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**Sportperson of the Year, Stan Wartman
and
Stutz Award recipient, Greg Oldenkamp**

See inside for more on the Annual TCDA Banquet and much more.
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Greeting's from the Oval Office. Here I go with another in what has become a series of firsts for me, my first article from the Oval Office.

The last few months I have been in a state of transition. I'm still getting use to hearing myself referred to as "Mr. President". I have presided over my first board meeting, my first captains/general membership meeting, and signed my first official signature.

I want to take this time to thank everyone for their support, and a special thanks to Charles Stutz and Peter Jirik and the members of the Board for all their help and patience as I get my feet wet.

As I write this we are nearing the end of October. We recently held our annual dart banquet, which those of you who were there know was a very good time. I'd like to thank Margo Ulrich, Sharon Lohmar, Charles Stutz, Mike Anderson, Peter Jirik and the numerous people who pitched in to help set up and take down the dart standards for the tournament, there were so many of you that offered your help that I can't begin to name you all, however, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all of you who donated door prizes, to Joel Johnson for his usual outstanding job on the trophies and of course to the gang at the Eagles Club for their hospitality and the great meal.

Congratulations are in order for Stan

Wartman, our 2006 Sports Person of the Year, and to Greg Oldenkamp, our 2006 Charles F. Stutz award winner, You both have given a lot of time and effort to the TCDA for many years and are both very deserving of the recognition.

We are also rapidly approaching the mid point of another fall season. I'd like to welcome all the new members who have joined our league and encourage you all to help them to feel comfortable and to have a good time.

Until next time, Good luck and Good Darts.

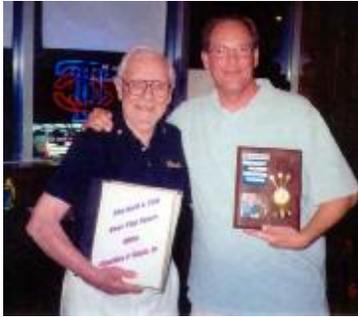
Jeff Hafner

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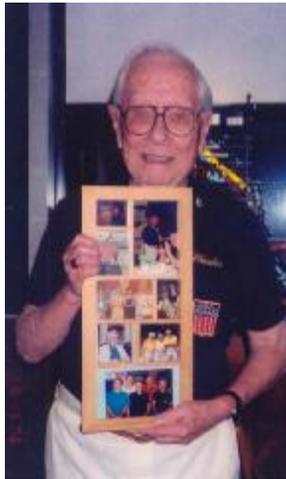
Here it is, Monday September 25th, and as Al said, we'd better get with it for the next Bull & Ton. So, first off I want to say how happy I am to still be able to attend Board meetings and contribute a little to the continued success of the TCDA. This was made possible thanks to Peter and the Board for granting me the title "Board Member Emeritus." The first two meetings I attended were a real pleasure, with business being conducted in fine fashion under President Jeff Hafner and assisted by Vice President Al Finnegan. I know they will supply excellent leadership for the TCDA. Let me add, it was strange not having Peter on board. We will miss him, but hope to see him again. We were sorry to lose Peter, but by the same token, we welcome newcomer Tim Wennermark to the Board and from all appearances, he will be a credit to the organization.

Let me take a moment to thank Peter Jirik for the wonderful gift “The Bull & Ton Over



The Years” – a beautiful bound volume with pictures covering my life as President. Thanks, Peter, it is a gift I will treasure

always. I also want to thank Karin Fisher for the gift of wonderful pictures framed for display. The pictures cover the many years of friendships I made on the Stutz Bearcat dart team. Thanks, Karin, it too is a wonderful remembrance.



Sometime after we moved to Minnesota in 1968, my son came home from work with a news article that he was sure would interest me. Sure enough, it was about darts. I had been playing since 1929 and to see darts getting underway in the Twin Cities was right down my alley! I called Ed Oetjen and was soon on a team and have been playing ever since, which brings me to the picture here which appeared in the Pioneer Press Sunday August 27, 2006. Need I say more?

