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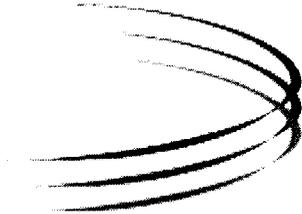
TWIN CITY DARTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Johnny Hubbard Is SportsPerson Of The Year!

Johnny Hubbard received the 2000 TCDA SportsPerson of the Year Award. The TCDA SportsPerson of the Year Award is awarded annually to someone who has distinguished themselves in the areas of Sportsmanship, Volunteerism, Participation, and/or Promotion of the sport of darts and the TCDA. Johnny Hubbard is a member of the TCDA Board of Directors. He is actively recruiting new teams into the TCDA. He volunteers to help at every TCDA event, attends every tournament and is an all around good guy. Win or lose it is always a fun night of darts when you play with Johnny. He is a bright light in the organization. We offer our congratulations and our thanks to Johnny Hubbard, 2000 TCDA SportsPerson of the Year.

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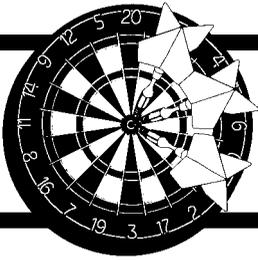
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From the Oval Office

Well, you received your Summer 2000 Bull & Ton on or about August 22, and here it is November 21 and we are working to get the next Bull & Ton to you before Christmas. All of the articles should be in this week and Peter Jirik will be working with Tom Cushing on the finished product for the printer. Let me take a minute to thank everyone who contributed an article and our thanks too for the work of Jeff Hafner for the assembly and mailing.

We got off to a good start in the Fall at the Captains meeting with a good attendance. We met at Post #1 and they did their usual good job of keeping us happy with good beverage prices and we thank them. Mike Anderson had a good tournament after the meeting and you will find the results elsewhere in the Bull & Ton.

For the first time in memory I was unable to stay for the tournament due to a problem with my throwing arm (more on that inside this issue). Oh yes, we had the usual quiz and Mark Wegmiller copped the \$5.00 prize with a quick answer to the question "what is E.R.I.S.A?".

Kudos to ADO chief Mike Anderson and his associate Jan Anderson (no relation) on their recent trip to the ADO Regionals in Cedar Rapids. Mike took first place in the men's singles and Jan took first place in the women's singles. Besides the cash they have an all expense paid trip to New Jersey to play against the best at the next level. Good luck Mike and Jan. You are the best.

As you may recall I thought the Stutz Bearcat team was destined to play in Division "A" but the fickle finger of fate stepped in and we landed in "AA".

Looks like another season is coming to a close and the champs will be announced in time for Christmas. I hope everyone has a happy holiday season and that you have "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS"!!

Charles



Stutz Award Goes To Dottie Norton!

Dottie Norton was the worthy recipient of this year's TCDA Charles F. Stutz Presidential Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has excelled in the areas stated on the Award Trophy: Excellence-Commitment-Sportsmanship-Service-Integrity

Dottie is a long-term member of the TCDA. She has been involved in every facet of the TCDA: Board meetings, tournaments, league play and Divisional Advisor. Dottie has worked hard over the years to make the TCDA enjoyable for the members of the organization. The TCDA is lucky to have Dottie Norton as a member of our organization.

Congratulations and Many Thanks to Dottie, the 2000 recipient of the Stutz Award!



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TCDA Banquet 2000

A Celebration of Fun, Friendship and Darts!

On September 29, 2000 the TCDA held its annual Banquet at the Golden Valley VFW. As usual the Golden Valley VFW did a great job for us. The food was great and the drinks free flowing. The evening began with socializing and a few cocktails before the program began. In an evening filled with highlights some of the most memorable were:

The 2000 Charles F. Stutz Presidential Award went to a very deserving Dottie Norton. Dottie has been a tremendous contributor to the TCDA for many, many years. Congratulations Dottie!!



The 2000 TCDA Sportsperson of the Year Award went to Johnny Hubbard (or was that Donnie Hammond). Johnny has been everywhere doing everything. He is at every tournament both playing and setting up, he has been recruiting new teams to play in the TCDA, and he sits on the TCDA Board. Congratulations Johnny!!!!



Sharon did her usual tremendous job of handing out the trophies to all of those deserving teams.

Many, many excellent door prizes were distributed.

The single elimination tournament once again proved to be very popular. Mike Anderson did a great job running the Tournament. Thanks Mike!!



The only down note of the evening was the absence of TCDA President Charles Stutz who was recovering from surgery and was unable to attend. Charles, you may not have been present personally but you were thought of by everyone there. We missed you.

