



# Sant Jordi Newsletter

Tournament 224

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Welcome to the 224<sup>th</sup> Tournament Newsletter. As we all drove up the hill from the plans de Vic, the day was not looking particularly nice for a round of golf. When we arrived at the club the fog had lifter slightly but there was no chance of starting on time as the fairways and greens were not yet visible. We finally got the ok from the club to start about an hour late from tees one to five. The fog lifted very quickly at the sixth hole the group there teed off into "pea soup" and putted out in a fresh morning veil. They play edit o the seventh in bright sunshine that finally left its toll on all the players' alike turning into a really splendid day.

There was quite a good turnout with 26 taking to the tees around this ever improving and beautiful course, the category 'A' players went off the full white tees from all the holes and enjoyed the experience tremendously while the Category 'B' players teed off the yellows. Both categorized produced some excellent golf and gathered plenty of Spectrum IFA Group Order of Merit points.



## Congratulations

It is not often that we get the pleasure on congratulating our players for becoming grandparents and less so when both of them are playing members of the group. It was our pleasure and that of the entire group the congratulate Trisha and Paul Smith on becoming grandparents for the first time. We'll Done to both of you and of course the parents! We will see if we can get a photo of the happy group shortly.



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## Category A

Category A was again the least populated with 7 players teeing off the competition tees in what were initially difficult foggy conditions which lifted after about 3 holes allowing the guys to make beelines for the flags and start scoring at their levels. There were some notable performances today with a top score of 39 points going to Mick Walsh who now has three Sant Jordi victories. Mick scored his 39 with the help of 9 pars and a birdie on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole. In second place was a very competitive Iain Morwood who is hitting the top spots now with regularity. Iain scored 34 which consisted of six pars on tricky holes and finishing third this week with a fine 31 in just his second outing with us was Gert Verkerk. Gert scored seven pars today in a fine round.



Mick, Iain & Gert take their well-deserved prizes from Mick & Iain. Well done to all three for some excellent golf over a beautiful course.

## Category B

Category B had a 17 man presence (16 and one afore mentioned Tricia Smith) lining up for the honours and as has been customary in the past months it is getting ever harder for this hearty group of souls to take to the podium. They see more of the course and get better value for money for their efforts than category A, but I guarantee you all the fun and Great Spirit is always visible here. Don't get me wrong, the golf is deadly serious but the intermittent periods are worth the footage. So in top spot this month with his maiden victory was Martin Kirby who hit a magnificent 43 points including 3 fine pars. Close, but not quite close enough with 37 was Craig McLaughlan (who has had several near misses over the recent months and I can see a win on the cards shortly). Craig's 37 included 3 pars and one birdie on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole also contained a shot to the 17<sup>th</sup> of the highest level against the prevailing cross/headwind leaving the ball just 2 metres from the hole. In third spot this month with one point less on 36 was Ralph Griffin who took this spot on handicap over Michael Bates and Graham Nash. Ralph scored 3 pars on the first 3 par threes, but it ended there. Oh, so close for Graham & Michael.



Martin, Craig and Ralph take their well-deserved prizes from Mick Walsh. Well done to all three for your exciting play.

The nearest the Pin on the 6<sup>th</sup> was won by Xavier Pitarque with just 3.72m from a very difficult pin placement and the long drive went to Jonathan Goodman with a tremendous 'tonk' nearing 300 yards and well beyond the bunker on the 15<sup>th</sup> (The top end of this bunker is 255m from the yellow tee). Prizes for the nearest the pin courtesy of Lucas Fox International Properties and the Long Drive from Tengotwo Creative solutions.





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## The Spectrum IFA Order of Merit (2013-2014)



### Category A (Top 10)

- First Place: Steve Watson with 1379 points
- Second Place Roger Hunger: with 1346 points
- Third Place: Iain Morwood with 1158 points
- Fourth Place: Mick Walsh with 1157 points
- Fifth Place: Phil Troke with 924 points
- Sixth Place: Edwin Hebink with 552 points
- Seventh Place: David English with 550 points
- Eighth: Juan Sanllehy with 547 points
- Ninth Place: David Collinson with 436 points
- Tenth Place: Adam Parmer with 380 points

### Category B (Top 10)

- First Place: Martin Kirby with 1555 points
- Second Place: Craig McLaughlan with 1393 points
- Third Place: Derek Simes with 1048 points
- Fourth Place: Richard Rose with 1007 points
- Fifth Place: Albert Sant with 855 points
- Sixth Place: Steve Coltman with 719 points
- Seventh Place Jonathan Goodman: with 677 points
- Eighth Place: Stijn Teeuwen with 598 points
- Ninth Place: Xavier Pitarque with 572points
- Tenth Place: Brent Ledford with 538 points

Changes in the middle order of both categories for this month with Phil Troke dropping a spot in Cat A and Martin Kirby building a bigger lead at the top of Cat B. Brent has dropped 3 places to 10<sup>th</sup> with Xavier moving up a spot to ninth.

### Upcoming Events and News

- The October Tournament will be played on the 31<sup>st</sup> at Montanyà. You can register now is you wish.
- We are planning a Match play competition against a team from Golf Eixample to be played later in the year and will give you more news on this as we get nearer the date and plans are finalised.
- Steve Watson will try to organise events at the Costa Brava on Thursdays as well as Tuesdays so there is another opportunity to play if you need more!

### Fun from the buggy

Apart from Grahams 'energetic' leap on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole, I thought there were nice snaps to put in here: A Jay next to the 11<sup>th</sup> tee and a mushroom on the 6<sup>th</sup>.



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Photos from the event



Don't forget that the full selection of photos from the event is available on our web page and also the Sant Jordi Golf Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.596660717042902.1073741834.100000969385413&type=1&l=790edff065>





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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

In no small measure we owe the success of our events to the following. In the year round events we need to give our hearty thanks to all our friends and contributors for their help. These are of course well known to you all, but take a few moments to browse through their web pages where you will find a lot of interesting offers and details.

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Nigel Wing: [www.golfersmindset.com](http://www.golfersmindset.com)

**David English, Andres Lozano, & Craig McLaughlan**

The next events will be at Montanyà on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> October. You can now register for these events by e-mail on:

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