

NEWSLETTER

Capital City Classic

Have you registered for your place in this years tournament?



General Membership Meeting

The Austin Dart Association will be holding a general membership meeting on February 26, 2005. The meeting will be held at the Austin Moose Lodge at 5 PM with a blind draw tournament following at 7 PM.

All members should attend this meeting as there will be important association business conducted including picking the new name for our group.

This is your chance to provide feedback on the operation of the league and a great opportunity to catch up with all the other dart players.

The Austin Dart Association is happy to announce this years Capital City Classic to be held February 11, 12 & 13th at the Holiday Inn South in Austin. It promises to be an exciting tournament

with at least \$7600 in prize money up just waiting for you and your best dart game. For more information please see the announcement online at <http://www.ton80.com/ada/events/cc2005.jpg>.

HAVE YOU CALLED THE DARTLINE RECENTLY?

Some of our new members may not have heard of the dartline (444-DART) operated by the ADA. This line provides you important dart information with everything from weekly schedules and notices

of tournaments and meetings. In addition team captains can submit match results to make sure your team receives the proper credit for all your wins.

TEAM AVERAGES AND PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS

For the Silver league, if someone comes up to you as a captain and says "Can I sub for you?" Answer with the classic businessman's reply: "I don't know, but I can find out". Substitution players must not raise the team average above 3.0 (the league divider Gold/Silver Spring 2005) for the night and this is how to figure it. Each person on the team has an average that was given to the captains at the beginning of the season. Take highest male average, double it, the highest female's average, double it, then add all the numbers together and divide by the number of players.

For example: Given the Tuesday team Fred (2.7), Joe (1.5), Mary (2.5), Sally (1.7), Tom (2.0), and Harry (2.1)

The team average is $(2.7*2 + 1.5 + 2.5*2 + 1.7 + 2.0 + 2.1) / 6 = 2.950$

Now, say, Tom is out sick and you have a sub whose average is 2.16 - can he play? With your team average being that close to 3.0, we'd better check it out.

The team average *for the night* is $(2.7*2 + 1.5 + 2.5*2 + 1.7 + 2.16 + 2.1) / 6 = 2.977$ - just squeaks by.

If the subs average was 2.8 the equation would look like this:

$(2.7 + 1.5 + 2.5*2 + 1.7 + 2.8*2 + 2.1) / 6 = 3.1$ - clearly too high for Silver league play

Jim Coupal has a spreadsheet, if you are Excel capable, for which you can find out for each person on your team, "If this person is out, what is the highest male or female player I can use as a sub?". If you figure it out once, write it down, and have it with you at league, then you will always be ready. Jim will e-mail out the spreadsheet and have his laptop at first CPB meeting for you to look at your team if you would like.

Contact Jim for any questions on this procedure or consider asking the question at the CPB meeting since others will probably have the same question.

3RD ANNUAL "IRONMAN BULLSEYE SHOOT"

When?: Sat. - April 2, 2004 - Board Times will be assigned according to your schedule.

Where?: Shenanigans - on Pond Springs Road

What is it?: Kinda like a "walk-a-thon" except its as many bulls you can hit in one hour. The clock does not stop once it starts.

This event is a fund-raising effort for both the Association and a local charity which will be determined very soon. The players go and get "pledges" for their performance....5 cents per bull and if you hit 100 bulls is \$5....you can also accept flat fee pledges as well...\$20, \$10 any amount. It is always interesting to hear the feed back from the participants. We have had those who have a couple of pledges, but want to hit 300 bulls-eyes, and then you have those who want to hit 100 bulls, but have 80 people pledging.

If you would like to participate and need a pledge sheet / or have any questions, please contact

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Meet the ADA Board of Directors

PRESIDENT - HILARY CULLEN

Happy New Year Everyone !

