

Dayton Darting Association

Winter Newsletter 2012

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VAN WHAT ?

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IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK A LITTLE.

A note to anyone who expected to find the letter from the DDA President here. Sorry about your luck. Mike Hadley, our DDA President, does lots of things for our group, but writing a column just isn't one of them. So blame him for whatever you read here after this.



Mark Needles
Newsletter Editor

The sport of darts is different in that it's both an individual sport and a team sport. You depend on your team as much as yourself. But there's a silent partner that you rely on as well - one that we don't always consider when we are out throwing - and that's the bar itself.

The bar owners supply the location, the boards, the heat and the lights. They offer drinks and maybe food, they pay team fees and make space for us. If we were kids, we would basically be living in their basement!! But no matter how much any bar feels like "home", bars are businesses. They run on profits and losses the same as any other business. They constantly try to offer different activities and products to see what draws the most customers inside and makes the most money. The jobs of the bar staff as well as the very existence of the bar itself rely on selling their products - drinks, food, lottery, etc. - and making a profit each month.

The person you normally deal with the most is the bartender. Most bartenders often make either zero hourly wage, or only enough to cover taxes, therefore they rely almost entirely on your tips to pay their own rent or buy gas for the car. The standard tip

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WINTER 2012 IMPORTANT DATES

January 5	CAPTAINS' MEETING 7:30pm @ Hank's Pub
January 9	MONDAY Fall League Begins
January 11	WEDNESDAY Fall League Begins
January 12	THURSDAY Fall League Begins
January 17	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DEAD
February 21	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DEAD
March 20	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DEAD

WINTER 2012 FEES

Monday	\$20 Team
.....	\$10 Sponsor
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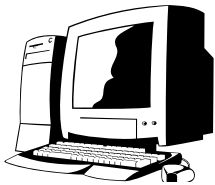


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How to Play "Scram"

A great game for practicing your doubles

This is a great game for two players that uses all of the board. One person scores while the other blocks. Then you switch roles and match scores at the end!

- 1) Write the numbers from 1 to Bullseye in one or two columns on one side of the board. Diddle to see who is the "Blocker" and "Scorer". Blocker always goes first.
- 2) The blocker throws three darts anywhere into different numbers. Each number that is hit is "blocked" and you strike it out on the board. The scorer now throws three at any numbers that are still open and totals the value hit (trips and doubles count as such). That score is written on the other side of the board.
- 3) Once all the numbers and the bull's-eyes have been blocked, the score is totaled and the round is over. The roles now reverse and the original blocker tries to score points while the original scorer blocks numbers. Whoever has the higher total score at the end of two rounds wins the game.

Options for more skilled players might be to only consider triples or doubles as counting for blocking or scoring - have fun and enjoy the practice!

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!

Katz Crazy Hours Mon - Sat 3 - 8pm
 \$1.75 Favorite Domestic Beers
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Katz Lounge

1221 East Stroop Road, Kettering, Ohio 937-294-9554
 Mon - Sat 11:00am - 2:30am [Closed Sundays]

LIVE MUSIC @ KATZ

January 20	Spungewurthy
January 21	Crooked Style
January 27	Metal Of Honor
January 28	5 Story Plunge
February 3	Likwid
February 4	Midget Moses
February 10	White Rabbit
February 11	The Hathaways
February 17	Tommy Girl
February 18	Highway Junkies
February 24	Southern Justice
February 25	Spungewurthy
March 2	Higgins Madewell
March 3	Shadowlife
March 9	Hey There Morgan
March 10	5 Story Plunge

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



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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

*During our very popular "Blues Jam"
For the latest info call 254-7527.*

New darters are always welcome!

Come in and talk directly to Hank!

UPCOMING LIVE MUSIC

Fri. January 13..... Wade Baker Blues Band
Sat. January 14.....Killed By Art
Fri. January 20..... Bottoms Up
Sat. January 21..... Johnny & the Redneck Rejects
Fri. January 27..... White Rabbit
Sat. January 28..... Freak Show
Sat. February 4 The Defendants
Fri. February 10 Kills & Thrills
Sat. February 11 Frank Grimes
Sat. February 18 Caution Dog
Sat. February 25..... Pocket Rockets

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As always, Hank's Pub is proud to sponsor The Dayton Darting Association.

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DDA SPOT-LITE

In every issue of the DDA Newsletter, we will highlight one darter from our Dayton Darting family. If you know someone that promotes darts, is interesting, or is just someone you want to know more about and you would like to nominate them for the next DDA Spot-Lite, feel free to contact me at mark@linemarkcommunications.com.



JOHAN VAN KERKOERLE ON.THE.LINE

Love at first sight may be an old saying, but sometimes it does happen. So when Betty, a lifelong Kettering native, went to Chicago for a 2003 soft tip tournament, she expected to throw some matches and have some fun, but did not expect to meet her future husband as he played for the Dutch National Team.

