

## Darts

## GDA - Kronenbourg 1664 Gib Open

# Better and Better

In its 4<sup>th</sup> edition, the recent GDA Kronenbourg 1664 'Gibraltar Open' managed to attract a wider range of players from abroad than anticipated. Included in mix with the local players, were participants from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Spain and Holland.

The fact that the 'The Gibraltar Open' is growing in reputation as a competition that offer more than others, it is fast becoming very attractive for darts players to travel to the rock to try and reap off the rewards.

The 'Gibraltar Open' offers substantial prize monies, world ranking points and a place for the winners (men and woman) to the Winmao World Masters.

The 2007 edition of the Kronenbourg 664 'Gibraltar Open' in the men's category was won by 4 times electronic darts world champion, Carlos Rodriguez Seguera from Cataluna, Spain. A well deserved win where he achieved a personal ambition to be able to participate in the Winmao World Masters. Just before his final match against Gavin

forsythe, he was heard saying, "Where do I sign to trade the winners place and prize money, if I can be booked a place right now for the World Masters". He did not have to trade it, it came by right following his success against Gavin.

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.

Scottish International, Margaret Ferguson walked away with the women's competition following a most exciting final against Wendy Wanstall from England. The match went to a deciding leg where Margaret outscored her opponent to clinch the title 4-3 and



Carlos Rodriguez Seguera "Gib Darts Open 2007 Champion"

her ticket to Winmao.

Our local contingency could not offer better than last 8 through Dylan Duo with, Justin Broton falling

at the last 16 hurdle by a close 3-2 against a Spanish player.

The stage finals were rather quite impressive

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(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 darts in Gibraltar.

As of writing this article, interest has already been shown from various other foreign federations

nitude 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 1<sup>st</sup> School staff (before, during and after the event), the constant continued support from those GDA, friends and family members who without



Scottish lass Margaret Ferguson "Womens Gib Open 2007"

who will be making arrangements to attend next year. So the future is indeed looking bright for the Gibraltar Darts Association biggest event. Special thanks must go to everyone involved as without them events of such mag-

word help every time they are needed and of course the players themselves who make it the event it has eloquently grown into.

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

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