

# Dayton Darting Association

Spring Newsletter 2010

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### WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TEAM CAPTAIN.

There are certain responsibilities that come with this title...I'm going to touch on a couple of particular interest to me.

First of all, we have captain's meetings for a reason. We would like to be able to pass on valuable information at these meetings. Information within your packets that no one seems to know is there. There are forms for certain situations that we expect one and all captains to fill out when a situation arises. Calling and telling a board member of your intentions is not enough...get verbal approvals, fill out the paperwork, so your players can be legal. I ask that all captains show up to the Captain's Meetings when humanly possible. Board members and myself will be available to answer any questions if discussions are necessary.

Secondly, we are requiring that captains fill out all fields on team applications. If you do not have the information readily available...wait until you do. If an application is not filled out in full the captain will receive a phone call from a board member to get the information. We are trying to keep our records up to date, including home address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. If the particular person does not have an email address simply fill in the field with N/A (not applicable). Then we know not to bug you any further if info is not available. We are making every effort to get the information about the DDA out to every member...so please try your best to cooperate.



Bryan Furrey,  
DDA President

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### SUMMER 2010 IMPORTANT DATES

May 23.....	SUMMER APPLICATIONS DUE At Banquet
May 27.....	SCHEDULING MEETING 7pm @ DE&D
June 3.....	CAPTAINS' MEETING 7:30pm @ King's Point Pub
June 7.....	MONDAY Fall League Begins
June 9.....	WEDNESDAY Fall League Begins
June 10.....	THURSDAY Fall League Begins
June 15.....	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DE&D
July 20.....	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DE&D
August 17.....	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DE&D

### SUMMER 2010 FEES

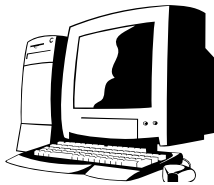
Monday.....	\$20 Team
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Thursday.....	\$50 Team
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**Remember to include the email address for ALL of your team's members so that they can receive notices, read newsletters and keep in touch with the DDA!**

**How to Play "27"**

A great game for practicing your doubles

This is a game of ALL doubles. You are going to throw 3 darts at each double from the "1" to the "20" and finish on the double "bull" - with a twist in the scoring!

- 1) Write the number "27" on the board for your starting score.
- 2) Throw 3 darts at the double "1". For each one that hits, score 2 points (the value of the double you're shooting at). If you miss all three, deduct 2 points (again, the value of the double you are shooting at) from your starting score of "27", leaving you "25". Move to the double "2" and continue.
- 3) Go through all the numbers adding and subtracting from your score. Go in sequence through the numbers from "1" to "20" and end on the "bull".
- 4) You *can* end with a negative score, but whatever you have, write it at the top of the board and try to beat it with your next round.

Practice using this game and your doubles "out" game will surely improve! For more thoughts, see Lou's **Words of Wisdom** on the last page.

**KATZ**  
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*Katz is a fun, casual place to enjoy watching sports, play darts or pool, listen and dance to Dayton's finest live music, or just kick back and relax with a drink.*

*We have dart leagues every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday night. If you're interested in joining a Katz team, stop in and ask any bartender or waitress!*

**STOP IN AND TRY OUR  
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1221 East Stroop Road, Kettering, Ohio 937-294-9554  
 Mon – Sat 11:00am – 2:30am [Closed Sundays]

UPCOMING LIVE MUSIC

May 7 .....	Bad Neighborz
May 8 .....	Groove Crew
May 14 .....	Last Call
May 15 .....	Spungeworthy
May 21 .....	Uncle Rico
May 22 .....	Funky G & the Groove Machine
May 28 .....	Out of Time
June 4 .....	Beowulf
June 5 .....	5 Story Plunge
June 11 .....	The Difference
June 12 .....	Shadowlife
June 18 .....	Funky G & the Groove Machine
June 19 .....	Groove Crew
June 25 .....	Spungeworthy
June 26 .....	Daliantz

