

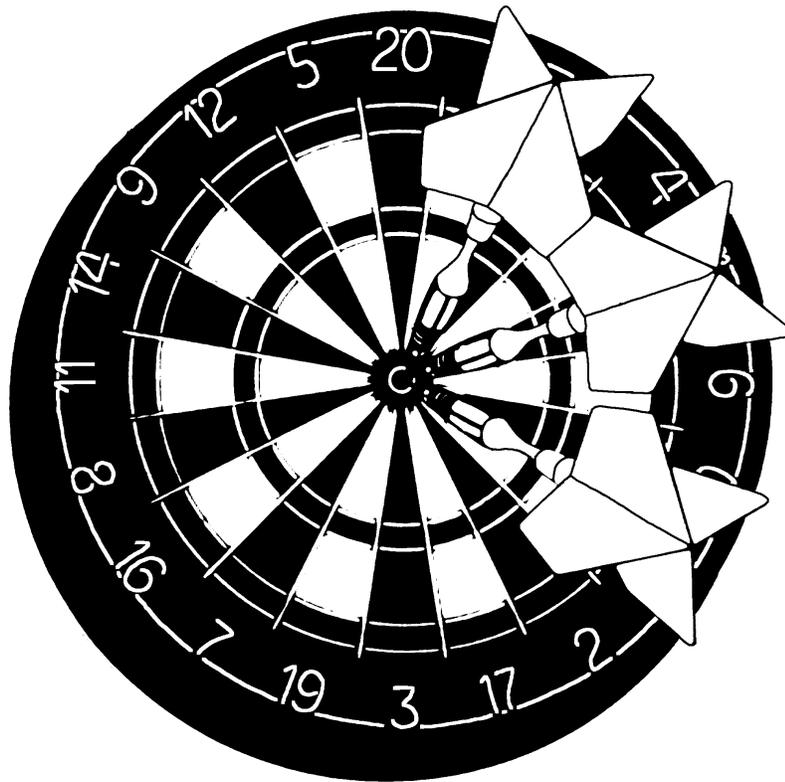


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Sometimes I feel like sitting and typing. This is one of those days, Saturday July 22, 2005. We just had a severe storm, much needed rain, and it cooled off to 80 degrees. We have all felt the heat this summer as I believe we have had a dozen or more days in the 90 degree range.

Looking back, we had the Dartmania tournament the last week in April. I was able to attend one of three days and had a great time. It was a pleasure to meet players from Thunder Bay, San Francisco, Connecticut, South Dakota, Missouri and Iowa, and I want to thank them for coming and hope to see them many times at future tournaments. It was nice to see the ADO Area Manager Steve Brown again. Everyone had a good time. Our thanks to Tournament Director Greg Eineke, Sharon Lohmar, Lori Pardee-Cushing, Zach and Linda Lopez, Sandy Borne and all the others for their help with the boards, posters and score keeping, as their efforts on our behalf are what make a party like this successful. I had my



pictures of Sharon and Lori,

camera but did not realize I was just about out of film, hence just three



Zach and Linda, Karen and Johnny with two good looking guests whose names I did not get. You will notice the four are standing outside and for good reason:



this was our first experience with the new "no smoking" law. They look pretty happy, so I guess we'll survive.

I was a guest at the Tournament Committee meeting held in June at The Little Wagon, had my camera, and took this picture of the happy group.



For those who may not know it, Mike Anderson is the Regional ADO Rep and Area Rep. We are well represented in the national ADO organization.

Every year Sharon Lohmar entertains the Board members and their family members



who can make it with a "night out" on her. This year we met at The Little Wagon for a night of camaraderie, drinks, dinner and

fun. There were 13 in attendance. Dick Sorensen came with his son Peter, Mike Morson



was accompanied by his wife Betty, and Mike Anderson came with his date Deena.

The food and drink were excellent and our good friend Rita the waitress was at her best, as



you can see from the photo.



The management at The Little Wagon goes out of their way to show us a good time, as they

have always done in the past, and we all thank them.



In June, Sharon notified you via the Election Ballot that we had just enough volunteers for a single slate. I am happy to say Greg Oldenkamp, John Hubbard, Mike Anderson and I will be working for you with the other Board members for the next two year term.

