



Sant Jordi Newsletter

WELCOME

September 2009

Welcome to the 177th Event Newsletter. Given the Public Holiday in Barcelona we were needed to seek another location for the event. After much deliberation we decided to go for a real challenge and chose La Graeira near Calafell. We have used this venue in its 9 hole variant for several years for the British Society tournament and now in the 18 hole guise we were presented with a real challenge. At 6800 yards off the yellow tees the general comment in the morning was, why have I got so many extra strokes for the slope...? NO problem today! I'll tear the place apart! Ha. Ha. hah!. It didn't happen except in 2 or 3 cases Read on.

The Event

A very exciting event. Never the less, after all was said and done there were only 2 birdies scored on the day, Marc Cox and Simon Green were responsible for these.

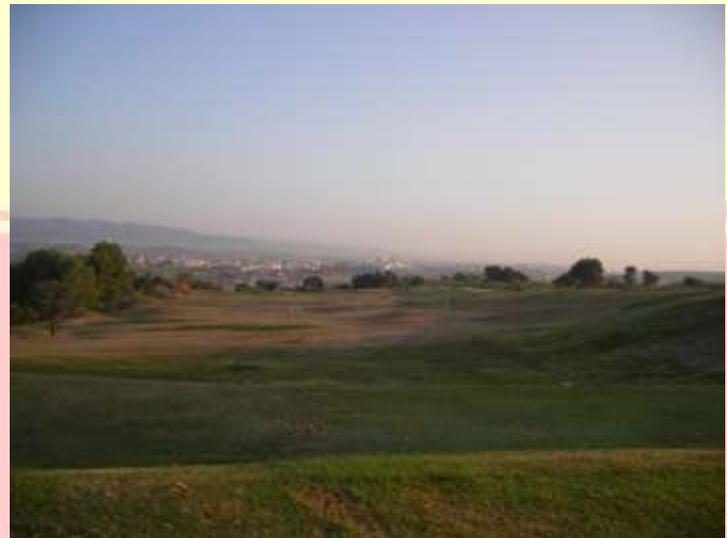
The Tee timings are now working well and have left players with a clear idea of when they will start and enabled everyone to get to the course in time for some practice and snacks. La Graeira was fresh and set up for what I call a 'real golfers day'. 'Real Golfers' use metal spikes, Pro V1s, don't wear belts on their slacks, wear peaks (not hats), always carry their bags and always hit the driver off the first tee. No Carts, trolleys or batteries are ever seen in their armoury, maybe the odd 1 iron and no hybrids. There were none at La Graeira and the results confirmed that there were not even any aspiring candidates.. so, we were all in effect 'whimps' and yielded to the elements. We started on the 10th (thank goodness) so the hilly bit was over quite soon. However, this nine is quite the most spectacular challenge I have ever seen in Spain, bar none and probably (in my view) with all my golfing experience to evaluate, with the exception of Carnoustie and above all Crail the hardest around. Check out the photos in the Gallery Section of the web.

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A fair turnout then for the 24th of September event divided as follows: 11 in Category A and 17 in Category B. Only one of the original confirmations had to retire through injury, so get well soon Phil and we hope to see you next month.. There was a clear winner (Hero) in category B and a tie in Category A.



The clubhouse set in a beautiful coppice of pines, quite refreshing.



The driving range was surprisingly empty before the round. There really are some spectacular views from the course.

If you want to enjoy some of these views there is a full selection of the day's photos they are on the Galley Page on the web. www.santjordigolf.com





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So how did things go in the event?

The Winner was well clear of the rest of the field in category B. In Category A there was a competitive ending with the winner being decided for the second time this summer on birdies and pars. However everyone who completed the course warrants a mention in despatches. The top of the table went as follows:

Category A

First place was for Rhodri James with a well fought 34 points and winning out because he scored more pars (3) than Simon Gordon who also hit 34 but had just 2 pars. Third with 32 points and with 4 pars and a birdie was Marc Cox who has taken third in the last two events and could be a real challenge if he could play more.

So that just leaves the remaining 'heroes of Calafell' to take the prizes in the 'sorteo' with some very nice items courtesy of Golfus.

Category B was another done deal with some outstanding performances from the top two. First was Roy Waters, who true to his name needed little refreshment after hitting a tournament best 43 points including 4 pars in his total. This was a great performance on a difficult day for everyone in the sweltering heat. Next but falling 5 points short came Peter Schneider, who made a comeback to Sant Jordi after 8 months. We were delighted to present Peter with the prize and a bundle of points for this position. Third and taking this position by virtue of a lower handicap over Wolfgang Finkbeiner was Les Buchanan with 35 points. Les is secretly moving up the tables and could be a candidate for top honours in the order of merit... Watch out folks!



Rhodri picked up first prize and the 'winner's cheque', in this case 189 Order of Merit points. Nice going!



First in category B with a tremendous 43 points was a delighted Roy Waters 198 Order of Merit Points, too. WOW!



