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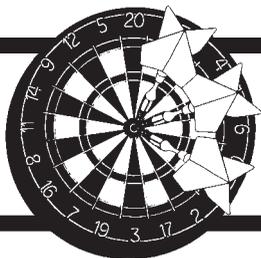
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TCDA Web Site Becomes a Reality



Live and Online at: www.twincitydarts.com

See inside for more details on the web site.



From the Oval Office

Well, I thought I had better get started on my column for the next Bull & Ton as I visualize a lot to talk about. So, today, Thursday, June 21st, the First Day of Summer (Summer Solstice), you all know what that is so I won't burden you with a definition. Oh yea!

In passing, let me remind you that we have boards and shirts for sale following the Dartmania Extravaganza. Quality merchandise at good prices. See Mike Anderson.

By the time you read this you may already know the results of the Tournament of Champions held August 28 at the American Legion Post 1. I know a good time will be had by all and I want to thank the Post for the special drink prices. We always have a good time at Post 1.

I was happy to be the Acting Editor for awhile. It gives me great pleasure to turn this responsibility over to Jeff Hafner who, from now on will working with our good friend, Tom Cushing. Thanks Jeff and Tom.

Put this on your calendar. The next Captain's Meeting is September 4th, a Tuesday, at the Little Wagon.

As you know, the first annual Minnesota Dartmania Extravaganza was held three days in April. This annual event was possible through the generosity of TCDA member Bruce Fink. This is Bruce's way of saying thank you for all the good times he has enjoyed through the years. It's gratifying to know that our organization provides a social atmosphere conducive to having a good time playing darts. Incidentally, for those of you who could not attend, you missed a great time. More on that activity elsewhere in the Bull & Tom by Tournament Director

Mike Anderson. I had a camera and took a few pictures. Noted were Tom Wheaton with his dad and John McGovern with the Mrs. Also present were Sharon Teat and friend Chris Perez from Lake Elmo. They are electronic darters who came to the tournament at my request. I have been in touch with Sharon in the hope that she will spearhead a group that will join the TCDA. We are always on the lookout for top shooters and in this case, I was eager to get Sharon interested as she is one of the top electronic darters in the country. She and Chris are pictured at Dartmania.



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Like all successful promotions, you must have good workers. My hat is off to Mike Anderson, Sharon Lohmar, Margo Ulrich, Johnny Hubbard, Jeff Hafner and Tom Wheaton.

Congratulations to Dick Sorenson for his work coordinating the Summer League.

With a little luck and some planning, Board Member Johnny Hubbard will have an in-house league joining the TCDA in September. This group will play at the Buffalo Tap pub. Johnny is also trying to get a doubles league going, preferably on Monday night. It would be open to anyone in addition to their regular night league play.

Well, you have made your choices and the voting is over. I am happy that you have allowed me to serve another two years and glad that Greg Oldenkamp is able to stay on board as he does a bang-up job as Treasurer. You have elected Johnny Hubbard and Dave Blake. Glad to see John back and happy to welcome Dave along with John Edgerton who is new to the Board also. Good luck newcomers, I know you will enjoy the work and fun.

Have you tried our web site yet? Don't forget to log on!

Vice President Peter Jirik has done commendable work on behalf of the TCDA including updating and modifying the Rules and By-laws as required. What we do without his legal expertise.

I guess that about does it for now. Get the old darts out and practice a bit to look good on league night, September 11.

Good darting,

Charles



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It's Official. We now have our own Web Site. www.twincitydarts.com

by Mike Morson

If memory serves correctly, it was back in May or June of last year that the TCDA Board of Directors decided to proceed with the task of getting online representation for our organization. At that time, we learned that a group in England (with absolutely no connection to darts by the way) had already registered “tcd.com” but they were very willing to sell it to us for \$990.00! Needless to say we declined their offer.

Since then, many individuals have collectively volunteered hundreds of hours to make our Web site a reality. Apart from the \$50 to register our url with Network Solutions, the site costs us nothing. The monthly hosting fee has even been waived by our service provider, Sound Internet, in exchange for an advertisement in this publication. So, while we're on the subject, if you are looking for an A-1 Internet Service Provider, or are unhappy with your present one, get in touch with them – there are links to scc.net on our site.

Want info about upcoming Tournaments?
Forget where you shoot tomorrow night?
Want to set up a dart board at home?
Need an extra score sheet for tonight?
Want the date for the next Banquet?
Need a Pub List for a friend?

Answers to these and many other questions are found on the pages of “twincitydarts.com”. From the beginning, the site was designed to be a source for useful information about steel tip darts in the Twin Cities.