You will soon be hearing from Margo, Banquet Chairperson regarding the Annual Banquet on Saturday October 1st at the Eagles. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

I hope the Summer League was a lot of fun for those who took part. I know Mike Morson and Dick Sorensen were working to have a good turn-out at The Little Wagon.

I'll look forward to seeing you all at the Captains/General Membership meeting on September 6, 7:30 pm at The Little Wagon.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and that vacations were all that you hoped they would be. Till we meet again for the Fall Leagues, my best to you.

Charles

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The lighter side of darts

A plane leaves Los Angeles airport under the control of a Jewish captain, His copilot is Chinese, It's the first time they've flown together, an awkward silence between the two seems to indicate a mutual dislike. Once they reach cruising altitude, the Jewish captain activates the auto-pilot, leans back in his seat and mutters, I don't like Chinese."

"No like Chinese?" asks the co-pilot, " why not ?"

" You people bombed Pearl Harbor, that's why!"

"No,no,"the co-pilot protest,"Chinese not bomb Peahl Hahbah! That Japanese, not Chinese."

" Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese ... does not matter, your all alike!"

After a few minutes of silence.... " No like Jews!" the co-pilot suddenly announces.

" Why not?" asks the captain.

" Jews sink Titanic."

" Jews didn't sink the Titanic!" exclaims the captain, " it was an iceberg!"
" Iceberg, Goldberg, Greenberg, Rosenberg, no mattah.... all the same!" ¥

2005 Dartmania

This was the fourth Dartmania the TCDA has been involved in and again it pulled in many experienced darters from outside of our region, in addition to local players. It was also the second year the Bloomington Eagle's club has hosted the event.

Once again we were lucky (or not so lucky!), to have one of the top Dart

shooters in the country show up. Steve Brown is always in the top 10 in the US. He makes it seem so easy and always has a great attitude. Even when he beats you, you don't feel bad.

We had another strong showing of Canadian darters this year. They are good shots, a pleasure to play, and seem to talk kind of funny. It's nice to see people that are playing the game for the love of it, not just for the money.

There were some untimely problems that were a challenge this year, but things moved forward and it was nice to see old friends having a good time.

As always, this event can only take place with the support and hard work of the tournament committee and the many volunteers. We would like to thank every one that helped put together this year's tournament and a special thanks to Karin Fischer. Without her help, this would not have happened. We look forward to making next year's Dartmania better event than ever.

I would like to thank all of the understanding players for their patience, and ensure them that next years tournament will run in a smooth and timely manner. We look forward to the continued support of our members and out of town friends, and look forward to seeing everyone at the 2006 Dartmania Extravaganza. ¥

2005 Dartmania Tournamentresults

Friday Luck Of The Draw:

1ST



Rick Sizemore/Dana Turgeon

2nd



Dave Blake/Dave Trost

3rd



Charlie Heineman/Bill Klukas

4th



Pakorn Tansuwandee/Joey Jones

5th & 6th

Randy Rantala/Dana Dayton

Dave Burton/Fred Seamon

7th & 8th

Mark McDonough/Bob

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Saturday Mixed Doubles:

1ST



Steve Brown/Karen Clancy

2nd



Ryan Loch/Trish Pluff

3rd Dean Blake/Dawn Blake
4th Fred Seamon/Chrystal Blow
5th & 6th Randy Groen/Anita Groen
Paul Cushing/Lori Cushing
7th & 8th Sizemores
Gene Boivin/Deb Thompson

Saturday Women's Singles:

1ST



Trish Pluff

2nd



Heidi Phillips

3rd



Margo Ulrich

4th



Kelly Suarez

5th Jan Hauser
6th Laura Fandrick

Saturday Women's Doubles:

1st



Karen Clancy/Margo Ulrich

2nd



Stacy Mellen/Trish Pluff

3rd



Anita Groen/Julie Stevens

4th



Chrystal Blow/Debbie Mundahl

Saturday Open Singles:

