

Sant Jordi Newsletter

178th Event

WELCOME

October 2009

in all ten so it will be interesting to see how this develops as we get nearer the last event in April.



The only living thing at the course before me. A lovely little friendly 'MUTT'. I'll call him 'Twilight'. I think he lives near.

Welcome to the October Newsletter. The event welcomed 47 players to the Sant Jordi Group to celebrate together on the perfect fairways at Montanya. The Greens had bees spiked and sanded ten days previously and had recovered remarkably to allow us to enjoy interesting conditions on the greens. The Green staff had worked remarkably to allow us to use them, so our thanks again to Jordi and all the team at Montanya for their efforts. In November we will be celebrating the Saint Andrews Tournament, our second Major of the year and we can expect 'Persian Carpets' for the event. Thanks also to Robert and the Restaurant Staff who provided us with a splendid meal and service after the event. We look forward to something really special for November in the 'El Estanyol'. We welcomed back Mike Robson, back after injury, Ann and Andy Robertson, down from France, Martijn Huisman, and the following new guests, Jacinta Aguilar, Enrique Erosa, Ernst Huisman, Ramon Riba & Santiago Sotos (Apologies for any omissions). For the record, all but one were able to stay for lunch, a fantastic effort by all.

The Event

A very exciting event as we close in on the 10 qualifying events for the Order of Merit Total. We now have one player who has competed

The Tee timings again worked well but we must all remember that once the list is closed at **midnight on the Friday prior to the event** we cannot take more inscriptions. Please, Please, PLEASE get your names to Graham or me before then. We need to form the groups, get agreement from the club for tee times and numbers and communicate these via the web page before Sunday night. So our apologies to anyone that cannot play due to late inscriptions, but the reasons are clear.

47 players participated in the event on a beautiful crisp October morning. After a dull and cloudy Wednesday the climate was perfect for golf and the fine scoring duly accompanied.



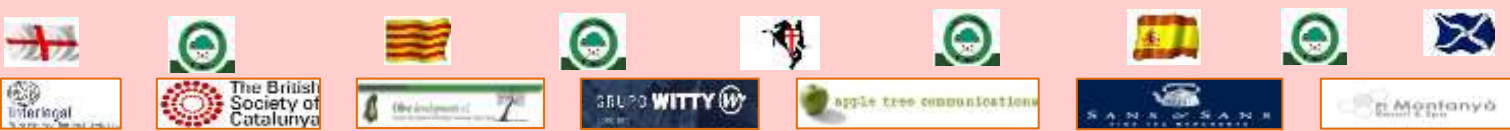
The ninth Green from the footpath. You can see the staff had already prepared the surface for what proved to be a challenging day.

So how did you all perform on the spectacular surfaces? Well there were some indifferent efforts, mine included, but on the whole everyone had a reasonable good day with 29 of the 47 scoring above 30 points and 9 scoring par or better on the day. The top score was a 46 in group B, 36 in the female category and 39 in category A.

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A great turnout then for the 29th of October event split as follows: 19 in Category A, and 23 in Category B and 5 in the girls group. There was again a clear winner in category B, a competitive result in Category A and a close finish for the girls.





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It was obvious from my position in the rough that my time was better employed hunting rovellons and not birdies. Thanks to Francisco for locating the delicious setas.

Category A.

After a hard fought battle on the 'tricky' putting surfaces, first place went to Daniel Medina who fired 39 points off his 18 holes. Danny missed out on two and scored 7 pars during the round. A pretty good effort in the conditions.



A fine performance from Daniel and a well deserved winner in Category A. Wine, Balls and a Nike Hat from the Sponsors.

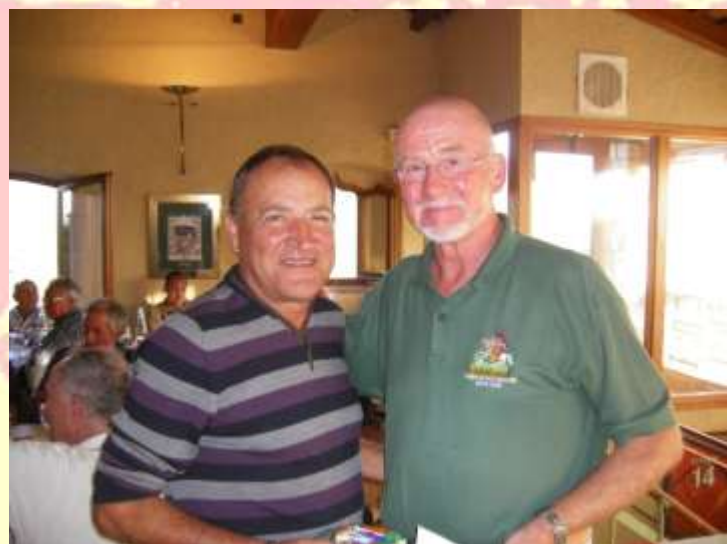
Next in line for the second place presentation was Simon Green who has put in several steady performances recently and deserved the

prize after scoring a solid 37 including 7 pars and missing out on just one hole.



