

Sportsperson of the Year & Stutz Award Winners

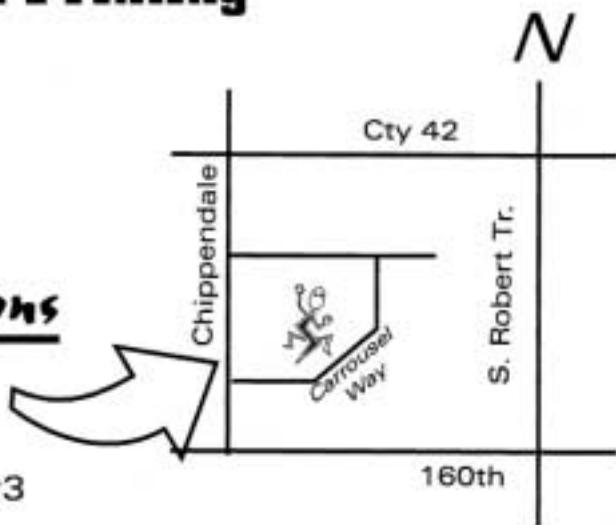


Bruce Fink wins Sportsperson of the Year and Bob Larson wins the Charles Stutz, Jr. Award at this years banquet!

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From the Oval Office

Well, time to get things under way once again for the Fall start of darts in the Twin Cities. Very hot today, September 7th, at 92 but luckily it is to cool off a bit come dart night Tuesday the 10th.

September 3rd we had a great turnout for the Captains and Members meeting at Little Wagon. I think we had about 55 or 60 present. We introduced the Board Members as required by our By-Laws and this included new members Mark LeMere and Paul Cushing. Welcome aboard guys. \$5.00 winner was Johnny Hubbard. He is one smart cookie.

Peter Jirik livened up the meeting with some well placed comments on rewriting and updating the By-Laws.

We heard Mike Hathaidharm as ADO Rep. Thanks Mike H. for taking on this job and good luck. Glad to have you on the team.

Mike Morson added to the meeting with his comments re the current status of our on-line info. Thanks Mike, you have done a great job in bringing us into the modern world of communication.

Johnny Hubbard added to the tone of the meeting by his comments. Thanks Johnny, you are a real asset to our organization.

I want to thank all of you who took the time to sign up as volunteers to help mainly Mike A. and John H. with all the details involved and getting things ready for tournaments.

A new face popped up too, yes, it was an old timer who has been away for about four years. Welcome back Rick Lien.

We thank management for taking care of the parking tickets and serving good drinks by the lovely Rita. We had some comments by members, which we will probably follow up on when received

in writing and our one and only Secretary said a few words and every one picked up their schedule and those remaining stayed for the tournament. Mike will be reporting on the results.

We meet at Sharon's house once a month for our Board meeting. To cap it off, she had our annual lawn party for the Board on July 22nd. As usual, the food was great and the weather cooperated. Our attendance was down a bit due to vacations, but we had a good time with Mark, Paul, Lori, Mike, Dina, Jeff, Johnny, Greg, Sharon and C.S. Thanks Sharon for a lovely evening.

Just a word to remember an old dart buddy Dave Paukner who I talked with in July. He is in a home and trying to stay healthy and wants to say hello to all his old friends, especially Mike Morson and his old teams.

It is now October 31st and time to get on with my article. This time the temperature is in the teens and we are half way through the League season. The mid-leagues were held this week and we are ready to go again.

Saturday night, October 10th, was banquet night. Take it from me, we had a great time, probably one of the best awards dinners ever. Attendance was well over fifty with a big group staying for the tournament. The new format went over well therefore no one had to play very late. I know most everyone was satisfied with the single elimination.