1st



Steve Brown

2nd



Dana Turgeon

3rd



Fred Seamon

4th



Tilad Allbee

5th & 6th

Jim Luebke

Bill Klukas

7th & 8th

Michael Hathaidharm

Jeff Sizemore

Saturday Open Doubles:

1st



Mike Anderson/Steve Brown

2nd



Michael Hathaidharm/Ryan Loch

3rd



Randy Rantala/Boyd Wade

4th



Dan Ayala/Pakorn Tansuwandee

5th & 6th

Dave Blake/Dean Blake

Frank Calvelli/Terry Rantala

Saturday Luck of the Draw:



Sunday Women's Singles:

1st



Trish Pluff

2nd



Karen Clancy

3rd



Margo Ulrich

4th



Chrystal Blow

Sunday Women's Doubles:

1st



Heidi Phillips/Trish Pluff

2nd



Karen Clancy/Margo Ulrich

3rd



Chrystal Blow/Debbie Mundahl

2nd



Dana Turgeon

4th



Amber Arnold/Kelly Suarez

3rd



Ryan Loch

Sunday Open Singles:

1st



Steve Brown

4th



Fred Seamon

5th & 6th

Kyle Liddike

Michael Hathaidharm

Sunday Mens Doubles:

1st



Mike Anderson/Steve Brown

2nd



Michael Hathaidharm/Ryan Loch

3rd



Wade Boyd/Frank Calvelli

4th



Randy Rantala/Terry Rantala

5th & 6th

Jim Luebke/Dand Turgeon
Dan Koner/Jeff W

Sunday Mixed Doubles:

1st



Steve Brown/Karen Clancy

2nd



Ryan Loch/Trish Pluff

3rd



Dana Turgeon/Laura Fandrick

4th



Dave Blake/Deb Thompson

5th & 6th

Dana Dayton/Jan Hauser
Denise Allbee/Thad Allbee

British right on target with darts

Darts is a legitimate sport. So says Sports England, which means British government funding and tax incentives could be coming to the activity generally associated with the interiors of drinking establishments.

“ The presentation of darts as a pub game has helped popularize it’s cult appeal, but the reality is that it is a sport played by many thousands of people across the country in locations ranging from schools to village halls, social clubs and sports

centers,” Sport England chief executive Roger Draper said.

“ It’s the news we have been waiting for and we believe darts deserves,” Professional Darts Corp. Chairman Barry Hearn said. “ It’s great news for our players that they are now officially seen as proper sportsmen, which is what they deserve for the hard work and dedication that they show week in and week out.”

The decision sparked the imagination of at least one writer in a London tabloid: “ Would it be such a flight of fancy to suggest that Camilla Parker Bowles might follow royal precedent in giving Prince Charles a set of darts for a wedding present? Perhaps not.

That was Anne Boleyn’s gift to Henry VIII and she lost more than her throw.”

There’s nothing quite like being on the cutting edge of history.

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SOME OTHER DART GAMES

A number of games have been devised to be played on the conventional dartboard. They can provide useful varied practice even for the serious dart player. Here is one of the variations.

Round the Clock

The object of the game is to make the numbers one to 20, then double 20, triple 20 and the 50 in that order. If a player makes a number with the last of his three darts in a throw, he throws again. If he fails with his last dart on any number, play passes to his opponent. Doubles and triples count as straight numbers in this game. In the event of a player going straight out, his opponent is allowed the same number of throws to see if he can match his performance or improve on it. The player who makes all the numbers with the fewest throws is the winner.

(See next issue for the game All Fiver) ¥

Vice Presidential Corner

Fellow Darters,

Greetings and felicitations as we once again approach a new season in the TCDA. Every year as regular as clockwork Labor Day approaches and it is time to find my darts once again. They are usually exactly where I left them after the final match of the Spring season. Two or three warm-up throws, a couple of cold beers, and I am once again ready to go and have some fun.

Work, family and other such life issues tend to keep me from throwing darts as often as I did many years ago and yet year after year, not unlike the lemmings, I go rushing in for another season no matter how much punishment I have to take. There are nights where the double seems to be a single wire, the occasional eternal throws at double one with each player desperately hoping the leg will end and just as desperately hoping that they will be the one to end it, the nights where the Dart Gods have simply decided to toy with you and there is nothing you can do about it, offset by the occasional night where the darts go exactly where they are aimed.

