

SPORTS

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DARTS

MILLENNIUM SINGLES GDA – 1ST RANKING

The 1st singles ranking event scheduled this season saw a record attendance for the best part of 4 seasons. This was due to a decision made by the committee to raise subscriptions and make the rankings FREE to enter for all registered members (over 18's). This did prove to be the right choice. With the record attendance for many years, including over 33% of registered members participating, it was another eventful night.

Winner: Dylan Duo

Finalist: George Ramos

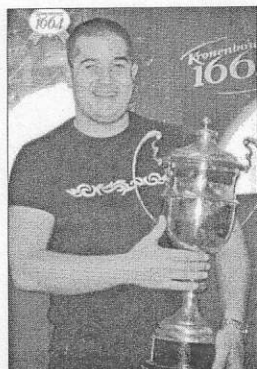
Semi-Finalists: Justin Broton and Francis Taylor

This 1st ranking showed strong signs of it returning to its former glory, with the games changed to what they used to be previously (which was decided at a recent captains meeting): best of 5 up to the quarterfinals, best of 7 the quarterfinals, best of 9 the semi-finals and best of 11 the final.

George Ramos, an experienced veteran put up a class act on this occasion by defeating a high number of quality players on his route to the final. These players included George Federico (seed 3), Alfred King, Justin Stagno and Justin Broton (seed 2).

Dylan, who was the other finalist also didn't have an easy run to the final, and beat Manolo Asquez, Alan Kimberley, Dyson Parody and Francis Taylor (seed 4) on his way.

It was a long night but well worth it. We saw many players and spectators stay to watch up to the last minute of darts. Although George Ramos put up a very decent fight in the final, Dylan proved to



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everyone that he is an outstanding darts player and never an easy opponent. He beat George 6 to 1. In doing so maintaining his no1 spot on the Rock.

Visit the official GDA website www.gibraltardarts.com which has the current seeding positions for this season and do not forget that there are 14 places at stake for representation in international events.

POOL

GIB.'S MEN AND WOMEN TAKE MEDALS

The Senior men's quintet who represented Gibraltar at the recent inaugural Blackball Pool Community tournament at Cork in Eire rose to the challenge and just pipped a similar England Veterans team to be declared 'winners of the Consolation tournament'. They thus reversed a 15-10 defeat in the team tournament proper!

These championships attracted 46 determined male pool players representing ten countries and, following the Nations team competition, with all four titles going to Scotland, it was decided to maintain the interest with a Consolation Trophy for the lowest four male and female teams.

Gibraltar won both!

Gibraltar's men's A team, which finished 6th., was made up of senior players Joe Cuadra, Garry Chant, Ronnie Ignacio, Manuel Rodriguez and Joe de la Rosa, and it was the play of the final two, Manuel and Joe, which won the day against England. They were relative novices to international competition and the leading three - Joe, Garry and Ronnie - kept schtumm! about the seriousness of the match while they were at the table - they came through for Gib. to take a Trophy of which they are distinctly proud 'we beat England!'

The men had played plenty of matches during their five day visit and finished with:



Garry Chant, Joe Cuadra, Manuel Rodriguez, Ronnie Ignacio and Joe de la Rosa.

Joe Cuadra - 20th out of 46 entrants in the Individual with 18 victories out of 35 matches; Gary Chant 23rd. with 16 wins, Ronnie Ignacio 29th - 13 wins, Manuel Rodriguez 37th. -and Joe de la Rosa 38th, both with

8 wins.

The Ladies team also won their Consolation Tournament, beating Northern Ireland in the final. Further details when these become available.



Successful ladies display our flag.

RUGBY

SUCCESS AGAINST MARBELLA

Gibraltar's Rugby team, now sponsored by Peninsula Petroleum, won their second fixture in the Andalucian 2nd Division last Sunday, beating Marbella 13-10 in what was a hard-fought, scrappy performance. From the kick-off the Gibraltar's pack dominated set-pieces and the break-downs with some great work from hooker Chris Lugnani and open-side Barry Imms winning ball in the loose. Gibraltar's game plan was to be the first on the score-board and after 15 minutes of dogged tackling and constant pressure, Gibraltar came away with 5 points after Marbella conceded a penalty. Gibraltar took advantage of the penalty and instead of opting for the 3 points put a kick into touch. Number 8 Chad Thomson took a clean catch at the line-out and set up for a driving maul. It was a great pack effort driving Marbella 10 metres to their goal line, Nick Cruz dived between the feet of the Marbella pack

to register his first try of the season. After Marbella's restart Gibraltar carried on marching deep into opposition territory. It was now the backs turn to show off with Paul Howard making his return at inside centre and Phillip 'Taff' Parsell at outside centre, interchanging to put fullback Chris Gillingham through a gap to gain some important yards. A constant supply of possession from the Pack and James Russo at scrum-half allowed man of the match Ross Eatwell to orchestrate proceedings from fly-half. Unfortunately, an injury to scrum-half James Russo led to his substitution, debutant replacement Jamie Cook jumped straight into action. With great use of the ball and some faint handling Julian Leigh popped over in the corner to put Gibraltar 10-0 ahead with 10 minutes to go in the first half.

Gibraltar continued to suffer from white line fever whilst camped on the

opposition line and failed to turn territory and possession into further points. However, ill-discipline from the Gibraltar pack led to Marbella making their way into the Gibraltar 22 for the first time in the game. Marbella took 3 points from another penalty bang in front of the posts. Half-time 10-3 to Gibraltar Rugby Club.

The second half started as the first half had with the Gibraltar team steam-rolling up the field with powerful runs from 2nd rows Rob Uphill and Wayne 'Train' Tunbridge. Aggressive scrummaging from props Nick Ramagge and Mark Cooper forced Marbella to concede another penalty. Chris Gillingham converted to add a further 3 points around the 50 minute mark.

Marbella refused to lie down, putting Gibraltar under constant pressure from the restart. It would seem that members of the Gibraltar pack

thought the game was in the bag and flickers of tactical naivety from the backs helped Marbella back into the game showing Gibraltar why they had won the last fixture the previous season. The biggest downfall of the Gibraltar team was their continued indiscipline. Penalty after penalty was conceded and at one stage were marched 30 metres back up the pitch for indiscipline. It was only a matter of time before Marbella registered their first try of the game after being unluckily disallowed one in the corner and it came with about 10 minutes left to play, the try was converted and the scores were 13-10.

Alarm bells started to ring and some much needed urgency was needed. John Dibb, making his long awaited return from injury, dragged the Gibraltar team back into the Marbella half where Gibraltar remained camped until the final whistle. Good performances from Winger Thomas

de Corbier and Nick Ramagge who led the scrums need to be mentioned. We would like to thank our main sponsors Peninsula Petroleum and our ever loyal John Smith (S&S) for their constant sponsorship. The Club wish to thank Flaherty's Irish Bar of Sotogrande and Taylor Woodrow for the rugby ball.

Gibraltar rugby team that played against Marbella: Nick Ramagge, Chris Lugnani, Mark Cooper, Wayne Tunbridge, Rob Uphill, Nick Cruz, Barry Imms, Chad Thomson, James Russo, Ross Eatwell, Paul Howard, Phillip Parsell, Thomas De Corbier, Julian Leigh, Chris Gillingham, John Dibb, James Cook, Alan Esler, Peter Lugnani, Albert Loddio, Owain Richards

Gibraltar's next match will be at Guadiaro on December the 2nd in a local derby match against San Roque Rugby Club. Support is very much welcome. For more information on Gibraltar Rugby please contact James Russo at gibraltar_rugby@yahoo.com.