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**2005 Stutz Award Winner Peter Jirik and
2005 Sportsman Award Winner Karin Fischer**

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From the Oval Office

Here we are again, it's September 13, 2005, starting our umpteenth year of fall league darts. I'm sure we all had a good turnout and lots of fun at our favorite

pubs. "The Bearcats" played at the Eagles hosting "Out of Control"

Dick McDaniel, Dave Zook,



Dan Powers and Ken Erickson. I had a good time seeing these old friends again, and was invited to sit in for the picture of the team.



Thanks to our pub we got the usual drink on the house and had a great time. We are always happy to see Bruce at the bar with his smiling welcome.

You have a great Board with someone always willing to step in and help us get things done. Al Finnegan is our Bull & Ton editor. Paul Cushing lends his talent as the assistant editor. Vice President Peter Jirik has always loaned his talent to the benefit of the TCDA and continues to do so. To be sure, we were all aware of coming events as he mailed us the banquet flyer, the tournament schedule for the State and Dartmania, together with a copy of the TCDA membership recruiting program. We all owe Peter a heartfelt thank you for all he has done to keep us alive and moving forward. As such, he was awarded the 2005 Stutz Award at the banquet. Congratulations Peter! I could



go on and on covering every member of the Board, but it would take forever as they are all busy with some assignment. As President, you know how much I appreciate all you do. Keep up the good work and we will continue to grow.

We had a good turnout at the Captains/Members meeting – about 50 came and we had a good time. As usual, we enjoyed the Little Wagon hospitality. We had comments by Peter, Al, Mike H. and Sharon – all to keep us informed regarding current events.

If I'm not mistaken, we are in our 31st year as the TCDA. I've had the pleasure of being your President for about 19 years and Peter has been Vice President almost as long. My term is up in 2007 and Peter's term is up in 2006. However, we have mutually agreed that change is a good thing for the TCDA and therefore we will cease operating in these offices as of the next election. Peter will not run again and I will resign one year early. I made this announcement at the banquet, so many of you are already aware. I am fond of saying that "change is inevitable, and nothing lasts forever." We've done our best and feel it is the right time for a change.

We had our annual banquet at the Eagles this year and I want to thank all who came. We had a great crowd and enjoyed one of



the best dinners ever. We thank the Eagles for catering for a reasonable cost and having such a swell staff

cooking and serving. We'd also like to thank the Nabisco representatives who attended – Dave, Ike and Marlyon.



We wish Dee could have attended as well. We all appreciate the boxes of goodies they donate every year as door prizes. Karen Fischer was awarded the 2005 Sportsman of the Year in a very emotional presentation. Congratulations Karen – you deserve it!



If I've left anything or anyone out, please forgive me – it is always unintentional.

Thanks to all of you for letting me be involved for so many years with so many wonderful people in a great organization. I have loved every minute of it!

My best to you all,
Charles

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Captain's Meeting

The fall captain's meeting was held on September 6th to kick off the Fall season. There was a luck of the draw tournament afterwards and The results are as follows:

1st place: Margo (happy birthday!!!) U. & Mike H.
2nd place: Justin J. & Carl P.
3rd place: Dana T. & Dave B.
4th place: Brian K. & Cameron

Sorry I don't have last names but you know who you are. There were 16 entries. 1st & 2nd place was a tie because it was 1:00 before they were able to play for 1st and 2nd and the bar kicked everybody out so they decided to split the money. Each team received \$50.00. Third place received \$20. and 4th place got \$10. High was 105 and the winner was Dana Turgeon. ¥

A Note From TCDA Founder Ed Otjen

We recently received the following e-mail from TCDA Founder Ed Otjen:

HELLO TCDA,

I just read the latest issue of the B and T. Thanks for keeping Sally and me on your "mailing" list. Great Job: Interesting articles, a lot of fun pictures (sorry, but today I know only a few), and Karen's Guessing Game: Is that Stan the Man circled...my eyes ain't too good no more.

Congrats to all of you who put this together. Who is the Editor of the B and T? Or is it the WebMaster now?

And a special hi from us two to Charlie, Sharon, Karen, Peter, Margo (and Bill), Johnny, and Dick Sorensen.

Sorry we won't be able to attend your banquet, but have a ball.

