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**2005 State Tournament Singles Champions
Becky DiMaio and Dean Blake**

See inside for more on the State Tournament and much more.
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FROM THE OVAL OFFICE:

Can you believe it, the year 2005 is here and on this day, January 21st, it is 28 outside and snowing to a potential 4 to 8 inches. My best to those who wished for snow and for me, oh well. I hope 2004 was good to you and that 2005 is even better. I'll take a moment to say I hope all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

I think we got off to a good start by having our General Membership/Captains



meeting at the Eagles on January 11th this year. Our 31st!! We thank the management for making us

feel at home with a pleasant atmosphere and reasonable drink prices. I'm sure we will be making use of their facilities many times in the future. As a matter of fact, the Stutz Bearcats will be the first team to play there this year.

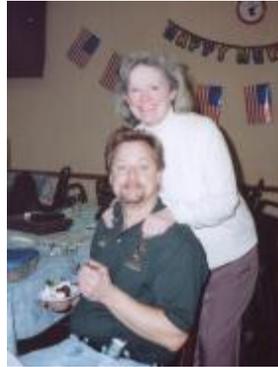
Our first meeting went very well. We had a good turnout And thank all who were



there to help make the night a Fun time for all. We thank Mike Morson for introducing

New members and welcome Joey Jones' new team to our Ranks. Vice President Peter Jirik always does a good job Of enlightening us on many subjects of interest to all. Likewise, we heard from Paul Cushing, Greg Eineke, Jeff Hafner and last but not least Secretary Sharon Lohmar. These swell guys and gal are just

a few of your Board Who contribute so much toward MAKING THE TCDA THE SUCCESS THAT IT IS.



We all thank the Board And Divisional Advisors. Keep up the good work. An Example of the good work they do is the copy we got Of the Bull & Ton newsletter, "Year in Review".

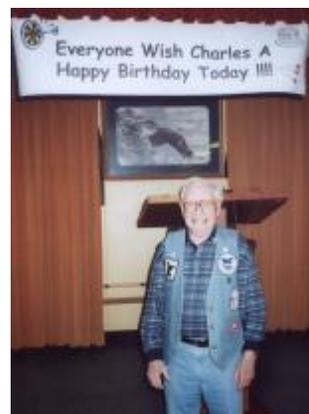
Thanks for a swell job. Mike Morson did a great job with the Very attractive business cards he had printed for the Board of Directors.

I have included an article from the Pioneer Press regarding Darts in Duluth. Darts doesn't get much publicity so I thought you would get a chuckle out of this article.

I can't tell you how gratifying it was to have you honor Me on my 88th at the meeting in January. The past 25 or so years in the TCDA have been some of the happiest of my life and I thank one and all for this blessing.



The Enclosed pictures I took of the gang



having a good time. We all enjoyed the delicious decorated cake and the Banner together with the Happy Birthday cards signed by all my friends which made the birthday wishes

complete. Good shooting to all in the new year.

A special thanks to Alan Finnegan, Paul Cushing and Karin Fischer for taking over the jobs of putting out the Bull And Ton in the future. As members, you can help them out by giving them ideas and articles.

I wanted to add this comment on the State



Tournament held at the Eagles Club in Minneapolis Saturday February 26th. I did not play in any of the events at the tournament but managed to be there for about three hours.

I want to compliment Greg Eineke and all those who gave their time and effort to a successful event.

I had a wonderful afternoon visiting with old friends and meeting many new

friends. It seemed to me we had a good crowd and I was particularly impressed with the new electronic board used for tabulating



bracketing and results. This is the brain child of Paul Cushing. Thank you Paul!

Having a successful event like this takes a lot of work. For instance, who does all the work setting up the 16 boards? You guessed it, Johnny Hubbard and crew. We have a wonderful group of people on the TCDA Board and I know you join me in thanking them for all they do to help make the TCDA successful

I also want to give a special Thank You to Al Finnegan and Karin Fischer for taking over the duties of Bull & Ton editor. And to Paul Cushing for being the computer guru behind putting out this Bull & Ton edition. If there is something you would like to see in the next issue of the Bull And Ton or better yet, if you would like to submit an article, please contact Karin Fischer (jkarcreeations@visi.com) and let her know.

