



Sant Jordi Newsletter

179th Event

WELCOME

November 2009



The Scottish Flag flying over the Clubhouse on a bright and sunny November morning.



Welcome to the November Newsletter. This was the second major event of the tournament calendar and one in which we were delighted to welcome, in addition to the 59 participants, Mackay Smith, The Regional Director for Southern Europe, Middle East and Africa of the Scottish Development International. Mackay came over especially to be with us and present the prizes for the event so we were especially happy with the turnout and look forward to welcoming him back next year, possibly with a commercial delegation that we would welcome to participate in the event. The course was in its best tournament guise with pin placements and tees in locations we are unaccustomed to and all of this combined with 'quickish' greens and 'Persian carpets' for fairways made the day enjoyable for everyone. We must take this opportunity to thank Jordi and his staff at the club for making the event a tremendous success and the course a challenge for the best of us...and of course we cannot forget Wolfgang for giving Graham & me some motorway excitement in the evening (You will have to ask him about this). Finally, thanks to the restaurant staff for serving us with a splendid meal with the maximum of efficiency and style and of course our Piper, Daniel who brought the warming Scottish atmosphere right into us like a good drop of the golden nectar.

The Event

The Saint Andrews event with its major status is played in stroke play format for the 18 and under handicaps and stapleford for the over 18's. This leads to some interesting scores and makes the course an even bigger challenge. So scoring was in line with the format and only four players made par or better with the winning total just 2 under par. The event with its major status awards double points for the placing and this has led to some interesting movements in the Order of Merit. So how did things go?

The Saint Andrews Trophy

The Saint Andrews Trophy was a close affair at the top with just two shots separating the top four. In fourth place was an in form Simon Gordon with a nett 72 off his 17 handicap, this included six pars and a birdie on the 15th. In third place with a nett score of 71 was Josep Maria Comas who hit six pars off his 15 handicap. Second and losing out on the winner's cheque and trophy by virtue of a higher handicap was newcomer, Paul Coleman who hit six pars and two birdies (on 2 and 15) for his challenging total of 70. This leaves the winner on his second visit to Sant Jordi, Ian Skinner who also shot 70 off his six handicap. His combination of birdies on 4, 5, 6 and 10 together with 6 pars was enough to take the trophy and the bacon.





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The fine 71 from Josep Maria took the third place prize. This was presented by Mackay Smith from Scottish Development International. Well done Josep Maria.



The top Prize and winner of the Saint Andrews Mayor Event was Ian Skinner. Ian is being presented with the trophy by Mackay. A spectacular round and a deserved winner. Ian also wins the Weekend stay for two at the Hotel Montanya Spa and Resort. Wow!



The challenging 70 from Paul Coleman, seen here in an action photo on the 16th, was enough to take second. A fine round in tricky conditions well deserved high honours.

So that was the Major event, but there is more and just as important for the Order of Merit with thirty players fighting for position in the Category B stapleford event. The top three all broke par with weighty totals of 41, 40 & 37 taking the honours.

In fourth was Wolfgang Finkbeiner who scored 35 from his round. Wolfgang missed out on one hole and I think he was looking for it in the changing room after lunch, but alas it was not there so he drowned his sorrows later (much much later!) in the bar.

In third with a good 37 was Paul Smith, who is starting to scale positions up the classification for end of year honours with his score.

In second with his 40 points was Mario Morales who jumps in to a good position in the middle order after his first event. Well done Mario.

The winner of the Major event classification B was Jose Fernandez Bustillo who scored 41 points. Jose made just 2 pars but scored in a very regular manner in the rest of the round.



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Paul Smith took third place with a fine total of 37 points. Paul missed out on two holes and could have challenged for top spot with a little more luck. Well done Paul and a spirited challenge.



Jose Bustillo was the winner in Category B. Jose wins the weekend in a Rustic Apartment Courtesy of Ventura Coch of 'Ca La Martra' and the 310 points for the Order of Merit.



Mario Morales scored 40 points on his inaugural outing with Sant Jordi. Enough for second position and some well deserved goodies to celebrate from Mackay.

We also have the Female classification to consider with just two participants, the leader of the challenge is looking ever more in favour of Montserrat Sant with just five events to go. Montserrat took the top spot this month followed by Maria Dolors Arnàn in second spot.

The Other honours

The Major Tournaments also have prizes for nearest the pin and long Drives. These were won with some excellent shots by the following:



Nearest the Pin on the Second with a shot just 1m,45 from the hole was Antonio Beraza.

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Kevin Ellis was the winner of the nearest the pin on the 6th hole with a masterly blow leaving the ball just 25cm from the hole.



Jesep Canet with a marvellous strike on the 17th left the ball just 1,70m from the pin. 197m against the strong breeze is well worth a 'mention in despatches' and possible 'El Creu de Sant Jordi'.



The 14th hole prize was won by Julià Segura who left the ball just 3m, 27 from the pin on this complicated par 3.



The drive on the eighteenth hole was won by Jordi Valldeu. This was a spectacular hit of some 300m off the back tee. He got his par you'll be glad to hear. Jordi won a Silver Quake presented by Mackay to celebrate his feat.