Schedule subject to change.  
 For latest info call 294-9554



**HUNGRY? KD's Kettering BBQ is next door**  
 Monday-Saturday 11am-10pm [Closed Sunday]

**DAYTON DARTING ASSOCIATION**  
*WINTER 2009 DIVISIONAL SINGLES RESULTS*

**Gem Division: 1st – Larry Butler**  
2nd – Jason VanZant  
3rd – Steve Manger  
4th –Mike Brooks

**Gold Division: 1st – Tony Taphorn**  
2nd – Ron Harris  
3rd – Alan Blevins  
4th – Bill Gast

**Copper Division: 1st – Dan Good**  
2nd – Donnie Heikes  
3rd – Randy Carpenter  
4th – Mike Jones

**Blue Division: 1st – Ron Sherman**  
2nd – Mark Guillett  
3rd – Travis Koehler  
4th – Chris Howard

**Green Division: 1st – Tracy Staton**  
2nd – Joe Womack  
3rd – Greg Reed  
4th – Gary Duibley

**Yellow Division: 1st – Mike Hadley**  
2nd – Glenn Juillerat  
3rd – Mike Callahan  
4th – Jeff Patterswon

**Pearl Division: 1st – Jason VanZant**  
2nd – Mike Brooks  
3rd – Lou Lovash  
4th – Wayne Wells

**Sapphire Division:** (no one showed)

**Topaz Division: 1st – Ken Chipman**  
2nd – Mark Kyle  
3rd – Bill Gruesbeck  
4th –Beth Yinger

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If you would like to advertise, have suggestions for content/current events or have general comments for the editor, all correspondence can be sent to: mark@linemarkcommunications.com or you can call (937) 254-9763 during the workday.

**SUPPORTING STEEL DARTS...*That's the point!***

# Darts and Tradition.

Hank's Pub has been a lifetime supporter of The Dayton Darting Association. It has become tradition that each night of the week darters from every walk of life come to throw darts at Hanks. Hanks appreciates the loyalty, memories and traditions created by each one of you.

*Thank you for your continued patronage.*

## EVERY TUESDAY 1-9PM BEER-4-A-BUCK

*While your here get some grub too!  
Specials will vary from week to week.  
For the latest info call 254-7527.*