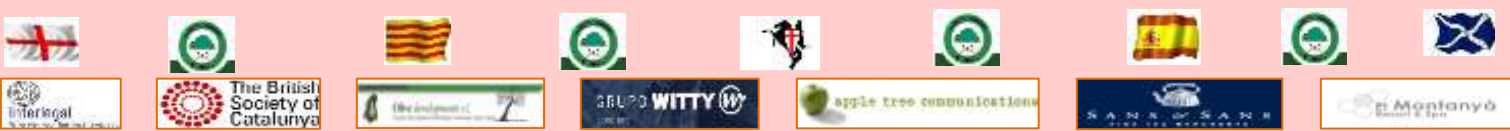
Nice going Simon ('El Mago') he took wine, Balls and because he deserved more, made a pass for the nice 'Breitling' on Graham's wrist! Graham you know where to go to recover it!

In third then with a great par round that included a disastrous start with just one point from holes one to three followed by a brilliant follow up with 3 pars and..... get this.....4 birdies in the second nine was Tomas Maestro. Tomas could not be with us for the presentation so Juan collected the prizes on his behalf.



Juan collecting the prize for Thomas who had a brilliant one over par (Gross) second nine. A Fine performance.





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Category B

A stunning 46 points was the score from Les Buchanan who has done this before. Clearly his 'star was shining' from the right quadrant today as Les hit a round scoring on every hole and including 7 pars and two birdies in his 'compilation' for the day.



Watch out for this man! 'Hitman' expects to be back in November for the Major, but four shots off his handicap may prove too much to handle. We will see. Well done Les for a great round.

Second in category B with a stunning 41 points was Richard Rose. Recent fatherhood has obviously suited Richard and his solid 'fatherly' round included 3 pars and a nice birdie on the 8th.



Well done Richard for the second place prize with 41 points and taking something home for the family to enjoy.

Third place was also taken with a score under par. 38 points were required and these were from Jeroni Matutes who had to leave early for family commitments (photo from the Sant Jordi major)



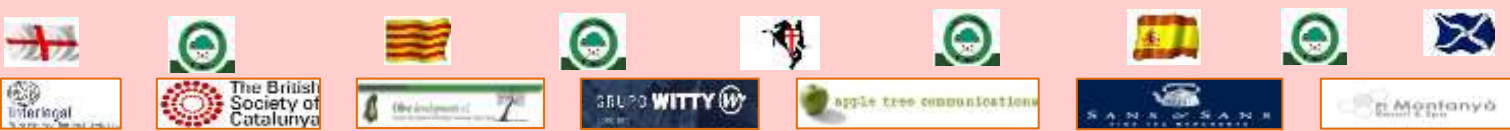
Jeroni scored 38 points with 4 pars and a birdie on the 15th for his third place. Well done.

So that concludes the podiums and after the sorted we had the star prize presentation with all the cards in the bag. The winner of the 'GOLFS'US PRESENTATION' prize was....



Yes you guessed it, Order of Merit leader and fresh back from the states . Ralph won the Star Prize from GOLFS'US which this month was a fantastic NIKE travel Bag. www.golfus.es





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A Round with Adrian

Today it was my pleasure to share my round with Anton Palau, Francisco Alarcon and Steve Watson.



Anton Palau (Mr Steady)

Anton is a 7 handicap member of the group. He is one of the best performer each month and unlike me has a single swing based on a great setup and very controlled backswing. All his shots are straight and true and Anton hits a fairly long drive leaving him with great options to the greens. His putting skills were put to the test on the tricky greens but he was up to the task and finished the round with a fine score of 35 for a 5th place position. For anything in the Toys line Anton is your man. Christmas is coming so contact Anton who can offer you all great deals on all sorts of products from Trains, Slot, Scaletric and Radio Controlled models and accessories. Check out his web on:

www.palauhobby.net

Francisco Alarcón (The Hunter)

Francisco is another very steady performer who came in with 34 points off his 13 handicap. Francisco is officially listed as my official October partner after a visit to the rough on an unspecified part of the course where he showed his skills and a 'Cazador de Bollets'. He has the nickname 'The Hunter' for obvious reasons. 'Bollets' apart, Francisco hits a steady longish ball and has a fine swing, a great putter with a well honed short game around the green.