Here's an overview of what you'll find on your first visit to the site:

- *Coming Events...*
Tournaments, meetings and more.
- *Darts in the Cities...*
Pub List, Bull & Ton Archives.
- *League Info...*
Schedules, Standings, Rules & By Laws.
- *Useful Info...*
Score Sheets, Out Chart, Chalkers Tips, Dart Board setup Diagrams.
- *Join a League...*
General information and how to contact the TCDA.
- *TCDA history...*
“The First 25 Years”.
- *Other Dart Links...*
Dart related sites, including an online dart game. Send us your favorites.

We think we've met the criteria of providing useful and interesting information for you and dart players around the world. Newcomers to the Twin Cities, visitors, travelers, anyone can now find a friendly Pub and a game or two when they come to town. There's nothing more frustrating than being in a new town and not able to find a place to throw darts. Thanks to the internet and search engines, these frustrations are a thing of the past.

The second and equally important purpose of “twincitydarts.com” is to help recruit new members. We now provide an open invitation on the site to all interested parties along with three ways to make contact with the TCDA and become a member. Now, when someone asks you about joining a team or becoming a member of the TCDA, all you have to do is refer them to “twincitydarts.com” where they’ll find everything they need.

A plan is also underway to contact other regional dart organizations in order to exchange links to each other’s sites. This way, we can get the word out about our tournaments and other events of interest.

“twincitydarts.com”... a Work In Progress.

Do keep in mind that this is the “first draft” as they say, and we need your opinions and comments about what needs to be done to improve what we’ve started. Please visit the site and check it out thoroughly – make it a point to visit every page and every link in order to prepare a “Report Card” on what you find. This is your Web site and you should feel good about it. Don’t be afraid to submit good constructive criticism about your findings. You’ll find an e-mail link on the “Contact the TCDA” page for sending us your feedback. We’ll check the mail daily and acknowledge your input – it’s the best way we can think of to improve a good thing.

What’s Next for “twincitydarts.com”?

Automated score reporting. The next “Bull & Ton” published online. Tournament results posted the same day. Standing sheets distributed via e-mail. A TCDA chat room? These are some of the goals we’ve set for improving “twincitydarts.com”. We are currently compiling e-mail addresses for as many TCDA members as possible. When we have a good list, the internet will become an even more valuable communications tool for all of us. Last minute notices and current news can be sent via e-mail to our entire membership with the click of a mouse.

Some of these goals are farther off than others, but eventually we hope to achieve every one of them.

Calling All Internet Experts!

If any of you have skills and expertise to help us achieve our aspirations for the site, please get in touch with Mike Morson (morsons@scc.net). Discuss your ideas, share your insights, tell him what you see as a solution for some the obstacles we need to overcome. He can use all the advise and help he can get.

As mentioned earlier, “twincitydarts.com” is the result of a team effort. Information had to be gathered. Lists had to be compiled. Proof reading, coordinating, checking and double checking content. It was a major undertaking. Our new Web site is another example of your Board at work on your behalf. The next time you see a Board member, tell him or her that you appreciate their efforts. ●



New TCDA Logo Evolves with Web Site.

As shown above, on the front of this issue of the “Bull & Ton”, and as seen throughout the new Web site, we now have a new logo for the TCDA. It “evolved” automatically with the design of the Web site’s home page. What do you think? Do you like it, love it, or hate it? Now’s the perfect time to write a quick letter to the editor or send an e-mail to the Web Master, and express your opinion. We’d love to hear from you. ●

Minnesota Dartmania Extravaganza

by Bob Marley

Once again, the TCDA has a big tournament. It has been a few years since our club has been involved in a large event that brings in many out-of-town shooters. It was a great chance to see how well we stack up against other competition both locally and nationally. There were many out-of-town shooters from as far away as Indiana, New Jersey, Georgia and several of our friends from Iowa.

There were also many nationally ranked shooters including Dan Lauby who has recently been named as a member of the A.D.O. World Team. Even with all of the out of town people, our club's members did quite well. I talked to Dan Lauby at the tournament and he commented about the high level of play, along with how many great shots we had for an event this size.

I would like to thank the tournament committee for all their help, which without it would not have made this event possible. A special thanks to George Peters for designing our poster, shirts and logo.

We can't thank Bruce Fink enough for having the interest in bringing big tournament darts back to Minnesota. Bruce's sponsorship will enable us to continue to hold this event in the future. So next time you see Bruce, let him know how much you enjoyed the tournament.