## New darters are always welcome!

*Come in and talk directly to Hank!*

### UPCOMING LIVE MUSIC

Fri. May 7 ..... Rick & Woody - 2 Guys  
Sat. May 8..... Final Analysis  
Fri. May 21 ..... Sonic MoJo  
Fri. May 28 .....Brown Street Breakdown  
Fri. June 4 .....Ira Stanley & Rockin' Horse  
Sat. June 5.....Randy Church/Mid Life Crisis  
Fri. June 11 ..... Rob Snyder & Bottoms Up  
Sat. June 12..... Sonic MoJo  
Fri. June 18 ..... White Rabbit  
Sat. June 19.....Harlet  
Fri. June 25 .....Brown Street Breakdown  
Sat. June 26..... Band Metal  
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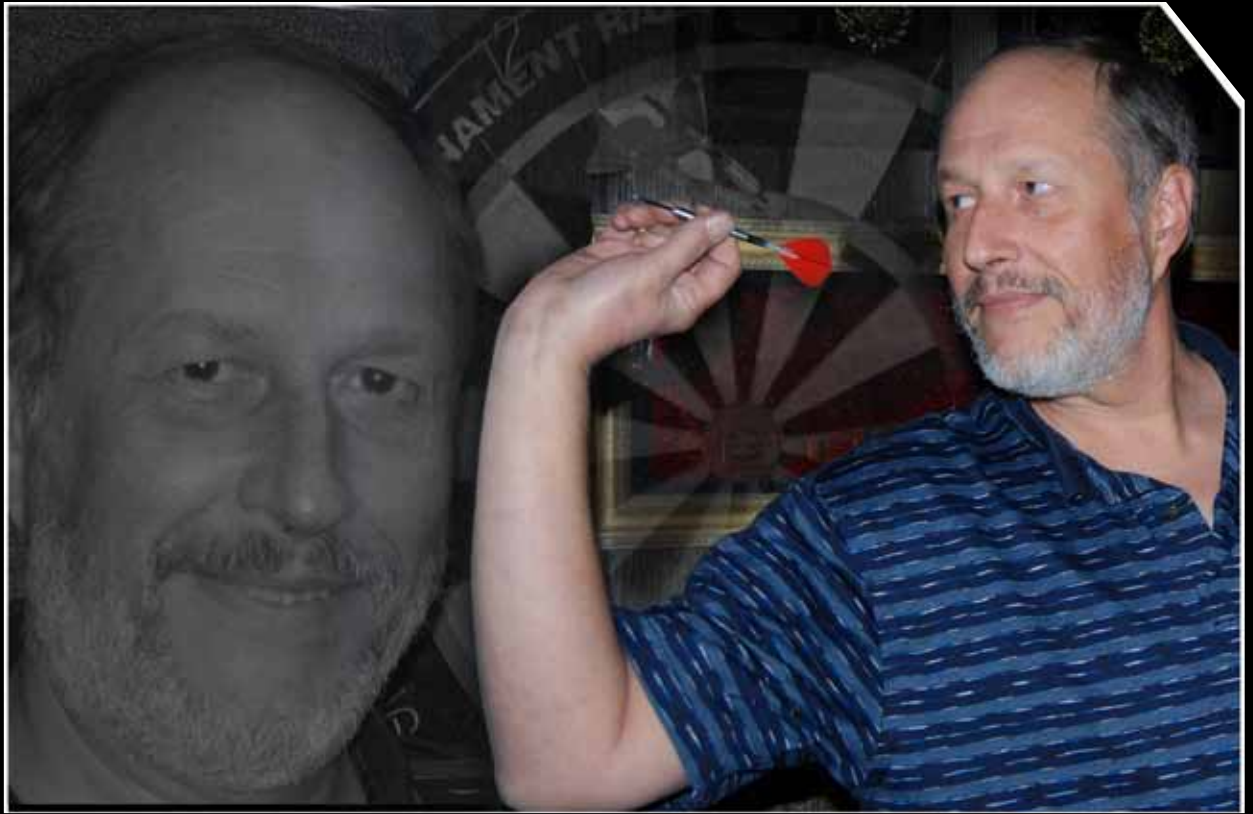
As always, Hank's Pub is proud to sponsor The Dayton Darting Association.

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## DDA SPOT-LITE

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### RON SHERMAN ON THE LINE

This SPOT LITE personality is as likely to be found outside of the bar staring up into the night sky as he is standing at the line and staring at his next target. That's because Ron Sherman is a man of many interests - an avid darter, a dedicated husband, a full time nursing student, as well as one of the area's leading amateur astronomers!

Ron's love of darts was stirred up in 2004 after he married his wife, Ildiko, who is a friend of Teresa Wesselman. Teresa was shooting soft tip out of Big Shots in Middletown and Ron and Ildiko would come along to watch and cheer her on. As we all know, you can't spectate too many times at darts until someone asks you to sub - and that's exactly what happened to Ron. When they realized he had the talent for it, they put him on the team and he ended up throwing with them for a year and a half.

Having known Chris Wahlrab since the '80's, Ron wasn't terribly surprised when Chris and DeLynn Mills invited him to throw in a summer league with soft tip darts. That experience led Ron "cross over" to steel and join Hank's Sunday night internal league where he is a strong, consistent member of his team. 2009 was his first year in the DDA where Ron captained the "Cluck You" team in the Blue Division on Thursday nights.

When asked what has been the most interesting thing about steel darts to this point, he quickly mentioned that at his very first captains' meeting, there was a luck of the draw afterward. By coincidence, the world recognized darter, Ronnie "The Rocket" Baxter was there with Larry Butler and Ron drew him in the draw.

As the President of the Dayton Astronomical Society from 1999-2004, you would expect Ron to have his head in the stars. But the truth is he's a man of many interests, from computers, to movies, to having a dark amber beer in a mug! So the next time you see Ron and have questions ranging from biochemistry, to getting rid of the 'evil' squirrels in your backyard, to what's the best out shot to take, just ask him - you'll get a friendly, down-to-earth answer from the DDA's resident star gazer.