Ciao, for now, Ed Otjen

For those of you who may not know, Ed was the driving force behind the creation of the TCDA. You can read more about it on

the TCDA web site (www.twincitydarts.com). In the TCDA History section you can follow the emergence of the TCDA by reading Ed's recollection of the birth of our organization. His 18 page "Chronicle" titled That First Year is offered there for your enjoyment (the direct link is http://www.twincitydarts.com/pdf_files/1st_years.pdf). It is enjoyable reading!!

It is great to know that Ed and Sally are still in touch!

Ed - Give us a 'heads up' if you are ever going to be in town, there are a lot of people who would like to see you! ☹

Darters head north for Charity tournament

On May 6th & 7th, Kelly Bliss, Don Payne, Karin Fischer, Greg Eineke, Bruce Fink, Uffda Johnson and Alan Finnegan headed north for the annual "Darts for Charity" dart tournament in Thunder Bay Canada.

The trip started out on a very sad note, earlier that morning we all found out that a Saint Paul Police Officer "Jerry Vick" was shot and killed in the line of duty, it is a sad remembrance to the dangers of keeping us all safe.

As we left Al's place we all decided that we would meet for breakfast at the Black Bear Casino just a few miles south of Duluth. What a fun time we all had, sitting at the table bringing up old memories of tournaments past, after breakfast of course we could not just walk by without dropping a few coins in the slot machines. Then it was back on the road for Canada.

After arriving at the Prince Arthur Hotel we all collected our thoughts and got ready for a fun night of darts. Of course it didn't hurt that there was a Casino a block and a half away from the Hotel, so some of us collected our thoughts there.

The first event was singles and being a round robin event we all knew that we

would get our fair share of darts. Only a few of us made it in to the second round where we came across some mighty good dart shooters and we all made our exit in a professional manner.

Saturday morning came way to fast, with doubles starting at 10:00am and with the 4 person starting at 2:00pm. That's what's nice about this tournament, singles is on Friday night, doubles is Saturday morning and the 4 person is Saturday afternoon and that's all there is. Each event is a round robin format, so everyone gets there full share of dart throwing.

It would have been nice to have walked out with some of their Canadian money but it wasn't to be, but the memories will last a lifetime.

After the tournament we all went for dinner, what a fantastic time we all had. The laughs were a dime a dozen, lot's of memories, oh and by the way the Canadians loved it when Uffda entered and exited the hall, she enlightened everyone with a song. All in all everyone had a great time. I look forward to next year's tournament.... ☹

2005 TCDA Banquet A Celebration of Fun, Friendship and Darts!

On October 01, 2005 the TCDA held its annual Banquet at the Eagles Club in Minneapolis. Margo Ulrich was in charge of the planning for this event so the next time you see her, take a minute to say thanks. It takes a lot of time and effort to plan all the details for an event like the TCDA Banquet. The food was great and the drinks free flowing. We give many thanks to the Eagles Club for the tremendous job they did hosting the event. The evening began with socializing and a few cocktails before the food was served and the evening's program began. In an evening filled with highlights some of the most memorable were:

TCDA President Charles Stutz opened the festivities with a wonderful speech about the inevitability of change.



He then announced that he and TCDA Vice President Peter Jirik would be leaving their respective positions as of June 30, 2006. Charles and Peter said that they had worked as a team for so long that it seemed only fitting to leave together. The TCDA thanks them for all they have done!!

The 2005 TCDA Sportsperson of the Year Award went to Karin Fisher.

Karin has been tireless in her activities for the



TCDA this year. Congratulations Karin!!!!

The 2005 Charles F. Stutz Presidential Award went to Peter Jirik. Peter has been

the TCDA Vice President for many years. In that capacity he has contributed tremendously to the TCDA. Congratulations Peter!!



Sharon did her usual great job of handing out the trophies to all of those deserving teams!



Many, many excellent door prizes were distributed.

The second shocker of the evening – Tom Einecke and Peter Jirik won the Banquet Tournament!!!



The Banquet was a lot of fun. It is always a good time when darters get together to celebrate. Thank you to all of you who came and partied. Those of you who missed it missed a great time. You should be sure you make the TCDA Banquet next year. Until then, throw well and have fun!¥

Karin Fischer 2005 TCDA SportsPerson of the Year

The TCDA Sportsperson of the Year Award is presented annually to that person that the Officers of the TCDA and the reigning Sportsperson of the Year determine has distinguished themselves in the past year in the areas of Sportsmanship, Volunteerism,

Participation, and Promotion of the sport of darts and of the TCDA.

