

# THE KRONENBOURG 1664 'GIBRALTAR OPEN 2007'

In its 4<sup>th</sup> edition the recent Kronenbourg 1664 'Gibraltar Open' managed to attract a wider range of players from around the globe, included in the mix where UK players (*England, Scotland, Ireland & Wales*), Spanish (*including Catalan players*) and Dutch players.

In light that the Gibraltar Open itself is growing in its reputation as one of the competitions to offer more than others globally, it is fast becoming very attractive for darts players to travel to Gibraltar to reap the rewards.

The Gibraltar Open offers substantial prize monies, world ranking points and a place for both winners (*ladies & men*) into the Winmau World Masters.



**Singles Men's Winner: Carlos R. Sequera with  
Gibraltar Darts Association President  
Justin Broton**

The Men's singles title went to 4 times Electronic Darts World Champion, Carlos Rodriguez Sequera from Cataluña. A well deserved win and he achieved a personal ambition of his; to be able to participate in the World Championships. Just before his final match he said the following

*"Where do I sign to trade the winners place & prize money if you can book my place right now for the World Masters"*. This highlights the importance and the fantastic opportunity of the invite that winning the Gibraltar Open offers to overseas players and which we in Gibraltar sometimes take for granted.



**Singles Ladies' Winner: Margaret Ferguson  
with GDA President Justin Broton**

The Ladies winner was Scottish International, Margaret Ferguson. She had a well-fought final against UK opponent Wendy Wanstall. The final went 3-3 until Margaret managed to outscore Wendy to take the title 4-3.

Our local contingency could not do better than last 8 (*Dylan Duo*) with close on his heels, Justin Broton, who fell at the last 16 hurdle to a Catalan player just losing 3-2.

The stage finals were rather quite impressive (*those that left early missed out*) with players hitting 180's in all the games including legs of up to a 39 average per dart.

All in all it was a good competition with very few setbacks. Lots of top quality darts were thrown and we are hoping the event just continues to grow which is always a good thing for the progression of the sport of darts in Gibraltar.

As of writing this article, interest has already been shown from various other federations globally who will be making arrangements to attend next year! So the future is indeed looking bright for the Gibraltar Darts Association biggest event:

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Special thanks must go to everyone involved as without them events of such magnitude are simply not possible. Starting with our sports Minister, Honorary Fabian Vinet (*for his prompt involvement*), our main sponsor: Kronenbourg 1664 (*Saccone & Speed*) for providing everything required and Gache Ltd for the lovely trophies; the Gibraltar Sports Authority with whom it would just not have been possible; the St Joseph's 1<sup>st</sup> School staff (*before, during & after the event*), the constant continued support from those GDA, friends & family members who without word help every time they are needed and of course the players themselves who make it the event it has so eloquently grown into.



**Finalist: Wendy Wanstall**



**Finalist: Gavin Forsythe**

Finally of course thank you to the committee itself for all their hard work.

See below the last 16 places....

### MENS' SINGLES LAST 16

LAST 16		QUARTERFINALS		SEMIFINALS		FINAL	
Remco van Eijden (Netherlands)	2						
Kevin Weir (UK)	3	Kevin Weir (UK)	1				
Carlos S. Rodriguez (Cataluña)	3	Carlos S. Rodriguez (Cataluña)	3				
Gary Thompson (UK)	2			Carlos S. Rodriguez (Cataluña)	4		
Ray Heppinstau (UK)	0			Mark Jodrill (UK)	3		
John Watson (UK)	3	Ray Heppinstau (UK)	1				
Mark Jodrill (UK)	3	Mark Jodrill (UK)	3				
Alan Carrington (UK)	1					Carlos S. Rodriguez (Cataluña)	4
Gavin Forsthye (UK)	3					Gavin Forsthye (UK)	1
Les Delderfield (UK)	1	Gavin Forsthye (UK)	3				
Dylan Duo (Gibraltar)	3	Dylan Duo (Gibraltar)	0				
Chris Grannel (UK)	1			Gavin Forsthye (UK)	4		
Ben Walford (UK)	3			Jose E. Maldonado (Cataluña)	2		
Dave Stokell (UK)	0	Ben Walford (UK)	1				
Jose E. Maldonado (Cataluña)	3	Jose E. Maldonado (Cataluña)	3				
Justin Broton (Gibraltar)	2						

### LADIES' SINGLES LAST 16

LAST 16		QUARTERFINALS		SEMIFINALS		FINAL	
Susan Buis (Netherlands)	3						
Juani Romo Santander (Cataluña)	0	Susan Buis (Netherlands)	3				
Mandy McKenzie (UK)	3	Mandy McKenzie (UK)	2				
Anna Mack (UK)	1			Susan Buis (Netherlands)	0		
Wendy Wanstall (UK)	3			Wendy Wanstall (UK)	3		
Patsy Allen (UK)	0	Wendy Wanstall (UK)	3				
Claire Muldoon (UK)	3	Claire Muldoon (UK)	1				
Kate Drake (UK)	2					Wendy Wanstall (UK)	3
Margaret Ferguson (Scotland)	3					Margaret Ferguson (Scotland)	4
BYE (-)	0	Margaret Ferguson (Scotland)	3				
Tracey Midgley (UK)	1	Louise Simmonds (UK)	1				
Louise Simmonds (UK)	3			Margaret Ferguson (Scotland)	3		
Jean Stanley (UK)	0			Pat Smith (UK)	0		
Maureen Purvis (UK)	3	Maureen Purvis (UK)	2				
Pat Smith (UK)	3	Pat Smith (UK)	3				
Vera Younger (UK)	1						

### THE KRONENBOURG 'GIBRALTAR OPEN 2007' WINNERS

MEN: Carlos Sequera Rodriguez (Cataluña) / LADIES: Margaret Ferguson (Scotland)