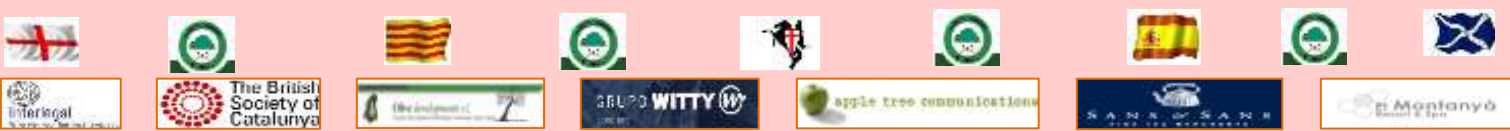


Steve Watson (The Architech)



Steve is one of the few players I have had the pleasure of competing with who actually plans his way around the course. A complete competitor with a straight medium (occasionally long) drive, good fine rifle straight honed iron play and a great short game. Today the putts did not go in, but everything else was in place for a good score. A steady 34 points with two birdies was the result and a fine 6th position. Watch out for Steve next month in the Major.





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Next Adrian

No photo, thank goodness! Not a lot went right during my round (again) and 28 points was the result of warming up the creaking bones. There were moments when the old flair rose to the surface, but none of that happened near the greens. Anton was undecided about which of the 60 or so full swing styles was best to select for next month. He will let me know in November when I plan to retain the trophy. Three pars was a poor return for the effort and a drive and 7 iron to the 13th the high point of the round (until a cruel bounce brought it all to an end...when have we heard that before?

Still a great day in the company of three fine players and friends made the excursion really worthwhile.

The Order of Merit

Ralph is still up on the top in Category A after a solid 10th. He is still being 'hounded down' by Graham Nash who slipped to 39 points behind today. Simon Green after a good second place finish has now leapfrogged ahead of Steve who slips down to fourth just 2 points behind. Roger is still well positioned in fifth but lost some ground today after a 14th placing. Still everything to play for.

Category A

First Place **Ralph Griffin** **676 Points**



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

Second Place **Graham Nash** **637 Points**



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

Third Place **Simon Green** **588 Points**



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

Fourth Place **Steve Watson** **586 Points**



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

Fifth Place **Roger Hunger** **546 Points**



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

Category B

Derek Simes is still reigning strong at the top of Category B with an impressive 970 points, following in a distant second is Mark Mills and Les Buchanan who today put in a great round to close in to third spot.

The standings are as follows:

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



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

Second Place **Mark Mills** **628 Points**



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

Third Place **Les Buchanan** **622 Points**



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

Fourth Place **Wolfgang Finkbeiner** **572 Points**



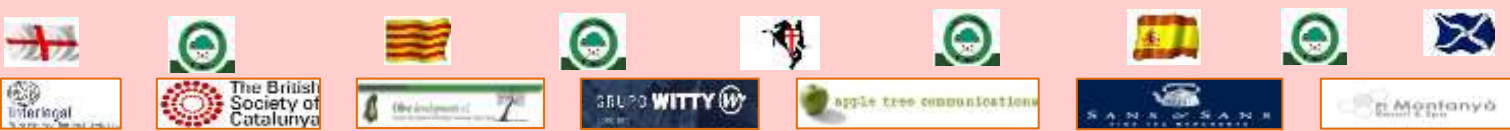
Positions: 4th, 3rd, 9th, 12th, 15th, 14th, 6th, 4th & 10th

Fifth Place **Roy Waters** **553 Points**



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





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Female Category

Some Snaps from the proceedings

One change as Isabel moves up a spot to second. Montserrat Sant remains up at the top of the table and is nicely positioned. The competition is hotting up and the Major in November will show who really wants the top spot. All could change at the top with the Double points quotas. The standings are as follows:

First Place Montserrat Sant 651 Points



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

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 two 'majors' still in this year's timetable with double points quotas. You can keep abreast of all the details in the web page.

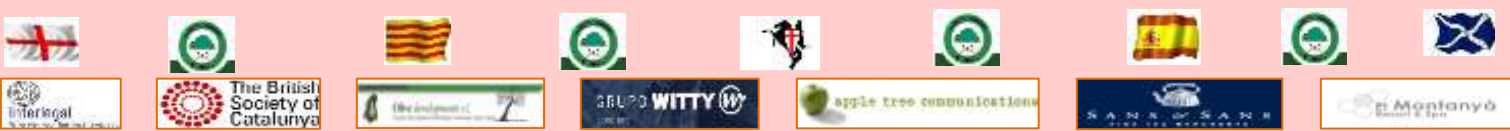
Please note that the cut off day for registering for events is 12pm on the previous Friday. We need this to allow us to prepare the start times and get agreement for these from the club. Please inform Adrian or Graham of your participation before then to avoid missing out on the tournaments. Tee times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

www.santjordigolf.com

login is: **members**

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

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 views on the recent survey will be placed on the web shortly in the member's area and from these you can see that we have taken many of the ideas into account and are actively using your suggestions. Thank you for these.

THE NEXT EVENT (SAINT ANDREWS MAJOR)

Is scheduled for the 26th November at Montanya.

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.

If you have any preferences as far as times or playing partners are concerned please let me have these by e-mail or sms before the previous Sunday to the event. This will allow us to organise the groups more efficiently.

Adrian

Don't forget that all the latest information is on the web and if you do not get the e-mails.. Send me your addresses as soon as possible.

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