On December 11, 2004 at the General Membership Meeting, a new board of directors was elected according to the terms agreed upon at our previous GM Meeting in May 04 where the joining of the ADA and CCDA was voted in. We have a really great crew who volunteered for the positions and each one of them brings their own special talents and knowledge to the Board. They have jumped in with both feet and the excitement and dedication that they have already exhibited is contagious. I am looking forward to working with each one of them in the upcoming year.

Speaking of the upcoming year we have a busy agenda. Here are some of the highlights that you can look forward to:

Feb 11-13, 2005 is the Capital City Classic at the Holiday Inn South

April – we will host the Ironman Bullseye Shoot

April - start of a New Player / Beginners Wed Night Regional Pub League

June - Freedom Tournament

Oct – Halloween Tournament

Dec – Christmas Party and Tournament

I am going to attempt to visit all of the teams this season during league so I can introduce myself to those of you I have not yet met and catch up with those who I have not seen in awhile.

It will be a pleasure to serve as your President for the next two years! The board members and myself have a bright and fun future in our sights for the Association. I am a firm believer in communication and that is the number one thing on the agenda that I'll be focusing on for the Association this year. We on the board are interested in including the membership in any and all aspects of participation that you as a member would like to be a part of....our Board Meetings are open for the members to attend and we typically meet on Monday's the week prior to the CPB Meetings at 7:30 pm at the Austin Moose Lodge. You are invited to attend, listen, participate and hopefully get you to even volunteer to help out on occasion. Please feel free to contact me:

Hilary Cullen – 923-6743 or e-mail: h_cullen@yahoo.com (there is a _ between h and cullen). If you are planning to attend a BOD Mtg, it would be a good idea to confirm the date, time and place with me prior to coming out, in case of a schedule change. I hope you are as excited about 2005 we are!

VICE PRESIDENT - JOHN "HOOT" HOOTEN

GREETINGS FROM THE VP!

My name is John "Hoot" Hooten and I have pleasure of serving as your Vice President for the next year. Some of my duties include organizing the tournaments that we host, equipment upkeep and inventory, and various other duties. I am also have a position with the "ADO" American Dart Organization which is the Regional Director for our Area III-I which consists of basically the bottom half of the State of Texas. Our participation as an Association in the regional shoots (on the association level – Qualifiers) is a focus of mine this upcoming year. The Association has a wonderful and motivated ADO Representative this year and

together I look forward to gaining more participation and momentum as an Association on both the Regional and National level.

I was given some “projects” to work on the first quarter of the year, and the largest of those projects is:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT REGIONAL PUB LEAGUE:

I am currently looking for 4-6 people to act as regional representatives for this league. The league is designed to bring in new players who have never played before and want to learn, the player on the bar stool at his local neighborhood pub that plays once a week during happy hour, or the player who used to play a long time ago and wants to “get their game back”. This league will be utilized as a springboard for teams to move into a Tues or Thurs. night league team arena. Also, this league is being formed in an effort to increase our membership base. There is nothing like the excitement of a beginner when they hit their first Ton or Q. The Regional part of this league is that the teams will not have to travel more than 10-15 minutes driving time from their home pub. We'll host a championship match between the regions at the end of the season. It should be a very exciting project and inaugural season for all involved. If you are interested in being a regional rep, please contact me:

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SECRETARY – JENNIFER BALDERRAMA

As the Secretary of the dart association, one of my main functions is to act as the custodian of the records, organizer of certain events such as the Summer Picnic, Christmas Party, and I am also responsible for keeping the membership list current. At every meeting the minutes from the prior meeting will be available for review. I would appreciate the membership updating me of any changes in address, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses so that we can make sure our records stay current. Please feel free to contact me at: Cell: 413-9350 / E-mail: rincab@hotmail.com