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A Round with Adrian

Today it was my pleasure to share my round with Graham Nash, Juan Sanllehy and Paul Coleman.

Graham Nash (H1/N1)

Between Coughs, Graham who was not at all well having recovered from a nasty cough during the week running up to the tournament made valien efforts to get round in a decent manner. H1/N1 was not in agreement and his efforts in the main fell on stony ground. He did however have 18 good ones during the round and hisn final position of 20th deserved better recognition. He tried hard, but the elements were against him. His stellar moment was a birdie on the tenth after a fine drive and pitch and a good finish with pars on the 17th and 18th. Graham has developed his drive recently and is getting some good distance. This is putting his in great position for his second shots. I expect he will be back in December in full health and challenging for top honours.



Graham with his third to the 5th green, this one finished just high of the flag.

Juan Sanllehy (El Philosopher)

Juan is playing well off his 16 handicap and is ever improving. He is a great student of the swing and with his recently purchased set of

Macgregor irons is looking to improve. He is doing well and I look forward to seeing his handicap drop. Juan was driving the ball well and getting into good position on the fairway. He had a pretty regular round scoring a nett 78 for 11th spot.



Good position here off the third tee. The result just clipped the trees on the left but Juan produced a fine recovery to make bogey.

Paul Coleman (The Eire Express)

Paul is a newcomer to Sant Jordi playing in his first event. He finished tied with the winner for the trophy missing out by virtue of a higher handicap, but it was close. One shot would have taken the victory. Semi disasters on 3, 9 and 13 put paid to his efforts and this highlights just how well he played for the rest of the round. Paul has a fine drive, great iron play and is pretty handy around the green with his recovery play. He has an all round game and after five years in Barcelona, we are delighted that he had joined us at Sant Jordi. Paul has a bar and restaurant in Barcelona and we will put their details in the Sponsors page shortly.





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Second Place **Graham Nash** **639 Points**



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

Third Place **Steve Watson** **598 Points**



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

Fourth Place **Simon Green** **590 Points**



Positions: 1st, 11th, 18th, 7th, 16th, 9th, 10th & 2nd

Fifth Place **Roger Hunger** **574 Points**



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

Next Adrian

No photo, thank goodness! Bunker play has improved, (cause I had a lot of practice today) but the round went well until the 10th when the wheels fell off and a seven resulted. A fine par on the 14th after missing the green was all there was to write home about and a middle of the table classification gave me comfort. Clearly I was not the only one enjoying the spectacular surroundings and views!

The Order of Merit

Ralph is still up on the top in Category A with 688 points, Graham is second on 653 followed by Steve Watson on 598. None of them placed well in the event and Ralph opened up his lead slightly by virtue of the fact that Graham already had 10 scoring events on the table, so his 20 for today will not count as

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

Category A

First Place **Ralph Griffin** **688 Points**



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

Category B

Derek Simes is still reigning strong at the top of Category B with an impressive 970 points, Derek scored 20 today but will discount these as he has 10 better scores. Les is still second, Third Wolfgang followed by Mark moved closer today with his 12th place.

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** **730 Points**



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

Third Place **Wolfgang Finkbeiner** **686 Points**



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





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Fourth Place

Mark Mills

658 Points



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

Fifth Place

Roy Waters

647 Points



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

Female Category

Montserrat has moved further ahead with her win today. The remaining 5 events will be crucial to the classification so come on girls let's get you all here in December. The standings are as follows:

First Place

Montserrat Sant

961 Points



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

Second Place

Isabel Martinez

601 Points



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

Third Place

Jill Minshaw

534 Points



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

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.

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:

www.santjordigolf.com

login is: **members**

password is: **santjordi**

Some Snaps from the proceedings





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Spectrum Group, Julie at the Hotel Montanya Spa and Resort, Ventura Coch from Ca La Martra, Derek Simes from Bodegas Elvara, Albert Sant from Interlegal, Alexandra Witty from Sans y Sans Fine Teas, Michael Witty & Jordi from Golf Montanya. We thank you all, and apologies if I have left anybody out. The events are getting bigger and better every month and that is in no small measure thanks to your input and participation. So thank you finally to all or the players and friends for making the events so enjoyable.

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 (Christmas Bash)

Take a look at the following event being held at the Costa Brava club on the 15th December. Loads of prizes on offer and a perfect opportunity to warm up for our December event on the 17th December.



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

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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I am sure you will all agree that the selection of prizes for today's event were spectacular and in no small effort thanks to the work put into the event by Mike Thom and Graham Nash. Our special thanks go to them, Golf Us, Mackay Smith and his team at Scottish Development International, The Scottish Tourist Board and Government, Jonathan Goodman and Richard Rose of The

COSTA BRAVA GOLF SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS BASH
MONDAY 15th DECEMBER

TEE TIME 9:30am.
 LUNCH 3:30pm.

PRIZES INCLUDE

Ball Retrievers	Gloves
Umbrellas	Putter
Wedges	Balls

1st. Category LADIES
 1st. Category Handicap 0 - 16.5
 1st. Category Handicap 17 - 28
 1st. Category **SCRATCH**

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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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