On Tuesday May 30, 2006 I got the surprise of my life at the Little Wagon. My good friend Mike Anderson had arranged a little dart party for me, featuring the well known sports newscaster Eric Perkins and his cameraman. We had a really great evening, with Eric challenging me “Fast Eddie” to hit the bullseye in a game of 501. I shocked him with a pretty good performance (I hit it twice!) and we shook hands with congratulations going the

rounds. The segment aired on Perk at Play on Kare 11 news that very night! A star was born! Note the picture here of the yard sign my neighbors made for me shortly after they watched



my debut on network tv. It was nice of Mike to do this, and I enjoyed the company of a gang of my dart buddies who came to make the night even more of a pleasure, as they all played, had a few beers and a great time. It was a night I will always remember! It's on videotape, too, so I'll never forget!

I want to take a minute to thank my friend at Nabisco for the swell cartons of goodies that were donated for doorprizes at the annual banquet. They were the best ever and in nice, new cartons. Thanks again, Dee, for the work and effort in putting the assortment together for us. Everyone loves the Nabisco boxes!

Once again we want to thank Joel Johnson for the great job he does in preparing all the trophies for us, as well as for the nice “Stutz Award” trophy he does for me each year. He thanks the TCDA for the nice gift he received from us, and as a further gesture of his appreciation we went out for dinner (his treat) – lucky me! All and all, it has and always will be an amicable relationship.

Congratulations to Stan Wartman, winner of this year's Sportsperson of The Year award,



and to Greg Oldenkamp, the Stutz Award winner. It could not happen to two more deserving guys. That's it for now,

Board Member Emeritus Charles

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The 2006 TCDA Banquet

This year's dart's banquet was held on October 14th, 2006 at the Eagles club in Minneapolis, and as you would expect it was a night full of great entertainment and good food.

A lot of hard work went into making this year's banquet a success and I want to say "Thank You" to the banquet committee, Margo Ulrich, Sharon Lohmar



and Charles Stutz, to these 3 wonderful members who took time out of their busy schedule to put together a party like that well it just shows what kind of an organization we have with members like that.

There was something new to this year's banquet, something that has not been changed for quite a long time, and that is

our new leadership. I am of course talking about our newly elected President, Jeff Hafner. Everything comes with



change, and eventually even the TCDA has to deal with that to. I don't want to offend anyone here, but Jeff is in

someways like Charles, they are both soft spoken and have the ability to listen and show concern and at the same time manage to act responsible to the best of their ability, and make the correct decisions. Jeff is still learning and it will take him awhile but he will be fine. He has a lot of good people working for him on the Board of Directors, and together we will keep the TCDA moving forward.

Among all of the awards handed out at this year's banquet there were two very special awards that were given. The first was "Sportsperson of the Year". I am very happy to announce that this year's "Sportsperson of the Year" is none other than Stan Wartman. Stan is one of the nicest and deserving people who promote darts in the twin cities. I can remember way back in 1978 when I first started throwing darts that there was this darter who had this weird



kind of release, he would stand at the hockey and he would bring his arm back and it looked like he was brushing his hair with his flight and then throw his dart. To

this day when I am out and about at darts and people are playing cricket and there is a lot of scoring, there is always one line that is used and that one line goes like this, "Oh way to go Stan Wartman". I always thought that was an insult, but as I think back to Stan, he was feared by many as an opponent in the game of cricket, because if you didn't close your #s before him he would make you suffer to the point where you would just feel like giving up. That was his game and I see I have wondered off my article once again, sorry. Stan deserved this award, and I for one am very happy to have been apart of the process that brought that to him. "Congratulations Stan".

No I have not forgotten the other award. This award is called the Charles F. Stutz award. This years winner is Greg Oldenkamp. Greg has been a part of the



TCDAs for a long time, serving on the Board of Directors for many, many years.

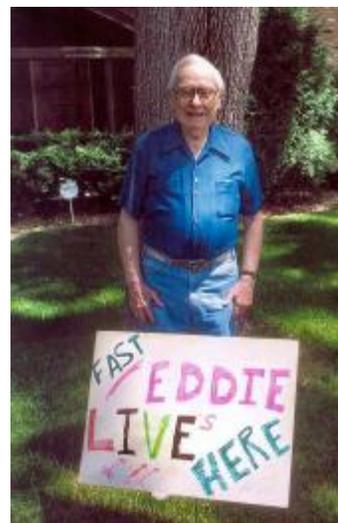
He is our Treasurer and with out Greg keeping tract of our money, who knows where we would be. I can remember back to I believe in the early 80's, when Greg was throwing in the K.I.D.S. tournament at the castle pub. He was in the group of young kids such as Dean and Dave Blake, and Tommy Tanberg. Wow those are some names to be reckoned with today. I can still remember when the TCDA came to Kelly Bliss and myself and asked us if we would start a program for the kids to get involved in the TCDA. So we did and I see I have wondered off once again, that will also be another article in the future. Wow I am just full of them today, see what you have to look forward to in the future.