Our thanks to all the folks at Post #1, who did a bang-up job of serving excellent food and drinks. We thank Peter Jirik for his expertise in the planning as he could not be there. The MC was Jeff Hafner with that capable assistant Mark Wegmiller. Both did an excellent job, which added to the fun of the evening and the participation of members and guests. Again, let me say thanks to Nabisco and my good friend Dee for the dozen cookie surprises that were raffled. We also owe a vote of thanks to Joel Johnson for providing the beautiful winners plaques and the trophies for Sportsperson and Stutz award. We were happy that Bruce Fink could make it too as I know he had to juggle some conflicting dates.

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Sure glad you came Bruce. I'm glad we were able to have Bob Larson's wife, mother and grandmother there for the ceremony. And as you can see from the picture, they had a good time and allowed me to take a picture of the news article they had framed and which Bob had presented to me at the Captains meeting.

As they say, all good things come to an end sooner or later and in this case we will say thank you to Tom Cushing for all he has done in the assembly of Bull & Ton articles and pictures for the printer. It was a pleasure working with you Tom and as a reward, you have earned an honorary life membership in the TCDA. We thank you for staying on until a replacement can be found.

Oh yes, before I forget, many thanks to the Board members and Christine Stutz for the many great door prizes they donated to help make the awards dinner a great success.

In closing, let me congratulate team Stutz Bearcat on their performance on a League night this season. The team (sans the Captain) lost the first four points and then came back to take the next five points. Now that's darts at it's best.

In closing, I know I've rambled, but there was so much to say so I hope you will forgive me.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Charles



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CHARLES STUTZ AWARD GOES TO BOB LARSON



A LITTLE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Annual Tournament of Champions

Once again, the TCDA Annual Tournament of Champions was a big success. This year, it was held on August 27th at Minnehaha Lanes in St. Paul.

Invitees to this special tournament are darters whose teams finished 1st or 2nd Place in their Division during Summer or Fall of the previous year and Spring of the current year.

Many darters showed up for this Luck-of-the-Draw event...anxious to test their dart skills prior to the start of the 2002 Fall Season.

There were lots of great matches, as you can imagine. Emerging victorious in the top 6 positions were:

- 1st Mark McDonough and Andrew Morson
- 2nd Mike Hathaidharm and Al Dougherty
- 3rd John Josephson and Brian Weiman
- 4th Daryl Boldt and Jan van Oppen
- 5th Marty Fitzgerald and Roger Valentine
- 6th Jim Luebke and Mark Anderson

The TCDA also contributed \$200 for the payout...adding to the winning incentive.

High Out of the evening went to Jim Luebke with a 66.

Everyone seemed to be having a good time, honing their dart skills and meeting other darters. It's a tournament that will definitely be continued, hopefully for many years to follow.

Congratulations to the winners, as well as to all who participated. Everyone there was already a winner by taking their league teams to a 1st or 2nd place finish in their League Divisions. Hope to see lots of you at this Tourney in 2003. ●



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2002 Annual Banquet Tournament Results

by Hy Dart

When you hear someone discuss a 60% turn out, your thoughts naturally turn to the recent elections. I, on the other hand, refer to those brave souls who stayed awake through the trophy presentations and played in the post banquet tournament. All totaled 34 darters, over 60% of those who attended the banquet, played in this most prestigious of tournaments.

A semi random (as well as semi sober) drawing saw an evenly seeded field of 17 teams. Great pressure was put on this field of players, as who among them wanted to be the only team not to win money in this version of welfare darts. There were beads of sweat on Mike Lamminen's face as he and Thom Drulard had to fend off Donny Hammond and Dan Linse, narrowly avoiding the fate of being the only team not to advance to the 2nd round. Afterwards, Donny Hammond was quoted as saying, "Damn, I thought we was playing cricket, otherwise I would have shot a double!"

This was a cut-throat single elimination tournament. The surprise team of Margo Ulrich and Carmen Lamminen broke out a can of whoop ass, as they went through the field of teams like a hot knife through butter. The ungentlemanly team of Pete Franco and Mike Anderson ended their unlikely run. On the other side of the bracket, Geno Boivin and Tom Tulupan went through their matches like crap through a goose. Alas, they too came up short as the formidable team of Franco and Anderson held them off to claim the crown of "Tournament Banquet Champions."

