Sant	395 Points
Linda Shaddick	310 Points
Isabel Martinez	273 Points
Jill Minshaw	260 Points
Gillie Morwood	197 Points
Fanny Ritzi Ruhl	110 Points

So come on girls, there are trophies to be fought for and plenty of time and points to score before the Sant Jordi Trophy next May.

A ROUND WITH ADRIAN

This month it was my pleasure to be partnered for the first time with Pep Sant and brother, Albert. Two great golf companions and as you would expect with Albert in the group, an entertaining time was clearly going to be had by all three of us. So here we go!

Pep Sant is a 16 handicap, Right Handed player who hits a long ball with the driver. It is quite surprising that with so many years under our belts, Pep has not played with our group before. He started well but like all three of us found the going tough through the rough. There were some stellar moments however such as a really impressive sand save on the 6th and a great par on the 12th, one of only 3 scored on that hole all day. After hitting his tee shot beyond both of us some 290m to the left rough, a fine iron to the green and two putts produced the result. Very nice.

Don Albert is also off 11, Right Handed and my age. Affectionately known in Sant Jordi circles as 'Grip it and Rip it' he provided some competitive golf and clearly now has aspirations to a high spot on the Order of Merit. Albert started well and was the only player to score two birdies during the round. The first on the 13th hole after a drive, 5 iron and a pitch to 15 feet there was no way that the putt was not going to drop and the heart of

the hole was witness to the sure fire stroke. We had to wait until the 6th hole for the second after, someone 'up there' left the ball on the right fringe off a 'poorish' shot. However, Albert was up to the task and sank a 'banana' 40 footer for the two.

Adrian Cox is a 'handicapped' (Right Hand) the same as last month who thought that off the generous 16 shots I was awarded by Graham this month, would breeze away with the trophy. A nice par to start on both nines, was followed by just three more before the 'double hernia' said 'enough is enough' and time to pack up and go home! Seriously though, it was just one of those days when but for 4 no scores it could have been different. We all know what I mean so I won't dwell on it.

A great day really. When you stood on the tee, on all the holes, you could be pardoned for thinking that heaven must be something like this. See the following shot from the 15th tee.



THE SPECIAL MENTION

The Special mention this month must clearly go to all our Sponsors and in particular to:

- GolfPus - Retailer and supplier of some of our principal prizes located in Sant Just.
- Hotel Montanya Resort and Spa, Julie
- Michael & Freddy Witty
- Spectrum, Jonathan Goodman & Richard Rose





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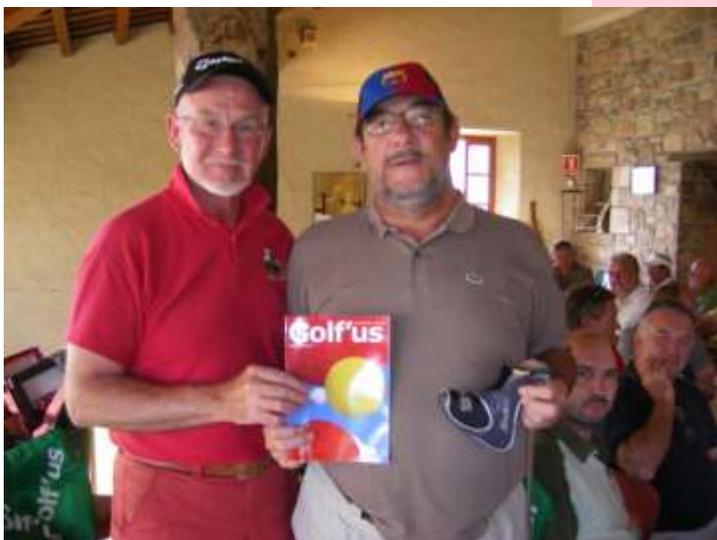
- Interlegal, Albert Sant
- Bodegas Elvara, Derek Simes
- Sans and Sans Fine Teas, Alexandra Witty
- Club de Golf Montanya, Jordi and his team
- James Marshall
- Xalet Coromina, Salvador
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- Ganduxer, Mike Thom
- GolfsUS,
- Peter Schershal from Anagio our web agent (see link on first page of the web) for his help in developing the site and for offering me assistance when I mess it all up!
- All of you, who have assisted in maintaining the Sant Jordi spirit and for making the event what it is today. May it grow and grow.



EVENT IMAGES

GolfPus donated another magnificent prize for our 'sorteo' a top level Ping putter which went to Albert Sant. Many thanks to GolfPus 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.

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THE NEXT EVENT

Is scheduled for the 2nd July at Montanya. We have had to reschedule this one due to organisational difficulties. Graham will be in contact with you all before the event for your confirmation but you can mail either Graham or me to confirm at any time before then.

Adrian

Don't forget that all the latest information is on the web

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