This year the Sportsperson of the Year Award was presented to Karin Fischer.



She has tirelessly promoted darts and the TCDA. Karin worked tirelessly behind the scene to help make the Dartmania Tournament a success this year. She has put many, many hours into producing the Bull & Ton. She maintains order in the Pub Fun Triples League (some say iron fist, some say velvet glove). She has been storing and lugging around the TCDA inventory (shirts, shot glasses, beer mugs) for the past year. Karin constantly volunteers to help at TCDA events, doing whatever needs to be done. She is always been fun to throw darts with or against. To make this award particularly special, exactly 21 years ago Karin's late husband, Jack, received the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Karin now joins him on the trophy plaque.

Karin said that she was overwhelmed and almost, but not quite, speechless. She thanked everyone she has worked with and thrown darts with for making the TCDA such an enjoyable organization.



The TCDA congratulates Karin Fischer. She is definitely a worthy recipient of the TCDA Sportsperson of the Year Award. We all thank Karin for everything she is doing for darts in general and the TCDA in particular.



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2005 TCDA CHARLES F. STUTZ PRESIDENTIAL AWARD GOES TO PETER JIRIK

To commemorate his many years of involvement with the TCDA and as a legacy that will survive him, TCDA President Charles Stutz annually presents the Charles F. Stutz Presidential Award. This award is an annual discretionary award. The award is intended to bring recognition to the type individual who supports the TCDA, who volunteers and serves when needed, who supports organization events, who brings harmony to league play, who sets a sportsmanship example for others to follow, who regards others with respect,

and who is a thoughtful member of the TCDA.

This year the Stutz Award was presented to long time TCDA Vice President Peter Jirik. He has devoted countless hours



over the years to the details necessary to the operation of the TCDA. He and TCDA President Charles Stutz have worked as a team always looking to make the TCDA a better and stronger organization. His contributions to the TCDA are too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say that Peter Jirik is a true sportsman who embodies the qualities recognized by the Charles F. Stutz Presidential Award.

Peter thanked Charles and noted how special it was to receive this award from his friend and mentor. He noted that Charles and he had worked together as a team for many years and it was a tremendous honor to be the recipient of this award.

Charles Stutz and the TCDA congratulate Peter Jirik and thank him for his service and congratulate him on receiving the 2005 TCDA Charles F. Stutz Presidential Award. ¥

BANQUET TOURNAMENT SHOCKER!!

Einecke & Jirik Prevail!!!

Were pigs flying? Was it cold in Hades? Did Pawlenty suggest a new tax? Is the Apocalypse a little closer than we thought? Was Nostradamus correct in the largely unknown quatrain?

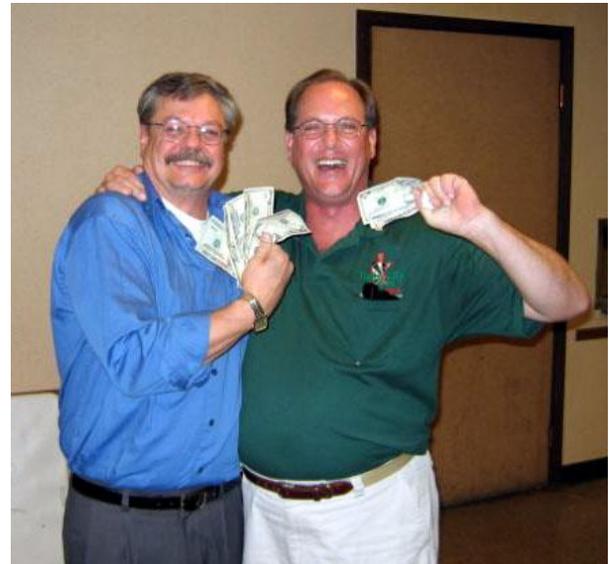
Two fools shall play and the field shall fall,
No guess is made that they will stand tall.
Objects sharp and true do fly
And as victors they shall take their bye!

Against all odds, against all reason, unbelievable as it may seem it is true; the 2005 Banquet Tournament Champions were:

Tom (Mr. Out) Einecke

And

Peter (21 years never out of the first round) Jirik



Peter actually hit the board with great regularity and Tom definitely earned the name of Mr. Out, he was hot on the doubles. Believe it folks; they were just as surprised as everyone else.