# You Can Never Have Too Much Of A Good Thing!!

Here's a few more shots from the All Stars that we wanted to share



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Third, within the DDA there are rules that are fairly straight forward and easy to follow. Sometimes there will be issues that simply need to be worked out between captains that do not need rule changes or clarification from the board...things happen, situations change, etc., the rules are set for the major issues within the DDA so when there is a small issue we ask that you try to work it out like adults. When an issue is unable to be agreed upon at that level, then I ask that you get a board member involved...but only after trying to resolve the minor issue amongst yourselves. An example of what a minor issue is can be as simple as writing two people in for one event because someone has not shown or will knowingly be late...if agreed between captains...that person shows up late and plays...if that person does not show the other plays. This is one of the more simple issues and most frequently dealt with that we see. Everyone comes to dart night to throw darts...not to deal with a bunch of drama (well most). So if we can all work together and try to reduce the amount of friction in these cases it would be much appreciated.

Last, I would like to thank everyone for being sportsmanlike. Treating everyone professionally will help us to all co-exist and hopefully encourage others to join and grow our organization.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation,

*Bryan Furrey*



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DUE  
WITH  
TEAM  
APPS!**

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every week if you  
don't turn them in!**





## SO WHAT'S THE DAVE SERVIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ALL ABOUT?

For those of you that have known Dave for a while, please pardon this writer's amazement at his many accomplishments. Like many people you meet throwing darts, there is much more to Mr. Servis than a good darter and nice guy.

Like some others, I had known that Dave has been involved in the DDA for many years. But as I sat with him to learn more about the award that's named after him, a greater story unfolded - an original founder of the DDA, an ex-air force officer that has lived around the world, a man that speaks several languages, an area high school coach and a world class pole vaulter, who's currently in the top 10 in the world in his age bracket - that's all Dave!

His natural athletic skills and long, lean build took him through high school and college competing in track and field. His proficiency in pole vaulting was combined with his facility for languages and he ended up assigned to NATO through the US Air Force, traveling Europe and competing on various AF track and field teams internationally. While living in Germany, Italy and Greece, Dave was competitive in the Pentathlon (5 sequential events), the Decathlon (10 events) and his favorite, the Pole Vault event. At that time, using a steel pole (today they are made of flexible fiberglass composites), Dave was ranked in the top 7 vaulters in the world and had broken the world height record in practice several times. Only a bad car accident in Germany in 1969 put an end (at least for a while) to his track and field career.

Dave was stationed in Crete when he was transferred to Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton in 1970.

And that's where "our" part of the story takes up, because luck combined Dave with Bob and Pat Rogge and Bob and Sandi Brinkley, reputed to be Dayton's original darters.

Dave had played overseas, so he knew a bit. Sam Bowers became Dave's dart mentor, teaching him techniques and the value of "knowing his numbers". These friends and a handful of others would meet, play games and eventually even held a tournament in the basement of one man's house in Oakwood! Wanting to draw in more players in a structured format, a team of four players split up and found three more players, giving them four teams. In 1972, the DDA was officially formed, with Dave serving as a board member for the next 8 years. Dave's first team was the "Untouchables", and they were!

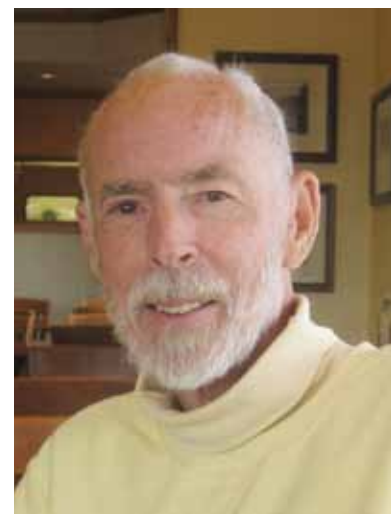
Through the rest of the 70's and well into the eighties, Dave competed nationally and was consistent ranked in the top darters in the country. He doubled with Billy Nicoll Jr. and others, becoming the region's Unicorn Pairs Champion and winning the Ohio Cricket Championship. Basically, Dave played the best players in the world and won regularly. He did it through hours of daily practice, a facility for learning from good players, and always "remembering those numbers" as Sam had told him to do.