Simon Gordon took second with some fine drives and stunning putting. One more par was all he needed to take top honours. Well done Simon.



Peter scored 38 and takes 143 points to his total for the year. Nice play from Peter produced the goods.





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A Round with Adrian

Today it was my pleasure to share my round with the following:

Ralph Griffin (The Action)



You can clearly see from the image that Ralph was looking like a favourite to score well and indeed he did, but on the second nine. A nice action snap here from the second tee as the ball shoots out to the fairway.

Graham Nash (Tiger)



Always a top challenger, Graham had his high spots but for me the best of the round came on the 8th hole, the 550 yard par 5 with a stunning 7 wood skirting the lake on the left to leave the ball just 9 feet from the flag. Alas the birdie putt slipped by an inch, but a great par resulted. He keeps the nickname of Tiger for another month and remains in second on the OOM.

David Goss (Bellamy The Adventurer)



David has well earned the nickname of Bellamy the Adventurer because unlike Graham, on the 8th we lost him in the Fauna. A two man search party was arranged and he emerged after identifying several un-catalogued species of insects. David also produced a stunning approach to the 8th and also got his brilliant par on the hole.

The Order of Merit

Ralph is still up on the top in Category A. He is still being 'hounded down' by Graham Nash now just 34 points adrift and Steve Watson 60 behind. Unfortunately Steve could not be with us this month So things are now tight at the top. Roger Hunger is now pushing up the table which stands as follows:





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Category A

First Place	Ralph Griffin	579 Points
		
	Positions: 4 th , 2 nd , 16 th , 1 st (St Jordi) & 9 th	
Second Place	Graham Nash	545 Points
		
	Positions: 8 th , 8 th , 8 th , 13 th , 12 th , 10 th , 8 th , 1 st & 8 th	
Third Place	Steve Watson	519 Points
		
	Positions: 4 th , 8 th , 4 th , 1 st & 6 th	
Fourth Place	Roger Hunger	503 Points
		
	Positions: 5 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th , 11 th , 1 st & 7 th	
Fifth Place	Ricardo Ferrer	478 Points
		
	Positions: 10 th , 5 th , 7 th , 10 th , 1 st & 3 rd	

Category B

Derek Simes is still reigning strong at the top of Category B with an impressive 918 points, following in a distant second is Mark Mills who today put in a great round to close in of top spot.

The standings are as follows:

First Place	Derek Simes	918 Points
		
	Positions: 5 th , 9 th , 1 st , 2 nd , 9 th , 2 nd , 10 th , 3 rd & 16 th	
Second Place	Mark Mills	598 Points
		
	Positions: 6 th , 7 th , 4 th , 7 th , 2 nd , 4 th & 5 th	
Third Place	Rui di Silva	531 Points
		
	Positions: 11 th , 4 th , 13 th , 1 st , 18 th & 12 th	
Fourth Place	Wolfgang Finkbeiner	526 Points
		
	Positions: 4 th , 3 rd , 9 th , 12 th , 15 th , 14 th , 6 th & 4 th	
Fifth Place	Roy Waters	517 Points
		
	Positions: 7 th , 10 th , 3 rd , 11 th , 7 th & 1 st	

Female Category

No changes here as unfortunately none of female section could be present at La Graeira so Montserrat Sant remains up at the top of the table and is still nicely positioned. The standings are as follows:

First Place	Montserrat Sant	585 Points
		
	Positions: 2 nd , 1 st & 1 st	
Second Place	Jill Minshaw	454 Points
		
	Positions: 1 st , 5 th & 1 st	
Third Place	Isabel Martinez	410 Points
		
	Positions: 3 rd , 2 nd & 2 nd	

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 12:pm on the previous Saturday. We need this to allow us to prepare the start times and get agreement for these from the club. Adrian / Graham. Tee times are posted on:

www.santjordigolf.com

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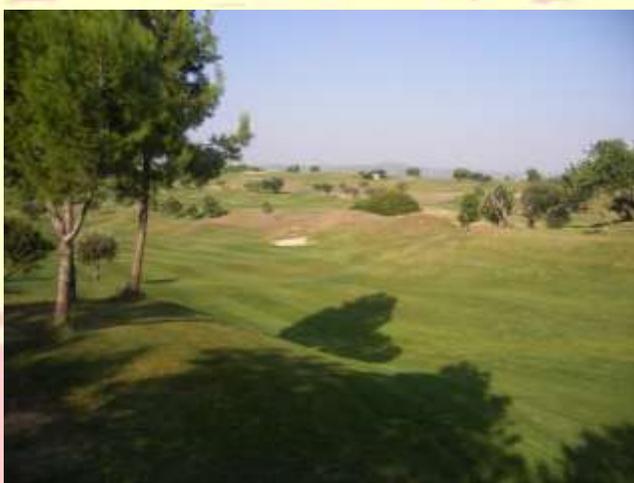
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Some Snaps from the proceedings





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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.

www.golfus.es

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

Is scheduled for the 29th October 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

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