Congratulations to the surprising victors of the night and a hearty "well done" to Tom & Pete! ¥

2005 Mid-League Tournaments

Classic AA & C Mid-League

Minnehaha Lanes, November 1, 2005 –

On a cold and blustery night (or was it an unseasonably warm evening?), C League gathered for their Mid-season tournament. Of the 28 players in this league, seven were available for the festivities. Much to their surprise, AA was also gathering for their Mid-season tournament, with only five of 32 players available to play. (Please note – number of players available is based on number of teams in the league x 4). Novice tournament director Paul Cook took the opportunity to combine forces and create the first ever AA/C League Mid-Season Extravaganza!

Financial connoisseur that he is, Mr. Cook decided the prudent route would be to accept a per capita league contribution for the AA players. As a result, there was \$75 in league funds, \$60 in entry fees, and a bar match of \$60 – total purse was \$195. The payout was as follows:

- 1st – Mike H. (AA) & Tiffany (C) - \$80
- 2nd – Paul Cook (C) & Perry Daniels (AA) - \$55
- 3rd – Jared (AA) & Earl (C) - \$40
- 4th – Brian (AA) & Don (C) - \$20

The biggest highlight was Earl throwing 180 on his first trip to the board! Second, Perry Daniels took home the exorbitant sum of \$6 for throwing a high out of 86. Finally, Jeff Richardson, from C League, succeeded in selecting a AA league partner for everyone but himself. Unfortunately, but predictably, Jeff was eliminated in the first round.

We'd like to thank everyone who participated. The moral of the story is:

come to the Mid-season tournament, you'll make more than you thought!!

Respectfully submitted (and decidedly C League/Paul Cook biased)
Karen Ekstrum

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Classic A Mid-League

By Mike Morson

Classic A Mid League: Good Darts; Good Fun. Eight die-hard A Division players met at the Little Wagon for a friendly night of darts in the form of a double elimination tournament with a nice payout of \$90.00. First place went to Dean Hostager and Mike Anderson, with Greg Oldenkamp and Bruce Fink taking second; Andrew Morson and Cameron Quick receiving the third place payout. The night saw lots of very well thrown darts and many high scores and high outs. In the first leg of the night, Andrew recorded a high out of 73 which held until the last leg of the night when Bruce took away the honors with his 78 out. The A Division thanks the TCDA for contributing \$50.00 towards the evening, which sweetened the pot very nicely (for the winners!).

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Classic B Mid-League

By Sam Gamgee

Classic B division held their mid-season tournament at the Hat Trick Lounge on Tuesday the first of November. We had a fair turn out of twelve darters, all ready and anxious to lay claim to the top prize. We decided to play a six team round robin. All matches would be two out of three 501. As the names were drawn and paired up for teams, it quickly became obvious that there would be no easy matches this night.

As predicted most every match was hotly contested but when the last dart had been thrown and the legs tallied up it was the team of Jim Hunt and Jeff Hafner that found

themselves on the top of the heap. They were followed closely by Mark Wegmiller and Joey Jones that the top two teams were determined by virtue of the head to head tie breaker. Close on their heels, just one victory behind and in third place, was the team of Carl Piggee and Bill Woznak. We'd like to thank Mike and Chris Fish from the Hat Trick Lounge for hosting the tournament and for the veggie platter and wings that they provided for the darters. Thanks also to the TCDA for their contribution to the nights payout. I think I can safely say that a good time was indeed had by all. ¥

Pub Fun Triples Mid-League

The Wednesday Pub Fun Triples league held their mid-season tournament on Wednesday October 26th. Although this was the lowest turnout ever, we still had 14 players. Thanks to the TCDA and the Minnehaha Bowl, we had \$170.00 in payout money.

The results were as follows:

1 st place	Pete Franco & Al Dougherty
2 nd place	Tom Eineke & Dave Brooks (I hope I got the name right, he's new)
2 rd place	Jim Hunt & Uffda
4 th place	Gary Johnson & Karin Fischer

We put in \$9.00 for the high out and Jim Hunt (the animal) got it with a T24 out (triple 20, double 16, double 16). And it was against us.

Everyone had a good time and 8 out of the 14 players received money.

Karin Fischer
Divisional Advisor ¥