Charles Stutz

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Darts in Duluth Minnesota

The following article was in the St. Paul Pioneer Press regarding a Dart Tournament in Duluth. Darts does not get much publicity so I thought You would get a chuckle out of this article.

FACING EVICTION, DART PLAYERS SNUFF SMOKES

A dart tournament was nearly evicted from the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center because players violated the city's smoking ban.

City officials obtained a court injunction Friday to evict the tournament because organizers and DECC executive director Dan Russell opted to pay fines that could reach \$1,000.00 per day rather than snuff out the smokes in South Pioneer Hall.

"But when police gave them the choice late Friday of smoking and leaving or not smoking and staying, conventioners decided to stay", Police Chief Roger Waller said.

Russell had entered into a contract with the sponsors that allowed them to smoke at the tournament, in direct opposition to a city ordinance. "We don't believe he can do that," Waller said.

People attending other events at the DECC could smell the smoke and complained to the city. Mayor Herb Bergson received about 20 angry phone calls by Friday morning.

"I'm really ticked about this," Bergson said. "Not only did they violate a city ordinance, we believe they also violated the State Indoor Clean Air Act."

Waller said police asked organizers to stop the smoking but was told they wouldn't. "They're dart players, they smoke," Russell said. "I know a lot of people in this community want everything to be Garrison Keillor, but we serve everybody. For every symphony, there is a monster-truck show."

But Russell Apologized Friday night for what he described as a poor job on his part of balancing a contract obligation and city law.

Minnesota Operators of Music and Amusement, the trade association for the state's coin amusement operators, sponsors pool and dart leagues across the state, including this weekend's tournament.

The conflict arose because the group entered into its' contract with the DECC five years ago, before Duluth's ban on smoking in public places went into effect, said board member Hy Sandler of Minneapolis.

The tournament ran through Sunday and was expected to attract more Than 1,000 dart players. ©

2005 TCDA MINNESOTA STATE DART TOURNAMENT

The Minnesota State Steel Dart Tournament was put on by the TCDA on February 26th, 2005.

The State Dart tournament, hosted by the Eagles Post #34 was a very grand and exciting event. The Eagles provided rolls, juice and

coffee for those that came early enough to experience and enter the Senior



Luck of the Draw. The Seniors Luck of the Draw kicked off the 2005 Tournament with 7 teams. The winners of each event are posted later on in the article with pictures included.

Congratulations to those of you who won and for those of you who didn't, there is



always next year. I am hoping that your rivalries on the dartboard will continue

for many years to come.

The only disappointment to the tournament was the low participation of the general membership. Less than 20% of the membership attended. Remember this is your tournament sponsored by the TCDA and prize money towards all the events was contributed by the TCDA.

Being tournament director I would like your feedback as to what members are looking for in the state tournament.



My wish is that more of you would come out and play both in the tournaments and that you would attend the banquet in the fall.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Eagles for their great hospitality by allowing us to have the tournament there. The drink prices were very reasonable and there was good food available.



And last but not least a special thank you to my tournament committee Karin Fischer-Sharon Lohmar-Jeff Hafner-Bruce Fink-Mike Hathaiharm-Johnny Hubbard-Greg Oldenkamp-Margo Ulrich-Paul & Lori Cushing!!!!

And thanks to others that helped me before and during the tournament Mike Anderson – Uffda – Karen Blades – Paul Cook – Stan Wartman Charles Stutz to name a few.

This tournament could not have been a success if it wasn't for all of you!!! Hopefully we will see many of you at our next tournament The Dartmania Extravaganza being held at the Eagles Club in Bloomington April 29th, April 30th and May 1st.

