

HOWARD COUNTY DART ASSOCIATION



HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

HCDA is a not-for-profit social dart organization whose main objective is to coordinate dart functions and activities in Howard County and the surrounding area while promoting the sport to those who are interested in playing. HCDA welcomes anyone with an interest in learning or playing darts. Join us and enjoy both the social and competitive aspects of team play.

We charge a membership fee of \$12.00 per player due upon joining HCDA and, again, annually at the beginning of each Fall Season. This fee covers the administrative costs of running the League as well as ADO sanctioning. Additionally, there is a \$24.00/person season fee due at the beginning of each season which allows us to provide both team and individual awards as well as an end of season party. The end of season functions are free to those who played during the season and paid their season fees; guests and non-shooting members are welcome to these functions but a guest fee will be charged. These events could be held at a participating establishment or at an outdoor "picnic" type venue and will typically include food, beverages and a Luck of the Draw. We typically play 3 seasons: Fall, Spring & Summer.

Teams consist of a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 players. Each team has a "Home Bar" that they have chosen to shoot out of. Teams are placed in the division which most matches the aggregate skill level of the team members. If you don't have a team, don't worry! We will do our best to match individuals with teams of similar skill level. If we cannot find a team for you, we can add your name to the "Sub List" maintained for players that have not yet found a team or cannot commit to a weekly schedule but would like to be involved in HCDA darting.

We currently have two divisions. "A" division consists of our most skilled shooters and is highly competitive. "B" division is more relaxed – but don't let that fool you! These guys are still competitive and very knowledgeable about the game. If we have enough new members, we would happily field a "C" division that would entertain the social shooter out for an evening of fun and camaraderie.

Team captains are chosen by the members of each team and are responsible for maintaining the pace of play, completing and submitting the weekly score sheets, arranging any re-matches as necessary, and responding to any questions of rules, conduct or sportsmanship that may arise. The team captain is required to attend the Captain's Meetings held at the beginning of each season where the Team Packets containing Rules, Score Sheets and any other information pertinent to the upcoming season are distributed.

HCDA matches are played on Wednesdays beginning at 7:30pm. Matches typically end between 10:30 and 11:00pm...*at least that is the goal!* The typical format is:

- Four singles “Cork Calls” matches, closest to the cork calls the format with choices of 301 (double in, double out), 501 (straight in, double out) or Cricket – best 2 out of 3 games
- Four singles “Cricket” matches - best 2 out of 3 games
- Two doubles “501” matches, straight in, double out – best 2 out of 3 games
- Two doubles “Cricket” matches – best 2 out of 3 games
- One team “701” single in, double out everyone plays – 1 game

This is a “travel” league with a balanced number of home and away matches based on the number of teams in each division per season. Below is a list of venues currently partnering with HCDA:

- **Golden’s Sports Bar & Grill** – 8801 Baltimore National Pike (Rt. 40 East), Ellicott City, Maryland 21043, phone 410-480-2994 – 10 boards available
- **Oliver’s Old Towne Tavern** – 531 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707, phone 301-490-9200 – 4 boards available
- **Triple 9’s Bar & Billiards** – 7450 Washington Blvd (Rt. 1), Elkridge, MD 21075, phone 410-799-1818 – 4 boards available

If you are interested in joining HCDA head out to one of the above mentioned facilities some Wednesday night, introduce yourself to any of our members and see what we are all about. There is also a non-HCDA Luck of the Draw held at Golden’s every Saturday beginning at 5pm.

For information on joining HCDA, visit our website – www.hcdadarts.com – where you will find contact information for any Board Member, league announcements and links to items of interest.

HAPPY DARTING!