Anyone interested in helping out for next year's event. please contact Mike Anderson. Pictures and the final standings not listed here will be posted on our web site. Hope everyone had a good time at this year's event and look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year.



MEN'S SINGLES 301, 1ST PLACE - DEAN

Saturday Men's Singles 301

1st	Dean Blake
2nd	Cujo
3rd	Gene Boivin
4th	Dave Blake
5th/6th	Mark McDonough JD
7th/8th	Larry Carlson Kris Kirkendoll
Top 16	Bob Mielke Mike Anderson Tim Frentz Mike Raab Jason Stevens Steve Luoma Mark Wegmiller Marty Fitzgerald



MEN'S SINGLES 301, 2ND PLACE - CUJO

17th-20th Doug Suarez
 Dave Jankowski
 Tom Wheaton
 Tommy Dunne



MIXED DOUBLES 501, 1ST PLACE - MIKE & KAREN

Saturday Mixed Doubles 501

1st Mike Anderson & Karen Clancy
 2nd Dave Blake & Deb Thompson
 3rd Doug Suarez & Jan Anderson
 4th Dean Blake & Christine Blake
 5th/6th Jon Dilley & Angela Knight
 Tim Frentz & Mike Jankowski
 7th/8th Dan Hulke & Anita Groen
 Chris Perez & Sharon Teat
 Top 16 Cujo & Kate Tomchik
 Steve Luoma & Rochelle Johnson
 Dan Konen & Teresa Cooling
 Rick Cooling & Diane Arnold
 Larry Carlson & Rebecca Carlson
 Gene Boivin & Kelly Suarez
 Jim Hand & Michelle Hand
 Tom Wheaton & Sarah Simeons



WOMEN'S SINGLES 301, 1ST & 2ND PLACE - KAREN & MIKE

Saturday Women's Singles 301

1st Karen Clancy
 2nd Mike Jankowski
 3rd Barb Tellin
 4th Jan Anderson
 5th/6th Angela Knight



MIXED DOUBLES 501, 2ND PLACE - DEB & DAVE

- 17th Mike Raab & Uffda Johnson
- 18th Brian Nass & Sarah Jirik



WOMEN'S DOUBLES 501, 2ND PLACE - ANITA & JULIE

- 7th/8th Kelly Suarez & Diane Arnold
- Karen Blades & Michelle Hand
- 9th Rebecca Carlson & Rochelle Johnson



WOMEN'S DOUBLES 501, 1ST PLACE - TERESA & KAREN



OPEN DOUBLES 501, 1ST PLACE - JD & CUJO

Saturday Women's Doubles 501

- 1st Karen Clancy & Teresa Cooling
- 2nd Anita Groen & Julie Stevens
- 3rd Jan Anderson & Deb Thompson
- 4th Mike Jankowski & Sarah Simeons
- 5th/6th Barb Tellin & Margo Ulrich
- Angela Knight & Kate Tomchik

Saturday Open Doubles 501

- 1st JD & Cujo
- 2nd Mike Anderson & Bob Mielke
- 3rd Rick Cooling & Dan Konen
- 4th Doug Suarez & Tom Wheaton



OPEN DOUBLES 501, 2ND PLACE - MIKE & BOB



MEN'S SINGLES CRICKET, 2ND PLACE - CUJO

- 5th/6th Dave Blake & Dean Blake
- Jason Stevens & Brian Weiman
- 7th/8th Kris Kirkendoll & KJ
- Steve Gehlkar & Jim Hand
- Top 16 Dave Burton & Dale Thomas
- Mark Wegmiller & Bill Woznak
- Tom Cushing & Bruce Fink
- Dave Kolasa & Bob Larson
- Larry Carlson & Steve Luoma
- Dan Hulke & Dave Welzant
- Marty Fitzgerald &
- Mark McDonough
- Mike & Gene Boivin

Sunday Men's Singles Cricket

- 1st Bob Haft (not pictures, sorry Bob.)
- 2nd Cujo
- 3rd Dean Blake
- 4th Jon Dilley
- 5th/6th Steve Luoma
- Dave Blake
- 7th/8th Doug Suarez
- Jim Luebke
- Top 16 Dan Konen
- Mark McDonough
- Bob Mielke
- Tim Frentz



WOMEN'S SINGLES CRICKET, 1ST PLACE - CHRISTINE

Sunday Women's Singles Cricket

- 1st Christine Blake
- 2nd Sharon Teat
- 3rd Karen Clancy
- 4th Margo Ulrich
- 5th/6th Rochelle Johnson
- Mike Jankowski