What is it that keeps drawing me back? The answer is very simple, it is a lot of fun. There has rarely been a dart night in the past 21 years that I have not enjoyed. Regardless of the result, it is fun to throw darts in the TCDA. It is the people who make the TCDA so much fun. So I welcome all new members and welcome back all returning darters for yet another enjoyable season!

The TCDA is going to introduce a New Member recruiting incentive. The present basics, subject to tinkering by the Board at its next meeting, are as follows:

1. Recruit 3 new members over the course of any four consecutive League seasons (not counting Summer

League) and receive a coupon good for a one-year free TCDA membership.

2. All new recruits must either:
 - a) Never have been a member of the TCDA or;
 - b) Not been a member of the TCDA for at least 3 years.
3. Each new recruit must pay for a full year membership.
4. There is no limit to the number of free one-year membership coupons a TCDA member may receive under this program.

More information and the forms you need will be in the Fall season Captain's packets and will be available at www.twincitydarts.com !!!!!!!!

Now some questions and suggestions from the Vice President:

1. I keep hearing that the TCDA should do more tournaments, yet it is the TCDA membership that stays away from the tournaments. We can't have it both ways. If people really want more tournaments, the TCDA attendance at the tournaments has to increase. How about it folks – money where the mouth is???????
2. If you feel like hitting someone on darts night – don't do it. There will be no tolerance for violence on dart nights.
3. The TCDA Banquet is really just right around the corner. It is always a lot of fun. If you have not been to one for a while why not give it a try? The Banquet Tournament is free to all attendees, there is good food and there are door prizes. We would like to see more of you there!!

Again, I look forward to yet another enjoyable TDCA season.

Good Luck and Good Darts!!!

Peter Jirik
TCDA VP

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TCDA Membership Recruiting Incentive Program

The TCDA Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the TCDA to increase its membership and thereby add to the vitality, energy and camaraderie of the TCDA. As one method to assist in accomplishing this goal the TCDA Board has decided to offer its present members an incentive to recruit new members. The TCDA Membership Recruiting Incentive Program is as follows:

1. Recruit 3 new members over the course of any four consecutive League seasons (not counting Summer League) and receive a coupon good for a one-year free TCDA membership.
2. All new recruits must either:
 - a) Never have been a member of the TCDA or;
 - b) Not been a member of the TCDA for at least 3 years.
3. Each new recruited member or the recruiting member must turn in an approved TCDA Membership Recruiting Incentive Form. The form must be turned in within 60 days of the Date of Membership of the new member. The Date of Membership of the new member is the first time they played in a TCDA League Match or the date their membership check reaches the League Secretary, whichever is first.
4. Each new recruit must pay for a full year membership.
5. Upon establishment of eligibility for a free year membership a coupon good for a one-year free TCDA membership will be issued to the recruiting member. The coupon must be submitted to the League Secretary in lieu of payment of membership dues for the member.
6. There is no limit to the number of free one-year membership coupons a TCDA member may receive.
7. The free one-year membership coupons are non-transferable.
8. The TCDA New Member Recruiting Incentive Form is available at www.twincitydarts.com ¥

2005 Dart Banquet

October 1, 2005

Eagles Club; 2507 East 25th St.

Minneapolis, MN

Social Hour: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Dinner&Awards: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Luck of the Draw: 8:30 p.m.

Only \$5.00 for TCDA Members,

Only \$10.00 for guests

Fantastic Sirloin Steak or Chicken Breast
Dinner;

Door Prizes, lots and lots of fun!!!!

Who Is This???

In the last issue of the Bull and Ton, there was a picture of an old darter. The idea was that if you recognize the darter and were the first to respond, you would receive a special prize. There were only three respondents and only one was correct.

Congratulations Gerry Deegan!!

I'm going to try again and hopefully, it will be more recognizable picture. If you think you know who this is, please e mail Karin Fischer at jkarc creations@visi.com



Identify the person circled for the prize.
For a bonus prize, identify all 3.

We will be giving another special prize to the first correct respondent. Who knows, it might be a new car --- but I doubt it.