

# SPORTS

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## DARTS

### SPECTACULAR FINISH TO SEASON

Last weekend, the Gibraltar Darts Association staged their end of season Trophy presentation at the current home of darts – the splendid College Cosmos club up at South Barracks – an elongated green/ white hall (ex-services shooting range) where the ale flowed freely to accompany the full range of tapas throughout the 'long' evening, which was made into a 'darts spectacular' by livewire MC 'try and keep me off the mike' Danny Peach. It turned into a 'George Federico benefit evening', as this distinguished long-time champion of the oche showed a full-range of opponents just how to win the major trophies- rather

like his friend Phil 'The Power' Taylor. There were two competitions contested on the night – The Pedresa (180) Trophy and the 'Super League'singles (knock-out) - George won them both.

The Pedresa 180 Cup drew together all those local 'stars' who had thrown the maximum 'one hundred and eighty' - during the year. Dylan Duo led the way with a total of 55, with 10 in the League.

After each had thrown nine darts, those achieving 180 or more were drawn against each other (most v least) and it not the 'most' who usually prevailed, although George

Federico set the standard with a score of 268 (nine darts) not matched.

George went on to win the Pedresa Trophy, in the knock-out, against Dylan Duo, Henry Zapata and Francis Taylor.

The second tournament on the evening was another knock-out competition between the leading eight 'Superstars' for the Graham Parker Trophy.

In the play-offs- Francis Taylor eliminated Alan Kimberley 3-0; George Federico overcame Eric Segui 3-1 before Justin Broton just about outlasted Henry Zapata 3-2 and Dylan Duo was too good for Glen Cameron, 3-0.

Federico then got the better of Broton 3-0 - before 'lightning almost struck' in the Taylor v Duo semi-final. Dylan Duo almost equalled the magical 9 –dart finish 9 to 501). He stilled the audience with two straight 180s then another treble twenty before just missing the treble 19 – it had been that close!

The final brought into opposition the two 'masters of the board'- George Federico and Dylan Duo – who proceeded to chase each other down to the 'double' finish. George took the first on 22, Dylan the second on 30, George the third on 10, Dylan levelled on 4 , before George closed out another championship with 36.

It had been breath-taking in the sweaty atmosphere.

The Presentation Night commenced with GDA President Carmelo Ellul calling up George Ramos to receive the 'Personality of the Year' Award. Popular President Carmelo insists he is calling it a day after 50 years involvement with the local darts scene- he was in at the beginning in 1956 with the legends – Joe Goldwin, Willie Proctor, Dave Obee and others.

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College Cosmos are the champions!



Carmelo Ellul presents 'Personality' Shield to George Ramos



George receives the GDA sponsorship cheque from Fidelio Bonfante.

#### GDA Awards

- Mixed Pairs – Kayra and Dylan Duo
- Mixed Trebles – Dylan Duo, Dyson Parody, Susan Parody
- League Trebles – Dylan Duo, Justin Broton, Dyson Parody
- League Pairs – Dylan Duo, Dyson Parody
- GDA Knock-out Cup – Gibraltar Utd.(R/J Refrigeration).  
Runners-up - Laguna S.C.

#### Invitation Trophy

- Highest Finish – George Federico
- Winners ( overall) – 160 -George Federico, Francis Taylor
- Winner ( League) – 152 - Henry Zapata
- Friendship Cup – Justin Broton, Dylan Duo, Danny Peach, Glenn Cameron, Dyson Parody.

#### Ranking (Dave Obee)

- Ranking (Millenium Singles) – Dylan Duo
- Ranking (Masters) – Dylan Duo
- Ranking (Joe Goldwin Classic) – Justin Broton
- Kronenbourg Singles – Dylan Duo
- National Champion – George Federico
- Best of the Rest Singles – Henry Zapata
- Best Player of the Year – Dylan Duo
- Wooden Spoon – Ultrabowl

#### Special Award to Luis Guerrero (not present)

- 2nd. Division League – Cannon Bar, runners-up – Wembley Bar
- 1st. Division league – College Cosmos Club, runners-up – Gib. Utd. (R/J Refrig.)

#### Superleague - (top 16)

- Trophy (11) and Cash (16)
- Winner Dylan Duo, 2. George Federico, 3. Francis Taylor



'Player of the Year' Dylan Duo who won the Pairs, Trebles, three Ranking tournaments, The Kronenberg Singles and the Superleague.



George Federico receives National Singles Shield George remarked –“when I first started into local darts as a teenager, I envied those who had their names inscribed on this magnificent shield – now mine appears eight times”.