



# Sant Jordi Newsletter

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

## LATEST NEWS

Have you see the **NEW Sant Jordi Web Page**. This is on:

[www.santjordigolf.com](http://www.santjordigolf.com)

A great turnout of 34 playing members for the Annual Saint Andrews Tournament with plenty of excellent prizes thanks to a tremendous effort by Mike Thom and Graham Nash. Likewise a special thanks to all our sponsors. Please take a look at their portfolios in the Sant Jordi Web as they deserve the credit for making the event what it is today.

The event looked in doubt with a frozen Montanya course with snow falling at 07:45, but thanks to some tough negotiations and understanding from the course direction, we were able to delay the start and get the best of the conditions including some sunshine during the day. There are some excellent photos of the event now published in the Gallery section of the web so why not take a look and feel free to download them if you wish.

A special thanks to the Green Keepers who tried to give us the best of the conditions as the day drew on and I think managed just that. A good effort.

## WELCOME TO:

A Special welcome to several new players. In Category A we welcomed Geoff Brown, Emiliano Garcia & James Marshall and in Category B Thys Niermeyer, Martijn Huisman & Simon Gordon. Welcome to the Sant Jordi Golf Society and we look forward to having a round with you all in the near future.

## THE NOVEMBER EVENT

The event saw some pretty competitive scoring from both categories. Between those in category A there were a total of 16 birdies distributed evenly, but just one in Category B. I think the shorter course may have contributed to this. Adrian had birdies on the 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> going out in a one under par Gross, James Marshal scored par on the front 9 with two nice scores on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Emiliano Garcia on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Tomas Maestro on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (a good effort there), Juan on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Graham 1<sup>st</sup>, Anton 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, Michael Robson 7<sup>th</sup>, Steve Watson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roger Hunger 1<sup>st</sup> and Albert Sant on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. (See Par busters Section for more info). Oddly, there were no birdies on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole....I wonder why? (The reason for those who could not be with us was that the hole was placed on the side of an Iceberg)- Juzgado de Guardia if you ask me!..only 2 pars between 36 players.

The scorecards for this are now on the web page (address above)

## CATEGORY A (Handicap 0-17.9)

The top honors this month went to Adrian Cox with a fine 44 points including 27 points on the front nine. 50 points in the Order of Merit take him up to 2<sup>nd</sup> due mostly to the absence of Simon Green and David Coote who hopefully will be with us in December to celebrate the final Order of Merit Event. A fine 40 points saw Emiliano Garcia take second spot but not the points which go to the next qualifier Tomas Maestro. Emiliano knocked in a nice birdie on the 4<sup>th</sup> so welcome and well done for the second place finish. Thomas gets third and the full 40 points for second qualifying player in category 'A' with 39

points, while the third placed qualifier for Order of Merit points also with a score of 39 was Juan Sanllehy. Well done to you all and let's see if you can keep it up in December.

## Order of Merit Category A (Handicap 0-17.9)

(NOW ALL PUBLISHED ON THE WEB PAGE) – Please remember that only those players in the top 20 of each Category (or have played in a minimum of 6 events) after the October tournament can score Order of Merit points in Nov and December.

## CATEGORY B (Handicap 18 and above)

This was another competitive month with 16 of the 19 participants scoring more than 30 points and the top 9 all breaking par with 36. Nice going to you all.. There is something about the November Air at Montanya which brings out the best in people. Top scoring in this category was a new member who we were delighted to see with us and a magnificent 43 points was fired from Thys Niermeyer off his 34 handicap.. well done my man! Second with 41 points was Lawrence Jones on his second outing with Sant Jordi which included a pretty birdie on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole and third with 38 was Ralph Griffin who was also the first Order of Merit Qualifier with 50 points. 40 points went to Roy Waters and 30 to Derek Simes. Nice going boys and I expect that you didn't expect all those points which bang you both well up the Order of Merit.

## Order of Merit Category B (Handicap 18 and above)

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## 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.