Anyway, Greg has worked countless

hours for the TCDA and he has given his time over and over again. He is another reason why this organization is so strong, with out volunteers like Greg and Stan and everyone else who work behind the scenes, the TCDA would not be here. Please show your appreciation to these 2 fine individuals who give and give and don't ask for anything in return. Take time out and say "Thank You". It mite not seam like much to you, but to all of us who donate our time to keep this organization going, it means a lot.

There were a lot of old faces that I recognized. It was like old times sitting there listening to "Fast Eddie" at the microphone, and then it hit me.

Oh My God, the reason I recognize all these old faces in the crowd is because I myself have become one. I think back to when I started throwing darts, it was 1978, my very first



tournament was called a "minage - a - trios", and I thought this was going to be a very fun night. That was the very first time that I had met Karin Fischer. I was so nervous, being the first time I had shot darts in any form of competition. You always remember your first time and that stands true here as well. Karin was so nice and respectful and kind to me even when I was throwing my darts off the wall. My other partner was a gentleman called "Radar" (his real name was Gary Bergman). The place for the tournament was a 2 story building in beautiful down town North St. Paul, it was the home of the TCDA for many years called the "Castle Pub". Ok, I know I have to get back to the banquet, I will save that story for another article for the Bull & Ton in the future.

Pictures from the banquet, teams with trophies, and tournament

I am mentioning the old and new faces at the banquet because it is very important. The new faces are the future of the Twin City Darts Organization. I don't want to put any pressure on them, but they have to fill some pretty heavy shoes. From what I have seen from them, they are going to be just fine. It should be noted here that there were a total of 28 darters from the Wednesday night in house league at the banquet. That is awesome, and to be honest here, I only know a few names, but believe me they don't hold a candle to no one in the TCDA. These "Young Guns" have game and they bring it every Wednesday night to darts. I am very proud to be apart of the Wednesday night league.

As I start to wind down on this years banquet, I want to stop for a minute and say "Thank You" to all who put their time and effort in to making this a fun time for everyone. Congratulations to all of the members who took home plaques for 1st and 2nd places in your division. I enjoyed seeing everyone who came, it would have been wonderful to have had many more members come to the banquet, but for those of you who could not attend, let me say you missed a lot of fun. Don't worry, I took lot's of pictures for your enjoyment. If anyone would like a copy sent to them, E-Mail your request to me and I will do my best to get it to you. My e-mail address is hostfather2003@msn.com

Alan E. Finnegan

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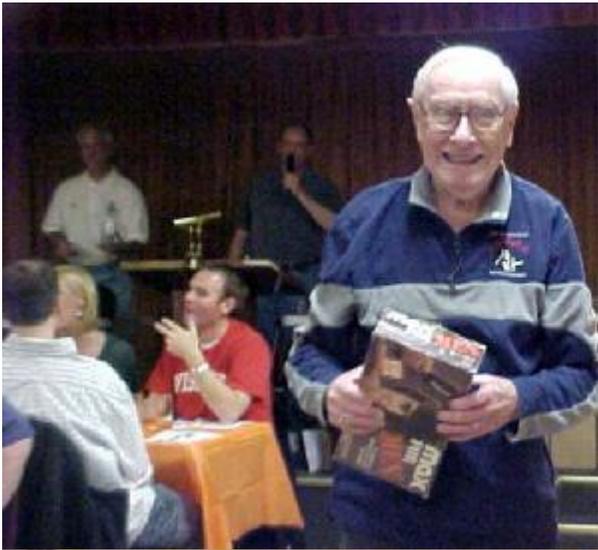


The members were not the only one's surprised at Charles' pick for the Charles F. Stutz award.