Greg Eineke

Tournament Director

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2005 State Tournament

Seniors

1st



Jonny Hubbard/Vince Arrigoni

2nd



John McGovern/Jeff Hafner

3rd



Bruce Fink/Paul Harfield

4th



Bob Mielke/Jim Hunt

5th & 6th

Uffda/Bill Woznak
Paul Cook/Al Dougherty

7th

Margo Ulrich/Paul Cushing

Womens Doubles 501

1st



Lori Pardee-Cushing/Margo Ulrich

2nd



Becky DiMaio/Michelle Schlecht

3rd



Crystal Blow/Debbie Mundahl

4th



Julie Stevens/Anita Groen

5TH & 6TH Heidi Philips/Jody Mayer
Barb Knight/Karen Ekstrum
7th 8TH Karin Fischer/Uffda
Stacy Mellen/Alicia Ritter

Mens Doubles 501

1st



Bill Klukas/Fred Seaman

2nd



Tom Tanberg Jr./Bob Haft

3rd



Michael Hathaidharm/Ryan Loch

4th



Jim Luebke/Craig Longwell

- 5TH & 6TH Dean Blake/Dave Blake
Vince Arrigoni/Jeff Hafner
7th 8TH Tim Jacovitch/Bill Hanson
Bruce Fink/Gene Boivin

Men's B Singles 501

1st



Dave Trost

2nd



Brian Corradi

3rd



Justin Kahnert

4th



Paul Cook

5TH & 6TH Drew Klees
Dave Burton
7th 8TH Jeff Hafner
Al Dougherty

Men's Open Singles 501

1st



Dean Blake

2nd



Ryan Loch

3rd



Dave Blake

4th



Joey Jones

5TH & 6TH

Bill Klukas
Dana Turgeon

7th 8TH

Gene Boivin
Fred Seaman

Women's Singles 501

1st



Becky DiMaio

2nd



Margo Ulrich

3rd



Crystal Blow

4th



Anita Groen

5TH & 6TH Karen Ekstrum
Stacy Mellen

7th 8TH Debbie Mundahl
Barb Knight

Luck Of The Draw

1st



Dave Trost/Dana Turgeon

2nd



Dean Blake/Ed Thompson

3rd



Dave Burton/Bruce Fink

4th



Paul Cushing/Joey Jones

5TH & 6TH Vince Arrigoni/Tom Eineke

Justin Kahnert/Jim Hunt

7th 8TH Karen Ekstrum/Paul Cook

Heidi Phillips/Dawn Blake



MID-League Tournaments

CLASSIC AA

We had a good turnout on November 2 at The Little Wagon. The management treated us to a free drink, and Rita our waitress was her usual fun-loving self. We thank the management for contributing to our night of darts.

We missed Divisional Adviser Margo, but as usual Mike Anderson did a good job running the tournament. Thanks to the following members who came:

Mike H. - Winner
Mike Anderson – 2nd place
Marty Fitzgerald – 3rd place

Others were Bob Mielke, Bruce Fink, Vince Arragone, and me. Ha Ha! I regret that I did not bring my camera.

I hope everyone in the other divisions had a good turn-out and had as much fun as we did. To all those who could not make it – better luck next time! The continued success of the TCDA depends on you.

Charles ©

CLASSIC A

This season our Divisional Advisor, Dick Sorenson, decided to hold the Mid-season tournament at the Half Time Rec. There was a small turnout but some well-thrown darts. After all the Smoke had cleared, here are the results:

1st Place Zachary Kostka & Jeff Zimmerman



2nd Place Perry Daniels & Dick Sorenson
3rd Place Brian Craft & Greg Oldenkamp
Perry Daniels also had the high out of 69.

I must add that we only had 10 people show up for the midseason tournament. I feel that this is very low attendance and would encourage more people to get involved in this event.

The TCDA sponsors these events as a way of saying thanks for throwing darts! They also had monies to these tournaments to encourage your attendance at these functions.

We would really like to see more participants attend!!! We would like to thank Dick Sorenson for running the tournament. He did a terrific job!. Also thank you to Half Time Rec for hosting the tournament and for their hospitality.

Don't forget Dartmania coming up April 29th, 30th and May 1st. Let's make this a memorable event. Come one, Come all!!

Thank you

Johnny Hubbard ©

Classic C

By the numbers, almost 30% of the C League Darters turned out at Minnehaha Lanes for their Mid-League Tournament and we all enjoyed a fun night of darts. The C Division only has five teams, so 7 players showing up was a pretty good turnout. The format of choice was a Round Robin giving everyone a full night of darts. We each played six matches before the seventh round was called off because of the late hour, after it was determined that the final outcome wouldn't change by eliminating that round.