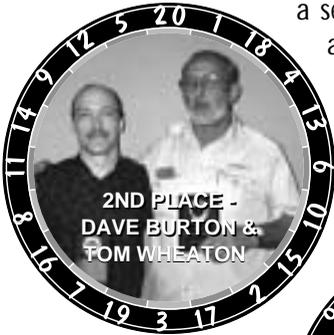
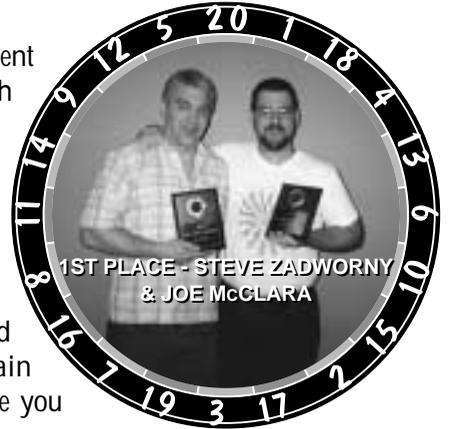


The Banquet was tremendous fun. Those of you who missed it missed a great time. Be sure you make next years TCDA Banquet which will be held on October 20, 2001 at the Golden Valley VFW. ●

Money for all, well almost all

by Bob Marley

Once again there was a great turn out for our banquet tournament with 15 teams. It was setup so all you had to do is win one match and you were in the money. This tournament is a great deal when you think about it, because you have a good shot of winning money and your entry fee is included in your dinner price. Thanks again to John Hubbard, Bill Woznak and Mark Wegmiller for getting the boards and standards set up for the tournament. Since we finished early we had a second tournament, which was played as a singles competition. Once again thanks for all the great darts and see you all next year.



1st Joe McCarla - Steve Zadworny

2nd Tom Wheaton - Dave Burton

3rd Mark Wegmiller - Shawn Egei

4th Margo Ulrich - Tommy Dunne

Singles Tournament – Winner Take All

1st Bob Mielke



Charles Stutz Has Surgery!!

By Charles Stutz

Early this year I noticed my dart throwing was suffering, I thought perhaps I was just not as good as I once was. Then in July I noticed that my left arm went numb for no apparent reason, usually when I was reading or just relaxing. I still wasn't too concerned until the numbness occurred for the fourth time and lasted for two full hours on a golf day. No golf of course and off to see the doctor who in turn made a date for an ultrasound test. That was it, my left Carotid Artery was very bad and surgery was necessary. Following an MRI and a few other medical tests I had an operation on Sept. 11. Most of my recovery went according to plan except that my right vocal cord had been damaged. I have had difficulty speaking. Next stop was to see a throat specialist. His report indicated that my right vocal cord was paralyzed and that some improvement was possible but not to be expected. I felt a second opinion was in order and the arrangement was made. On Nov. 15 I had the exam and the finding was the same except that this doctor suggests that I wait six months and see what happens. If there is no improvement there are some options.

Since my operation Sept. 11th I just haven't felt too peppy; hence my missing the Banquet Dinner, meetings and darts. My thanks to Peter for taking over and keeping in touch with me during this period. Thanks to all who did such a good job at the annual dinner, from what I have heard you all had a good time.

Finally, thanks to all for the nice flowers and the many cards expressing concern and get well wishes. I have read and reread the many messages and I am most gratified by your concern. Now, with only half a voice and with the future in mind we'll see what the future brings as it comes.

All My Best,

Good Darting!!

Charles



More Banquet Photos



Back in the ADO, continued

by Jan Anderson

In the last issue of the Bull and Ton, it was announced that the TCDA was once again a member of the American Darts Association (ADO). In this issue I would like to try to explain a little more about the ADO, and what it could mean to our dart club, and each of us individually. I'll start by listing the objectives listed in article III of the ADO by-laws. a) Promote the sport of darts throughout the United States, its territories and possessions. b) Coordinate the activities, tournaments and functions of the affiliated associations, leagues, dart clubs and other similar groups on a nation-wide basis. c) Establishment and maintenance of a national darts tournament calendar. d) sanction open tournaments of ADO affiliated members. e) Establish friendly relationships with similar organizations throughout the world.

f) Promote international competitions between representatives of the ADO and representatives of similar organizations in other countries. g) Provide advice and counseling to sponsoring firms in establishing local, regional and national darts tournament competitions. h) Represent the United States of America on a worldwide basis. i) Establish ADO rules of play and regulations for utilization during ADO-sponsored competitions and ADO-sanctioned competitions. j) Improve conditions of play in ADO-sponsored and ADO-sanctioned competitions. k) Develop and distribute a national newsletter. l) Develop and expedite a national youth program in darts. m) Develop a seniors' movement.

With that said, (can't say I never told you) lets get on with what the TCDA membership in the ADO could do for you. So far our club has begun participating in a series of ADO Singles Playoffs.

