

# SPORTS

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## GOLF

### JOHNNIE WALKER TROPHY



The 2007 Johnnie Walker Trophy was this year contested by 62 No Med Golf members on Sunday the 18th March at the recently opened Don Julia Golf Club. It was a great day for golf with a warm sun and a light breeze and the recorded scores reflected these ideal conditions. In first place winning the 2007 Johnnie Walker Trophy was John McHale with 42 No Stableford points. This was John's first victory after many attempts and he set a good example of concentration and consistency. With this victory John also qualified to play in this year's Med Golf Masters at Valderrama in November and won the Longest Drive Trophy. In second place was Denny To, with 40 No Stableford points, who also won the Top Senior prize. Third place was won by Gary Edwards with 37 No points who also won the Top Team prize with his playing partner, Frank Samways with a combined Stableford score of 73 points. The best gross score was recorded by George Desoisa with 79 shots. The best gross score on the par 3's was Dan Aldridge with level Par. Other prize winners were:

Nearest the pin on hole No 3. Boyd Wood. Nearest the pin on hole No 11. Les Cole.  
 No 12. Dave Maccaughrean. No 13. Frank Samways.  
 No 18. Josh Hunter.

Nearest the pin in two shots on hole No 9. Mike Edinburgh.

The Star Quality Trophy was won by Claudio Dasenzi.

The next Med Golf event is at Montemedio on the 15th of April.

Names can be entered by e-mailing Johnathan at [jg@medgolf.gi](mailto:jg@medgolf.gi) or by calling him on 0034 639741886.

The full tournament schedule, player of the year ranking and details of all the superb green fee discounts available to Med Golf members are on the web site [www.teetimesrain.com](http://www.teetimesrain.com).

## DARTS

### SPANIARD WINS GIB. 'OPEN' AND WORLD CHAMPS'. PLACE

Carlos Rodriguez Sequera, from Cataluna, achieved a personal ambition - gaining a place in the World Championships - by winning last weekend's Gibraltar Kronenbourg 1664' Open. Prior to the final, he declared himself prepared to trade the title and the prize- money for a place in the World Championships. In the event he was able to take them all.

Carlos already has the distinction of being four -times World Champion at Electronic Darts.

From the last sixteen, of a large entry, Carlos beat Gary Thompson (3-2), Kevin Weir (3-1) and Mark Jones (4-3) in the semi- all from the UK. In the final he got the better of another Brit-Gavin Forsythe (4-1).

Best of the several local players was Dylan Duo who made it to the 'last 8' before losing 3-0 to Forsythe. Dylan's 'Torre Gold' partner Justin Broton made it to the 'last 16' where he went down 2-3 to another catalan Jose E. Maldonado.

A measure of the strength of the visiting players attracted by the 'Kronenbourg 1664' Open cash prize fund (£2485) and world-ranking points is that they are a bit too good for the best of the rest of the local darts players-who achieve so much in local competition.

There was also a large entry for the Women's tournament attracting entries from Cataluna, Netherlands, UK and Scotland - which provided the champion on this occasion. Margaret Ferguson got the better of Wendy Wanstall(UK) in the last game of seven, having stood at 3-all.

The Gibraltar 'Open' would not have been such a success without the help of the sponsors 'Kronenbourg 1664' (through Saccone & Speed (Gib.) Group of Companies), the Gibraltar Sports Authority, and the staff of the St. Joseph's First School (venue) 'before, during and after' the event.



Carlos Sequera



Margaret Ferguson



Gavin Forsythe



Wendy Wanstall

The hard working GDA committee also wish to thank Sports Minister Fabian Vinet for his support and attendance, the players and their families

and the British Darts Organisation for their continued support of the GDA. Already there is much more interest towards next year's event.

## RUGBY

### GIB. HALFWAY TO THE FINAL

The Campo Gibraltar Rugby team made a splendid start to their promotion bid when they demolished the Motril club 51 -14 in last Sunday's first semi-final play-off at their Guadiaro home ground.

This should give them a considerable advantage when they travel to Motril for their away leg this weekend.

Gibraltar started by missing a few tackles and letting Motril take a penalty in front of their posts. Fortunately Motril's kicker missed. The forwards then started to build momentum and dominated the set-piece. A back-row moved up the blindside went wrong allowing Motril to intercept and score the first points. 0-7 to Motril. Gibraltar then started playing. Paul Howard at 10 controlled the game, mixing a kicking, passing and running attack to bring Gibraltar in range. Motril conceded a penalty and Gibraltar took 3 points through Chris Gillingham, 3-7.

Gibraltar then turned on the class. Joey Garcia started to make inroads into the Motril midfield and he was supported by strong, dynamic runs from John Dibb. This set-up Albert Loddo on the wing to finish and score Gibraltar's first try, which Chris converted. 10-7 Gibraltar. The Gibraltar pack also picked up their heels and great scrummaging and line-out work from Julian de Val, Dave Samuels and Joey Holliday continued the flow of possession. Chris Gillingham crossed for his first try, missed the kick, but within 5 minutes scored his second try, this time converting. Gibraltar 22 Motril 7. With 4 minutes to go before half-time Chris kicked a penalty to take Gibraltar into a 25-7 lead.

The second half started with John Bassadone coming into the pack, this brought an increased dynamism

to the pack and they continued to steam role the set-pieces up the pitch. Chris Lyons on the open-side had a very strong game, as did Andy Blackburn and Adrian Perera, all carrying the ball extremely well. Captain Chad Thomson and Chris Lugnani were strong in defence putting in some big hits and stealing opposition ball. It was on a turn-over by Chad Thomson that set the backs up for Thomas De Corbier to cross and score under the posts. Chris kicked the penalty to give Gibraltar a 32-7 lead.

Motril came straight back and continued to fight on, a mistake by the backs allowed Motril to pinch an easy try, score Gibraltar 32 - Motril 14. Joey Garcia having one of his best games of the season continued to make yardage for Gibraltar in the midfield, having smashed through a number of tackles Joey went all the way to score again for Gibraltar, Chris kicked the conversion. The game was now out of Motril's grasp and this showed in the territory and possession that Gibraltar dominated. Nick Cruz, playing scrum-half had an outstanding game, constantly putting Motril on the back foot around the fringe of scrums and rucks. The sniping from Nick caught the Motril defence offside giving Gibraltar a penalty. Nick kicked it to touch and from a driving maul Chris Lugnani took a well worked and deserved try for the forwards. In the final minute, Nick Cruz set-up John Bassadone for a try, who was unstoppable from 5 yards out.

Final score 51-14 to Gibraltar.