The results: 1st Place, Earl Blakely; 2nd Place, Mike Morson; and Paul Harfield took 3rd Place.

Playing darts with good people. Having fun with friends. Isn't that what this organization is all about?!

GOLD DIVISION

The 2005 Spring Mid-League Tournament was held Thursday, March 10th at the Little Wagon in Minneapolis.

Once again, all the teams were great match-ups and terrific darts were thrown.

Emerging victorious were as follows:

1 st PLACE	MIKE KARELS JEFF LANGBEHN
2 nd PLACE	CRYSTAL RAY PAUL SPECKETER
3 rd PLACE	MARK ANDERSON TYLER CHRISTENSON

There was also competition for individual "High Out". Taking the kudos in this category was Mike Karels.

As expected, a good time was had by all. We would all like to thank Ollie and Rita, our host and hostess at the Little Wagon, for making "dart night out" an even more enjoyable evening.

Also, thanks to the TCDA for adding money to our Mid-League Tournament payout.

Good Darting, Everyone! ©

Pub Fun Triples End of Season and mid League Tournament:

Pub Fun Triples had their end of season tournament last December 22nd and their mid league tournament March 2nd. Here is a report on both tournaments. The end of season tournament was held at Minnehaha Lanes and we had great participation as always. There were 22 entries. Minnehaha Lanes matched our pot of \$110 so there was a total purse of \$220. Again thank you to Minnehaha Lanes for their contribution and their

hospitality.

Here were the results:

- 1st place Pete Franco & Mike Hilleshein \$100.00
- 2nd place Geoff Woolston & Paul Harfield 50.00
- 3rd place Pierre Burtnick & "Uffda" 30.00
- 4th place Greg Eineke & Jim Hunt 20.00
- 5th place Dave Burton & Shawn Eineke 10.00
- 6th place KC O'Brien & Kristen Jovle 10.00

Shawn had the high out of 45 – Jim Hunt shot a T71 – Uffda shot a T40 on and ***Kristen Jovle shot a T80, her first!!!!!!***

On March 2nd Pub Fun Triples held their mid league tournament at Minnehaha Lanes. We had 14 entrants so ended up with a total of \$190. in payout money thanks to Minnehaha Lanes and the TCDA contributions. Thanks!!!!

The results were as follows:

- 1st place Pete Franco (again??) & William Stedman \$86.00
- 2nd place Ed Thompson & Aaron Niznik 40.00
- 3rd Place Paul Harfield & Shawn Eineke 30.00
- 4th Place Greg Eineke & Justin Jovle 10.00
- 6th Place Dave Burton & Al Dougherty 10.00

Thanks to all of you who participated and hopefully, I didn't misspell any names. A special thanks to Dave Burton for running these tournaments and getting all the information to me.

Karin Fischer

Divisional Advisor, Pub Fun Triples ©

WHO IS THIS???

If you recognize this present and/or past darter, please e mail Karin Fischer (jkarcreations@visi.com). There will be a special prize given to the first respondent.



Look for another face from the past in the next Bull & Ton. ©

Tournament Director Needed

The TCDA is in need of a Tournament Director. Greg Einike has informed us that he is resigning his position of TCDA Tournament Director.

The TCDA By-laws define the Tournament Director position as follows:

The Tournament Director is responsible for all TCDA sponsored tournament events. He shall be free to select his own staff(s). He will provide to the Board cost

estimates by tournament. He shall maintain detailed records by tournament, write all correspondence required to play, initiate, and conduct each tournament, including thank you letters to tournament sponsors.

Additionally, he is required to submit a written tournament report to the Board within four (4) weeks after each tournament.

The main events the Tournament Director will be responsible for are the State Tournament, the Banquet Tournament and the Dartmania Extravaganza. We need an active outgoing individual who can recruit and coordinate volunteers and sponsors for these events.

Anyone interested in the position of TCDA Tournament director should send an email expressing their interest to info@twincitydarts.com or call TCDA President Charles Stutz at 763-561-0167 no later than June 30, 2005. ©