They begin with the individual dart club, (i.e. TCDA), and advance, with the winner of that competition, being sponsored in a regional playoff. Our region is VI-?, and includes all of Minnesota, part of Iowa, and part of Wisconsin. Any participant of the area tournament is eligible to play in the regional tournament, but only the winner of the area tournaments' entry fee (110.00) is covered by the entry fees from the first event. Other players wanting to participate in the regional playoff would have to arrange their own sponsorship. The winner of the regional playoffs, (usually a singles event held for both men and women) advances to a national playoff competition held in various locations around the United States. Their airfare, entry fee and cash to cover some expenses is their prize. Are you still following me?

Let me get on to what has happened so far in our area. Our first ADO playoff tournament was held in August 2000. This was my first attempt to organize any dart tournament (ever!). I had a deadline to hold it within 3 weeks, in a season most of our membership takes off from darts. I thought the best way to let people know was to call each captain-of each team-in every division, to let them know and have them contact their teammates. Well, that produced 5 enthusiastic shooters on that Sunday afternoon at the Castle Pub, with Dave Jankowski of Stutz Bearcat beating out the rest. Not really a success, but it was a start. Plans for the next area tournament were in motion. With fall league starting and the utilization of the weekly standing sheets, we were able to inform you members of what, when and where it was to be held. This time with 9 men and 2 women, we held an 11 person round robin of cricket, again at the Castle Pub, on September 24, 2000.

Mike Anderson of Stutz Bearcat won that, and would be sponsored to play in the regional playoff in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 4th. Vieing for another shot at the regional championship was Gene Boivin and Joe McCauley of Genos' Moreons, who provided their own sponsorship. We all traveled down on Friday November 3, to make it in time for a tournament to start off the weekend. I went along to see the playoffs, play darts and see old friends. The host of the playoffs was the Hawkeye Area Dart Organization in Cedar Rapids, who held a 1,005 tournament in conjunction with the cricket playoffs.

Since I didn't intend to shoot in the playoffs, which began at 11:00 on Saturday morning, I decided to walk to the pub from our hotel room. (about 3 miles) It was a warm day and I could walk off some of the last night's festivities. It turned out to be a little more walking than I had anticipated and was very glad to finally reach the pub. When I entered, found that Kelly had been outlooking for me, because the hosting dart club had decided to pay my entry into the playoffs so that they would have 8 women players, and 1 woman would be sponsored to go to the national playoffs. They said "The good news is that you are playing, the bad news is that you're up, NOW!" Big mistake! PEOPLE! I WON!!! I'M GOING TO NEW YORK!!! Better still- the TCDA is sending two representatives to the national playoffs, because Mike Anderson beat out all 8 other players to win the mens finals! We leave January 25 for the National Cricket Playoff to be held in Fairfield, New Jersey. They will also be holding a 14,000 tournament that same weekend, but we will also find time to do some sightseeing in N.Y.C., just across the bay.

The ADO playoff competitions are something any of our membership can compete in. The initial tournament will be held 3-4 times a year. Entry fee

for that could be determined by how many participants we have, usually 10.00. The more people that participate in that event determines how many players we can send to the regionals. For example, with 11 players we can send one, with 22 we can send two, etc. Anyone participating in these area tournaments is eligible to play in the regionals, although they must provide their own entry (110.00) or sponsorship. There are MANY of us who can get to the national level, believe me, I've been to the regionals. I never dreamed...but now I do.

Our next area tournament will be held sometime in mid to late January, with details coming to you via the league standing sheets or through the Castle Pub. The regional for that event will be held in Minneapolis to coincide with a tournament being planned by our committee, sometime in April 2001. The winner of that regional will travel to places as of yet, unknown. Las Vegas? Tahoe? Cleveland?? Players in the National Playoffs compete for prizes, cash, and in some cases a trip to the World Playoffs in England. I never thought that I would compete at this level, and if I can do it, plenty of you can too. So watch your standing sheets for info on upcoming events which I plan to hold during the darting season. I will try to keep you all informed with news as I learn it. Feel free to call me if you have any questions. ●



Pub Fun Mid-League

by Pete Franco

The Castle Pub Wednesday Nite Pub Fun League had their mid-league dart tournament on November 6, 2000.

First place winners were Allen Suckow and Tim Winnermark.

Second place went to Paul Harfield and Charlie Swanson.

Third place went to Pete Franco and Clayton Rushford.

Fourth place went to Mike Hilleshein and Dave Swanson.

Congratulations to all the winners, and those who participated. I hope all who attended had a good time. With the holidays coming up, I would like to extend my best wishes to all!

Pete Franco



Captains meeting tournament

by Bob Marley

On September 5 we had our regular captains meeting with a tournament that followed. There were only 7 teams, but the players were giving it all they had. As always, this is one of the best nights of the year because we have a chance to play and talk to other members in different leagues that we normally might not see all year. The finish was as follows

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2nd John Hubbard - Geno

3rd George Peters - Bob Mielke



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