****Also, we are going to develop a sub list, so please contact me with any additions to that list as well.****

TREASURER - EVELYN BROCK

Hello Association, My name is Evelyn and I have been newly elected as your treasurer for the year 2005. I have been a member of the ADA for about 15 years now. I have been on the BOD in several different positions, such as; League Coordinator, Statistician (when the stats were done on a typewriter), and now as Treasurer. I look forward to this new year with an outstanding BOD in place. I guess I should tell you a little about myself, I am a single mother of a 14 year old daughter named Elizabeth. Her and I just moved into a house in Round Rock and are loving every minute of it. I am currently enrolled in the University of Phoenix to get my Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Currently I only have an Associates Degree but have been working with accounting for the past 15 years. I am also on a ladies only pool league that shoots out of Shenanigan's on Sunday nights. I like to keep busy, I work Monday thru Friday at a full time position as an Account Manager for a CD and DVD Manufacturing plant. On the weekends I am a Leasing Director at an apartment complex off of Metric Blvd. I also am a bookkeeper for a delivery service two weekends out of the month. I like to keep very busy. I look forward to an exciting year ahead with the BOD and the association.

LEAGUE COORDINATOR - JIM COUPAL

A full introduction from Jim will appear in the next newsletter.

ADO REPRESENTATIVE - ELAINE BOHLS

A full introduction from Elaine will appear in the next newsletter.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - TRENT STEVENS

Hopefully you're still reading as you reach this part of the newsletter. If so then I'll consider this newsletter to be a success! As communications coordinator my top priorities are this newsletter, the dart line and Internet communications (email and website). As part of the effort to start growing the league back to it's former size communications will play an important role. If you have any suggestions or feedback to improve communications please let me know. You can always reach me at ccda@trentstevens.net or for urgent matters at 289-2418.

Darts Hit the Big Time but Keep Their Beer-Soaked Roots

Excerpt from an original article by Lizette Alvarez showing the new popularity of darts. For the complete original see <<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mp1world/2993632>>

URFLEET, England, Jan. 7 - Phil (the Power) Taylor cocked his head slightly, eyed the dart board and, ignoring the soused crowd and the fog of cigarette smoke, sealed the match with a perfect flick of the wrist. But this was no ordinary game of darts relegated to a quaint local pub, where the stakes are more often measured in frothy pints than in pounds sterling.

Showcasing the game's newly acquired razzle-dazzle, tournament players including Bob (the Limestone Cowboy) Anderson, Wayne (Hawaii 501) Mardle and Kevin (the Artist) Painter - tramped into the spacious Circus Tavern here in this London suburb last week with all the flourish and gusto of heavyweight boxers.

With buxom blondes on their arms, theme tunes pulsating from loudspeakers ("I Got the Power") and colored spotlights swirling, the players, clad in boxy, custom-made shirts, ambled to the stage through the screeching crowd of 900 mostly drunken fans. The winner, the legendary Mr. Taylor, who cornered his record 12th world title, took home £60,000 (\$112,000), a sliver of what he earns on the circuit and from endorsements.

More important, the match was televised by Sky Sports, seen by at least two million British viewers and was piped into 500 million households worldwide. Darts even registered its first pay-per-view head-to-head match last November, between Mr. Taylor and the much loved Andy (the Viking) Fordham, with the promise of another not too far off.

"Darts is a cross between a Springsteen concert and professional wrestling now," said Sid Waddell, a longtime commentator, embellishing just a smidge. "It's a sport that needs dramatic lighting, and heavy rock music punctuated by the intensity of the crowd."

While purists may tut-tut, there is little doubt that this new formula - not so different from the repackaging of poker in America - has revitalized the ailing game of darts and captured international attention. China and Japan, where fans enthusiastically mob British dart players for their autographs, have embraced the sport with particular vigor. China formed its first national dart organization last September, and 250,000 members signed up right away.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE GUERRA

Joe recently competed in the National Deaf Dart Tournament. While players from all over the nation competed, Joe was the only player from Texas. Joe took 3rd place in doubles, 2nd place in cricket singles and 1st place in 501 singles, making him National Champion.

Joe has been invited to the World Deaf Dart Championships and asked to be the Chairperson for next years USA Nationals.



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