## At Ten Under Par for the year is

Roger Hunger

## At 8 Under is

Adrian Cox

## At 7 Under Par is:

Albert Sant

## Nearest the Pin(s)

There two nearest the Pin prizes and One Long Drive. These categories no longer attract Order of Merit Points but do take home the bacon. Nearest the Pin on the 14<sup>th</sup> was Lawrence Jones while Richard (I had Shreddies for breakfast) Rose took both the 17<sup>th</sup> hole prize and the drive on the 18<sup>th</sup> with a mighty bash of around 300 metres. Well done to you all and hopefully you can keep up the form in December.





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## A ROUND WITH ADRIAN

Welcome to my favorite section in which I get the opportunity to (always modestly) blow my trumpet and that of my fellow competitors. They were, Representing Wales Rhodri James Representing England, Me, and Spain, Juan Sanllehy. Unfortunately our Catalan Representative Joan Toll was prohibited from competing due to the Buggy restriction in the icy conditions. His humor was missed and hopefully in December we can form the group again.

Rhodri was firing on most cylinders for most of the time but was penalized on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holes and this could have taken him out of a good position. 33 points off 15 holes isn't that bad and if he can get his driver working well, I expect a victory from him soon.

Juan Sanllehy also had a good round with some fine driving and approach play and 39 points with a fine birdie on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole after a magnificent mid iron. This was followed by some intelligent play on the second 9 which showed some fine course management.

Adrian... Well..After a 2 beer breakfast with 'Bull and Bread' to go produced a one under front 9 with three birdies on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> saw 27 points on the card.. Clearly at this stage Panic set in (as the beer ran out amid the bushes) and a hold on to it attitude took over... So bogie followed Bogie and 17 points went on the card coming in. Just enough to hold on and I will be having whatever it was that Richard had for breakfast in December! I would like to dedicate the Glory to Mrs. C who has finally decided that golf is well worth while and plans to enjoy the magnificent Spa at Montanya.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH (not a golfing one this month)

### A Sense of Freshness...

A new supermarket opened in Mertzon, Texas .

It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh.

Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain.

When you pass the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and you experience the scent of fresh mown hay.

In the meat department there is the aroma of charcoal grilled steaks with onions.

When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The bread department features the tantalizing smell of fresh baked bread & cookies.

I don't buy toilet paper there anymore.

## THE NEXT EVENT

Assuming the greens are ready and the course is not frozen the December event will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Montanya. Graham will be in contact with you all directly or by mail / SMS for the next event (or I will request your attendance by e-mail and SMS prior

to the event) so please let us have all your contact details beforehand.

**Important**

Please also note that all details or changes will be on the web. If you have any doubts about whether or not the event will take place. Check the web and read your e-mails BEFORE Thursday.

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If you can play, why not call Graham or mail me with your confirmation beforehand.

## IN CLOSING

In order for the system to work, I need all your e-mails..I am still short of some so if you have one.. Please let me have it.

Could you all pass me your addresses by mail at the following?

[Adrian@santjordigolf.com](mailto:Adrian@santjordigolf.com)

The shop. This is the next project, I need to contact our textile sponsors to get a deal for these and we hope to have a 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Polo and Sweater coming soon. It will be spectacular so if you want this please drop me a line to show your interest. Prices will be competitive.

Editors Note (me again):

DON'T FORGET THAT IF YOU STAY FOR LUNCH YOU GET A TWO POINT BONUS. IF YOU DO NOT THIS IS DEDUCTED FROM YOUR ORDER OF MERIT TOTAL (A DIFFERENCE OF 4 POINTS). OUR PHILOSOPHY IS TO HAVE A GREAT DAY WITH COLLEAGUES. NEXT YEAR THE BONUS WILL BE 5 POINTS MAKING A 10 POINT DIFFERENCE SO LET'S GET OUR AGENDAS SORTED AND RESERVE THE DAY. ALL THE DATES ARE PUBLISHED WELL IN ADVANCE AND ARE NOW ON THE WEB. THANKS.....ADRIAN

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](mailto:eagle@ slicer. jazztel.es).

See you all in December at Montanya

Regards

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Why not join us? Drop us a line and enjoy a great day in the company of new friends playing golf with the Anglo Catalan Sant Jordi Golf Society at the Magnificent Osona Montanya Golf Club. Full details on our web:

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