WOMEN'S SINGLES CRICKET, 2ND PLACE - SHARON

- 7th/8th Kelly Suarez
- Angela Knight
- Top 13 Teresa Cooling
- Jan Anderson
- Sarah Simeons
- Diane Arnold
- Kate Tomchik



MIXED DOUBLES CRICKET, 1ST PLACE - CHRISTINE & DEAN

Sunday Mixed Doubles Cricket

- 1st Dean & Christine Blake
- 2nd Lisa & Cujo



MIXED DOUBLES CRICKET, 2ND PLACE - LISA & CUJO

- 3rd Mike Anderson & Karen Clancy
- 4th Steve Luoma & Rochelle Johnson
- 5th/6th Tim Frentz & Mike Jankowski
- Dave Blake & Deb Thompson
- 7th/8th Chris Perez & Sharon Teat
- Rick Cooling & Diane Arnold
- Top 11 John Hubbard & Sarah Simeons
- Dan Konen & Teresa Cooling
- Dave Burton & Karen Blade

Tournament of Champions

Mark you Calendars!

Tuesday, August 28th at 7:30 will be the date for the Tournament of Champions. Everyone playing on a team that took 1st or 2nd place in any of our leagues, from Spring of 2000 onward, may compete in this invitational tournament. It will be held at American Legion Post 1 in Minneapolis. Captains of eligible teams will be sent a letter, or if you have any questions, call Mike at 612-529-2244.

National Championship for two TCDA members

by Bob Marley

New York, New York, what a city. Well, it has been a long road to make a trip to the National competition. At the end of January, two of our club members, Mike Anderson and Jan Anderson (no relation) made a trip to the national cricket championship in New Jersey. The trip was made possible because both of them won the ADO regional championship which gave them a free trip to the nationals. Once they started play on Friday, they had to play a round robin with eight people in each group.

In order to go to the next round, Mike had to be one of the top two in his group and Jan had to be in the top half of her group. After the end of the round robin tournament, both fell short of advancing to the next round. There 40 men and 24 women that made it to the nationals and it would be safe to say that the best shooter in the country was there. Mike was shooting an average of about 6-7 marks a round and that was not good enough to advance. He beat some of the players but, when when you play at that level, you can't miss or you'll lose. So you can see that the level of play was quite high. Mike said "it was very humbling to go to the nationals and play some of the best shots in the country. I gave them all I had and I guess that was not enough. It was a great chance to see what it takes to compete at the national level."

If you have any question about the ADO nationals or how to get involved in it, ask either of them. ●

Captain's Meeting

*The next Captain's Meeting is Tuesday,
September 4th, 2001 at 7:30 PM
and located at the Little Wagon,
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Joel Johnson

by Charles Stutz

For years we have been getting trophies from our good friend Joel Johnson, owner of the Engraving Shop. We thank him for the good job he has always done and at a good cost to the TCDA. He isn't familiar to most of you so I thought it was high time you made his acquaintance. In this picture, I met Joel for lunch and to pick up my trophy. I got the trophy but Joel couldn't stay for lunch. Maybe next time. ●



CHARLES STUTZ & JOEL JOHNSON

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Sharon Teat

by Charles Stutz

I buy a Pioneer Press every day of the week. In November of 1999, the article that caught my eye quickly was "Woman goes from rank beginner to world competition." Yes, it was about darts, electronic darts. There was a picture of Sharon addressing the board. Then and there I knew I had to follow up on this basically untapped area of darts for expanding steel tip darts in the TCDA.

Sharon, who has been playing since 1984 as competed on an international level. She and three others represented the United States in Lowen Tournament Dart World Championship in Germany, 1999. It was more difficult playing on the smaller European boards, she did however come in at a respectable fifth place.

It was a nice surprise to have Sharon and Chris at our fir Dartmania tournament and I know they had a good time.

I have kept her acquainted with the literature of the TCDA and by phone. My earnest hope is that she and her colleagues will find out what a pleasure it can be to play in the TCDA either as an in-house league or as they say in golf, "on the tour." ●



SHARON TEAT & CHRIS PEREZ

Farewell Tom

*We are all aware that nobody lives forever.
How true, but on April 18, 2001, we lost Tom
Peebles at age 60. Tom was an active darter for
many years and was loved and respected by those
who knew him well as a member of team Thunder
in the Gold Division.*

*Tom does not leave just his wife Laurie, his
daughter Kelly, his son Brian behind, but many
friends who loved him. He will be missed by all.*





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