

## NATIONAL DAY OPEN SINGLES 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007

The competition got underway following the AGM, at 2100hrs and it could not have gone any better after a short and sweet AGM with little on the agenda to vote on.

Coupled with the fact that two very important guests were also present made it a special evening indeed. Dave Obee (*1<sup>st</sup> Chairman of the GDA "1958"*) who visited Gibraltar from the UK at the request of Carmelo Ellul (*honorary president*) to celebrate our National week & Hon. Fabian Vinet (*Sports Minister*).



Left to right

Dyson Parody (*youth rep*), Dave Obee, Dylan Duo (*treasurer*), Hon. Fabian Vinet, Justin Broton (*president*), Darren Olivero (*secretary*), Nicholas Cumbo (*committee member*). Missing from photo above are Justin Stagno (*committee member*) & Amos Bosano (*vice president*) who could not make it due to urgent commitments.

Congratulations to Sharon & Amos Bosano who had a healthy baby girl named Stella.



Winner:  
Justin Broton

A total of 24 players registered to take part.

The format was played as best of 5 throughout.

Some top players were eliminated early on leaving an unexpected board finals line-up, as follows:

Board 1 was won by Karl Mena who beat Jadrian Pecino 3-0. Board 2 was won by Justin Broton who beat Tich Olivero 3-0.

Board 3 was won by George Ramos who beat Nicholas Cumbo 3-0. Board 4 was won by Francis Taylor who beat Dyson Parody 3-0.

In the semi-finals the on form Karl Mena was unable to hold off the more experienced George Ramos, succumbing 3-0. Justin Broton played Francis Taylor in a very close game, with Justin just managing to stay ahead and take the game, securing a place in the Final.

The Final was also a close run affair, with Justin winning the toss to throw first. In the first leg Justin threw a 131 to leave himself a double 12 finish, which he managed on his second dart. The second leg Justin found himself with 170 left, throwing a 124 to leave himself 46, but George did not allow him back in by throwing a D20 checkout on his first dart. Justin got back in control by checking out the next game with a comfortable D20 finish on his 2<sup>nd</sup> dart. Justin tried hard to finish things off by throwing a 125 to leave himself 59, but George was having none of it by checking out with a D10, and drawing the match. The last leg was also close with both players throwing well, Justin leaving himself a D20, which he took out on his 2<sup>nd</sup> throw. A tight match indeed but a worthy winner.

### **Commiserations to George Ramos, Congratulations to Justin Broton!**

A total of 4 max 180's were thrown on the night, by Dyson Parody, Dylan Duo, George Ramos & Justin Broton. Francis Taylor recorded the highest finish of the night with 124.

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