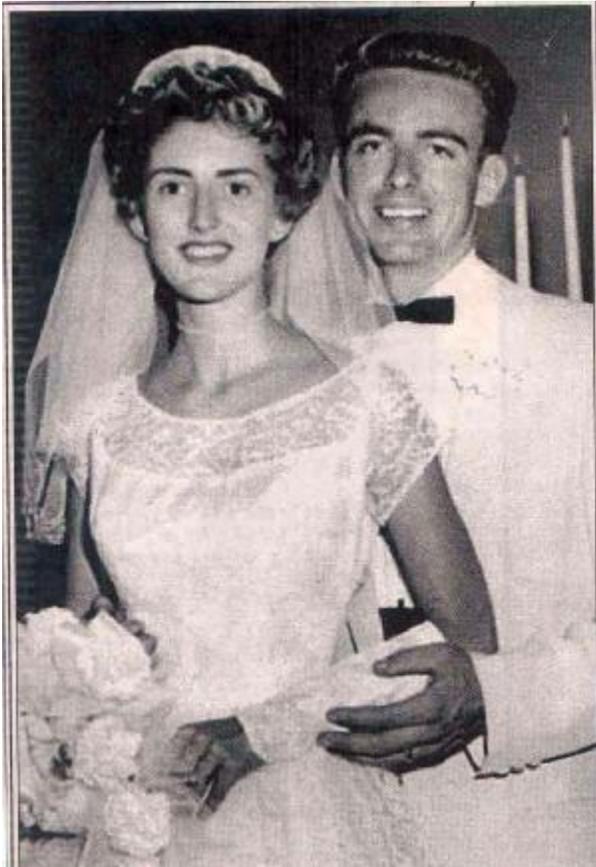
by their children at Lake Latoka in Alexandria, MN.

The couple met in Washington D.C. in 1954 while Ed was in the US Navy and were married on August 25, 1956 in San Bernardino, CA while Ed was attending college on the GI Bill.

Ed is a 1960 graduate of the University of California, Riverside. The growing family returned to the DC area in 1961. Ed worked for the Department of Commerce. He later joined Control Data Corporation to take an assignment in Heidelberg, Germany. After a couple of European tours with the company, the family settled in Apple Valley, MN where they lived for twenty five years.

Ed retired in 1988 and Sally followed in 1996. They then relocated to Nevada and have resided in Sun City MacDonald ranch, Henderson for the past ten years, where Ed is actively in writing an eight volume family history of both his and Sally's families. Sally is involved in quilting, gardening, aiding neighbors and E-Mailing family and friends daily. She is also an accomplished and enthusiastic Bocce player.

Their immediate family includes daughter Amy Carlson and husband Lincoln in Otsego, MN; son Eric and wife Connie in Eagan, MN; and son Lewis and wife Nora of Alexandria, PA. They boast six grandsons, Brenden, Jaeson, Evan, Garrett, Nathaniel and Calvin; and one granddaughter, Claire. ¥



Mr. and Mrs. Otjen

Thursday last, Edward and Sally (Lewis) Otjen celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a family gathering hosted

Shoot Well and have Fun

I have opened my big mouth and inserted my big foot. I have volunteered to write an article for the Bull & Ton.

When I tried to think of a subject, path, thought, to write about, my essay rambled on and on. I have backed up and started,

restarted, and restarted again. But I promised the editor an article by Friday (THIS FRIDAY).

Shoot well and have fun is something I have said at the start of each game for as long as I can remember. I mean it too. This is what darts is all about for me, I TRY to shoot well and I always have fun. I don't really care if I win as long as I can be competitive. I, like many others hate to be skunked. It happens now and then, more now than ever. So when that happens I'm not really having that much fun. We all say "nice dart" even when it seems to be pulled out of an orifice. I say "nice pick", because it's always nice to get at least one dart to go where you want it to. My own teammates can attest to my brutal honesty, but it's just to lighten the mood.

The "Irish" Rogues has been around for over 25 years, the current team is just one variation of the group. 25 years of shooting well and having fun. I hope that we as a team can keep the legacy going.... Shooting Well and having Fun, because if we can't there will have to be a recruiting drive for the Rogues. AND they will have to shoot out of The Spot Bar.

I have written my article and that's it. Thank you everyone for the good times on Tuesday and now Wednesday nights.

Mark LeMere 1590

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Big Bucks, Big Money!

An old concept, play better darters to play better darts, Once a month we will get together with eleven other good darters and play round robin for some dough.

Back in the 1970's we called it the "Minnesota Monthly Master's", " then in the 1980's I believe they called it the " Pub Master's", " we want to know if there is any

interest in it now ?.