In 1999, Dave's good friend, Carl Kreuzer, presented Dave with the first ever DDA Lifetime Achievement Award, reading a short poem he wrote for the occasion and presenting the unique award, which features a drawing of Dave in one of his sillier (skiing) outfits and his darts plunked, as always, in his glass of scotch and water. (why did he always do that, I asked: "Because I didn't have a pocket in my shirt.") Dave in turn presented the second award to Ellie Nicoll on behalf of her and her husband at the banquet in 2000.

Dave still darts regularly, coaches high school pole vaulting, and is currently ranked 6th in the world in pole vaulting in his age bracket. A lifetime of achievements - *you bet!*

### **Dave Servis Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients**

- 1999 Dave Servis**
- 2000 Bill and Ellie Nicoll**
- 2004 'Hank' Duff**
- 2007 Lou Lovash**



Dave Servis

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### TEREASA HARRIS ON.THE.LINE

She's the pretty girl with snacks for her team and a smile for everyone, but a tough, shrewd opponent at the line - that's our own 'Miss T', Tereasa Harris. Born into the dart-throwing Wahlrab family (yes, Chris is her older brother), Tereasa learned early that she not only has a talent for throwing, but that she loves the numbers aspect of the game as well.

Tereasa joined the DDA in the mid 1980's and ended up at her first All Star Tournament a couple of years later. Win, lose, chalking or rooting, she has been there every year since and always has a great time. In 1987 she was invited to join the traveling "Gem City 10" lady's dart league. Champion teams from Cincinnati, Indiana, Kentucky and Dayton would meet, throw all day, go out dancing to unwind and then head home the next morning.

While working for Bill Sr. and Ellie Nicol at the Dartboard Shoppe, Bill crafted her a custom set of 33 gram smooth barreled darts and Ellie engraved "Miss T" on them - a set she treasures yet today. Tereasa attended tournaments throughout the area then, often placing and winning with those darts and her doubles partner, "Shell" Hixson-Bishop. By 2000, Tereasa earned the position of DDA City Champion.

Tereasa met Ron Harris at the 1994 All Star Tournament and married him in September of 1997. They have 2 children, Cassady (11) and Camron (9), but ended up parting amicably after 7 years. Tereasa subbed one night for Hank's Saturday night league and threw with Rob Cox and Earl Gregory. They ended up keeping her on their team, and Earl ended up keeping more than that! Tereasa and Earl became an item and now have a beautiful son, Michael (4). Tereasa is in her 16th year of working for Dot's Bellbrook Market, still throws league every week, and still loves the game as much as the day she started.

A DDA trustee for 3 years, Tereasa is a perfect example of the quality players we enjoy in Dayton!

## WORDS OF WISDOM ON [ PRACTICE ]

Practice is often the BIG question - Should I practice at all? How much should I practice? What's the best way to practice?

Tough questions and no absolute answer . . .

I don't know how anybody else does it, but all I know is I don't do it enough. I'm not disciplined enough to have a set routine, so i just try to have a couple good competitive sessions of at least two hours twice a week.

In my opinion, it's not good to throw hundreds of darts at a board wih no particular target in mind unless you are working strictly on the mechanics of your throw and not the competitiveness of the sport.

So I guess the way to practice is to shoot every dart like it's the last one you have because the other guy is ready to take out the game...so before each throw you need to look at the situation of the present game and think, "*What is the absolute best thing I can do with my next dart?*"...and always try to take your mind to that type of thinking. It should come natural after a while, just like anything else you practice..

One other thing I have found to be good practice is to play the game 27 (the rules are on page 2 ) because in that game only doubles count and if you don't hit any, then you lose. The good thing is, when it comes time to hit that critical double in a game, you can think back to just having recently played 27 and that you hit that particular double, so you *know* it's very possible to do. And that knowlege gives you the confidence to repeat the hit and win the game.

The other thing that should probably be part of practice is some kind of way to rate your progress. I've found that if you play the same person or people regularly, you'll improve, but it may not seem like it because all of you are getting better.... so maybe something like throwing 10 games of 501 & tracking how many darts it takes on a calendar - then repeating that each week - may show your progress better.

Lou Lovash



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