As the dust settled over the tournament field, the signs of battle were evident. Donny Hammond swearing an oath never to lose in the first round again, Mike Lamminen begging Carmen for some of her winnings, Jeff Hafner doing a victory dance after defeating his wife Tammy and avenging his prior years loss, the sight of Pete

Franco rubbing his shoulders after carrying Mike Anderson through four rounds and remnants of Nabisco boxes strewn about the battlefield.

Congratulations to the following brave souls, although all who played were winners:

- 1st Mike Anderson and Peter Franco
- 2nd Gene Boivin and Tom Tulupan
- 3rd Daryl Ware and Mark Lemere
- 4th Carmen Lamminen and Margo Ulrich



MIKE ANDERSON PRESENTS BRUCE WITH THE AWARD



MARK AND JEFF WERE HAPPY TO EMCEE THE EVENT

More 2002 TCDA Banquet Photos



1ST PLACE - MIKE AND PETE



2ND PLACE - TOM AND GENE



3RD PLACE - MARK AND DARYL



4TH PLACE - CARMEN AND MARGO



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Farewell Bob

We are all aware that nobody lives forever. How true, but on October 23, 2002, we lost Bob Wirth at age 87. #446 was an active darter until ill health caused him to retire from darts. Bob was highly respected for his dart ability as well as for his musical talent at the piano.

Bob was the oldest member of the TCDA and was recently awarded a lifetime membership. He will be missed by all the darters who knew him well.



Classic A Mid-League Tourney

Classic A held their mid season tournament on October 29th at the Hexagon Bar. We had a good turn out of 14 players with most teams in the division having at least one representative. As the names were being drawn for partners, it quickly became clear that there would be no easy matches on this night.

The competition and the camaraderie were both excellent and made for a very fun evening. Coming out of the losers bracket and avenging themselves against the team that put them there, was the team of Roger Valentine and Jeff Hafner. Taking second place was the formidable team of Rollie Johnson and Brad Nyberg. Third place went to Thom Drulard and Brian Nass and taking fourth place was the team of Dan Linse and Tim Sokolik. Twelve of the fourteen players also anted up a dollar a piece for high out which was won by Jeff Hafner with a 104 out, which he shot in the championship match. Congratulations and thank you to all who attended. ●

Mark Your Calendar

Some upcoming events to watch for:

State Tournament

Saturday, February 22nd, 2003
Post #1

Dartmania Extravaganza

Friday, April 4th, 2003 - Sunday, April 6th, 2003
Location to be named later. ●

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Classic AA Mid-League Tourney

Classic AA held their mid-league tournament on October 27, 2002, at the American Legion Post 1. Unfortunately, only 8 darters showed up to play in the mid league tournament this time. We hope they come out for the next one.

- 1st Mac McDonough and Dave Blake
- 2nd Gean Halstead and Mike Hathaidharm
- 3rd Jan Anderson and Terry Deck
- 4th Margo Ulrich and John McGovern

And many thanks to Johnny Hubbard for helping with the bracketing. ●

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— Western Union, 1876

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C', the idea must be feasible."

— Yale University professor reviewing a proposal that would eventually become the Federal Express Corporation

"We don't like the sound, and guitar music is on the way out."

— Decca Recording Company's rejection of record demo by a group called the Beatles, 1962.

"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau."

— Economics Professor, Yale University, 1929

"It will be years - not in my time- before a woman will become prime minister."

— Margaret Thatcher, 1974.

WANTED!

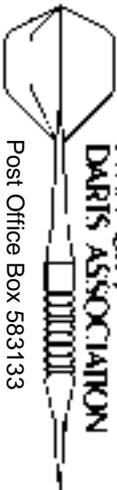
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