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**The 2013 State Tournament Champions,  
Anita Groen and Dan Heffernan**

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## **From the Oval Office**

Hello fellow darters,

Well here we are coming up to the half-way point of the spring season, truly, where does the time go. It is great to see everyone once again on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A huge congratulation goes out to our tournament director Chris Grieman and his whole tournament committee for a fantastic job on this year's State Tournament. I won't go into detail because I know you will get the full details in Chris's article. Just let me say that it was a huge success and congratulations go out to all who participated in this year's tournament, and of course congratulations go out to all of the winners.

T.C.D.A. member John Jenkinson is looking in to putting together an in house league for western Wisconsin. This is a big step for the T.C.D.A., good luck to John.

It is with a heavy heart that I mention to you that we have lost a T.C.D.A. member, Dennis Wells has passed away. Dennis played in the Wednesday night Pub Fun Triples division and was the husband to Carlene Wells.

Before I continue this, I want to say a few words about our past President Steve Millman. Personally, I was looking forward to working with Steve. I've had many people who come to me with these great ideas, fantastic ideas, however when I say to them "that's a great idea, when do you want to start working on it", time after time I would hear "we'll I don't want to do it, I'm telling you so you do it". With Steve it was a different story. Steve would follow through with his ideas. I have a lot of respect for Steve, he truly cared about putting the T.C.D.A. first and foremost, not that we don't, but you could and still can see the passion in his eyes. Steve, sometimes things just aren't the way one would want or expect them to be. I for one miss your ideas, your compassion for our beloved T.C.D.A. Hopefully one day you'll bring that compassion back to the Board of Directors. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday nights, good darts my friend.

As I close this I would like to reinforce to all of you that the T.C.D.A. has fantastic pub sponsors. The next time you want to enjoy a night out on the town, keep in mind all of the fine establishments that promote our game of darts, you can find all of them on the T.C.D.A. Website.

I look forward to seeing everyone on a Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday night, and don't forget our annual Dartmania tournament is right around the corner. Keep up to date with all the happenings on our T.C.D.A. Webpage. Until next time, good darts to all.

Alan Finnegan  
President  
Twin City Darts Association

## Dennis Michael Wells



As mentioned in Al's article, Dennis Wells passed away. He played in the Pub-Fun-Triples division. He and his wife Carlene are long time T.C.D.A members and supporters. Dennis, you will be missed by many.

"Wicanhpi Wiyakpa (Bright Star)" Age 63 of the

Mdewakanton - Dakota Tribe of Prairie Island and the Saginaw - Chippewa Tribe of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, died on November 7, 2012, at the Mayo Health Systems - Red Wing Hospital.

He was a tribal member of Mdewakanton-Dakota Prairie Island Indian Community, a member of the Minneapolis Pipe Fitters Union, a past Commander of the VFW Post #246, a past department Commander of the M.O.P.H., a board member of the National Eagle Center, and a Member of the Red Feather Society.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Carlene Wells; four children, Tammy (Rickey Garcia) Wells-Garcia, Herb (Miriam) Wells, Benjamin (Verlin) Wells, Sabrina Pavin; numerous grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four siblings,

Richard Wells, Buddy (Sharon) Wells, Lylis (Loren) Siegel,

Doreen Hagen; extended family and many, many friends. Dennis was preceded in death by his first wife, Deborah Kay Wells; parents, Leo and Beatrice Wells; one brother, Jody Wells; and two sisters, Denise and Janice Wells.



## Tenney Little's Memorial Benefit Tournament



Tenney Little, son of Adam and Ashley Little and brother of Henry, passed away from childhood cancer. There was a memorial benefit tournament held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at The Dog House Bar & Grill. There were many things going on to contribute to the event including; prize raffle, beer keg wrist bands, taco bar wristbands, bake sale, and of course darts. Both steel and soft tip darts were played.

The event was very well attended with 20 participants in the steel dart tournament and 14 participants in the soft tip tournament. There were several people who played in both tournaments. The steel tournament winners were issued Certificates of Appreciation while the soft tip had cash payouts. I am very proud to say that the winners in the soft tip tournament donated their winnings back to the benefit. We wish to thank them for doing this. We also thank everyone for their participation.

Thank you to all of those who made this event possible and for their hard work to put the event on. Thank you to our sponsors, The Dog House and J.J. Taylor Distribution for providing the venue, taco bar and beer keg, and Merrick Inc. for their assistance in the raffle. Thank you to Kristi's Kitchen for preparing and selling the bake sale goods.

The event raised almost \$2,000.00 for the Little family. There were several donations, including a donation by the T.C.D.A. that totaled an additional \$700.00 for a grand total of nearly \$2,700.00. All proceeds were given to the Little family to help with the extensive medical and other expenses. ©

### Pictures from the Memorial Benefit















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## 2013 T.C.D.A. State Tournament

With this being my first article as your Tournament Director, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of our members that came out to shoot in the T.C.D.A. Minnesota State Tournament that was held February 16, 2013. This tournament would not be possible without your support. I would also like to give a great big Thank You to the tournament committee for dedicating their time to the planning, transporting, setup/teardown, registration, supplies, and the running of the brackets for each event. I hope each and every one of you had a great experience with friends, peers, and competitors. Before I move forward to start planning next year's MN State Tournament, the T.C.D.A. will be hosting the Annual Dartmania Extravaganza coming up April 12-14, 2013 which will be held at Jimmy's Food n Drink in Vadnais Heights. MN.

As I move forward as Tournament Director, it is my goal to supply YOU our members with fun, as well as competition to your own ability, and locations that everyone can come out to enjoy. I am sure the majority of you know that I also play soft (plastic) tip darts in which I am continually working to bring more players over to steel tip and to join our membership, thus creating more and more competition within our leagues and tournaments.

Again, Thank You all for your support and don't forget to start getting ready for The Dartmania Extravaganza, come and get us Canadian's.....hehehe

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## 2013 T.C.D.A. State Tournament Results

### Luck of the Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Ryan Loch/Bob Haft

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Chris Grieman/John Jenkinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Joe Haller/Tyler Pinks

### Women's Doubles 501

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Lori Pardee-Cushing/Kirsten Neumann

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Deb Van Oppen/Crystal Ray

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Anita Groan/Margo Ulrich

## Men's Doubles 501

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Bob Haft/Tom Tanberg

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Mike Nelson/Ryan Loch

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Chris Williams/Dave Jankowski

## Women's Singles 501

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Anita Groen

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Lori Pardee-Cushing

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Deb Van Oppen

**Open Singles 501**

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Dan Heffernan

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Mike Nelson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Mike Karels

**Men's B Singles 501**

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Joe Pacillo

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Anders Lindberg

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Dan Thomas

## **Jules H. TOLLIN**

Jules passed away suddenly on Wednesday March 6, 2013. In case you are not sure if you remember Jules, let me tell you a little about him.

Jules played for many years on Dotty Norton's team out of the Top Hat, which is now called the Hat Trick, in downtown St Paul. I remember him best for always playing the song "Rawhide" on the jukebox and singing along with the song every time. He continued to be at the Hat Trick even after he stopped playing darts. I would always say hi to Jules when I saw him.

Here is the information from the obituary.

Age 60, Jules H. TOLLIN of Saint Paul Passed Suddenly on March 6, 2013. Reception: 6 - 8PM, Monday, March 11, 2013. "Celebration of his life renderings" at 7PM at 4343 Nicollet Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55409. (612) 825-2435