Let me explain how this works, 12 players, \$50.00 entry fee, format is as follows, Round Robin 501, 301, Cricket, the pay out's are as follows, \$200.00 for 1st place, \$150.00 for 2nd place, \$100.00 for 3rd place, \$50.00 for 4th place and \$25.00 for 5th - 8th places.

We will create a waiting list so each month the top 8 from the previous month and the top 4 from the waiting list are invited to play, there will only be two excused absences allowed, after that you go to the bottom of the waiting list, if you are a 1/2 hour late or a no show then you sacrifice your \$25.00 that you paid to get on the list, then you will have to pay another \$25.00 to get back on the list, all players eligible will be contacted at least 3 days prior to playing.

We will start signing up people who are interested at the All Classic League Combined Mid - League Tournament being held on October 31st, 2006 at the American Legion Post 39 in North St.Paul.

With enough interest we would start playing on Sunday November 19th 2006, at the American Legion in North St. Paul, if you are interested and want to sign up you can contact Jim Hunt at 651-777-8488 and leave a message or talk live to him at his work place that number is 651-777-1717

I want to make this clear that this is not a TCDA event, it's open to all darters, weather you play steel tip or electronic or woodies.

Thanks to the Bull & Ton for posting this message

Jim Hunt and Tim Wennermark

Big Bucks, Big Money
Organizers

From The Desk Of The Vice President

Hello Darter's, this is my first official article as your newly elected Vice President and there are a couple of things I want to say.

First, I would like to thank each and every one of you who voted in the election. I look forward to working for all of you and representing the Twin City Darts Association with the utmost respect. I want to be a voice for your concerns. If you have a question that you would like answered or you have any concerns you would like to have addressed you can send them directly to me and I will do my best to address your situation promptly. I am including my E-Mail address later in this article and I encourage you to not hesitate to contact me.

With the Fall season well under way, I am very happy to announce that we have 14 new members in the TCDA. They are playing in the Classic Divisions and in the Pub Fun Triples. Please take the time to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcomed in our Organization.

Since we have a number of new members, I thought it would be a good idea to address the "Chalker's Etiquette". We all remember the first time standing in front of everyone and trying hard not to embarrass our selves by subtracting numbers and not making any mistakes, Remember that hollering or screaming at a chalker's mistake is poor sportsmanship. Mistakes happen to everyone so please act accordingly.

Chalkers Etiquette

From ARTICLE XIV of the TDCA Rules and Procedures

I) The following basic rules shall apply to all Chalkers:

1) Remain still. Do not talk or move about while keeping score.

- 2) Do not look at the shooter.
- 3) Stand or sit facing the scoreboard.
- 4) Do not lean out to see where a dart is, or follow the darts with body or head movement until after a shooters last dart has been thrown.
- 5) Do not call out the score of thrown darts, or the score remaining – unless asked.
- 6) Do not tell a shooter what to shoot, or what combinations to shoot, for an out.
- 7) Do not show signs of disgust or excitement when chalking.
- 8) Be impartial.
- 9) Do not change the sides of the players on the scoreboard in three-leg matches. If a player or team starts on the left, leave them on the left, regardless of the diddles.
- 10) All chalking shall be done on scoreboard in view of shooters, not behind them at a table.

The Chalker is the unofficial referee for any Darts match. Chalkers are volunteers. Chalking is a skill that takes time and practice to learn to do correctly; but it is nothing to worry about. The worst you can do is make an error in subtraction and that is not a big deal. It is the thrower's responsibility to verify the score before removing darts from the board. Errors in arithmetic by the chalker will stand as written unless they are corrected prior to the beginning of that side's next throw. This rule is often waived in the interest of good sportsmanship.

The most important thing to remember when you are chalking is to always face the dartboard. Never turn and watch a thrower throw his/her darts. Try to limit your movement while chalking and refrain from drinking your beverage while a leg is in progress. If a thrower ASKS you may tell the thrower what he/she has shot at that point. The chalker is not permitted to give advice or an out sequence to the shooter.

I hope this information will help our new members and remind the current members about the rules of chalking. Always remember that darts is a game, it is a night for friends to get together for a few hours and have some fun competition.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming weeks, good darting to everyone, and remember if you have a

question or a concern that I can help you out with feel free to E-Mail me at hostfather2003@msn.com

Alan E. Finnegan
Vice President
Twin City Darts Association

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