In his hometown of Sint Oedenrode, Johan was known as a natural athlete. He favored hand/eye sports and was a competitive ping pong player as well as a member of an international archery team. "It just comes naturally to me," says Johan. "I started throwing when I was 21 or 22 and I just used those little darts they keep at the bar." Johan eventually started going to tournaments, then winning some (then a lot), and finally trying out for Holland's national dart team, a position that offered a trip to Chicago U.S.A. to throw in the Bullshooter Open.



Betty's story may sound a bit more familiar. A student from Fairmont High School, she graduated from Ohio University. While working at a her first job, several of her coworkers invited her to watch while they played electronic darts. Several weeks into this routine, one of the team's players had to quit and Betty was coerced into replacing her. "I played softball all through high school so you can image what my throw looked like", she laughs. "But it got better." She practiced and played and in 2003 decided to go to Chicago to try her hand at the Bullshooter Open.

Following a cross- Atlantic courtship, Johan moved to the United States in 2005 and he and Betty were married. The couple started throwing together in league in 2006 in the Silver division out of Kings Point Pub. Since then Johan has been recruited on to Zippers' team in the Gem Division while Betty will be throwing out of Kings Table. Both Johan and Betty have thrown together in the Monday night league and still enjoy throwing mixed matches together at tournaments.

But their latest project has little to do with darts and everything to do with each other. In March of 2010, Betty gave birth to their first child, a beautiful little girl named Savannah. And again, it was love at first sight for both of them.

Not A Bad Showing At All!!

Dayton takes Second at the 2011 All Stars



The 2011 All Star team made us all proud with their strong second place finish.



Held in late November at the Ramada Plaza on Morse Road in Columbus, the Quad City Challenge follows the Buckeye Open tournament. Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland and Dayton compete in the annual event.



From the boards to the hotel rooms, we have assembled a sampling of the many cell phone shots that were taken throughout the event. Our thanks to anyone whos' snapshot we used and sorry to anyone who submitted a picture that didn't get used!



My thanks to Kelly Juillerat, Jerry Atkins, Toni Carmack, Ray Siebel, Dean Lucas and others for helping gather the snapshots!

And a note to Tony T. - please pick up your camera again!!





Dayton Darting Association's 2011 All*Star Team

Men's Team:

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| 1. Larry Butler: 2573 | 13. Bill Gast: 2014 |
| 2. Johan VanKerkoerle: 2446 | 14. Tony Schwartz: 1954 |
| 3. Murdock Sutter: 2368 | 15. Lou Lovash: 1921 |
| 4. Jason VanZant: 2342 | 16. George Lyday: 1913 |
| 5. Scott Buckley: 2332 | 17. Dave Keeley: 1869 |
| 6. Gary Duibley: 2310 | 18. Tony Taphorn: 1861 |
| 7. Dayton Strawbridge: 2306 | 19. Ray Siebel: 1823 |
| 8. Tim Nicoll: 2137 | 20. Spanky Manger: 1819 |
| 9. Wayne Wells: 2114 | 21. Jeff Fluty: 1756 |
| 10. Tom Poliquin: 2109 | 22. Shawn Campbell: 1743 |
| 11. Jason Jarvis 2073 | 23. Scott Spille: 1697 |
| 12. Glenn Juillerat: 2066 | 24. Brad Williams: 1650 |

Alternates:

25. Bandit: 1649

Coach:

Jerry Atkins Jr.

Women's Team:

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| 1. Jessie Winkle: 1632 |
| 2. Toni Carmack: 1565 |
| 3. Janet Poliquin: 1562 |
| 4. Betty VanKerkoerle: 1496 |
| 5. Kim Nicoll: 1374 |
| 6. Rhonda P'Pool: 1340 |
| 7. Mel Mooney: 1298 |
| 8. Sandy Manger: 1278 |
| 9. Chantrell Webb: 1225 |
| 10. Dawn Eaton 1192 |
| 11. Britt Bitzer: 1158 |
| 12. DeLynn Mills: (City Champ) |

Alternates:

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| 13. Kelly Juillerat 966 |
| 14. Michele Siebel: 870 |

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is a minimum of 15%, but don't be afraid to go 25%, 30%, or even 50% or more! Even if you get a free water, drop a buck on the bar for the bartender. Remember, bartenders work hard, put up with a lot of crap, and are trying to make a living too. Also, in talking with some local bartenders, they say that the better you tip, the quicker the service, and the better quality of drink you'll get.

There's a common line of thought with darters that the bars and owners that host us "owe us" something to retain our loyalty - team shirts, cheaper drinks, DDA fees, etc. But if you really believe that, then you have to stop and consider what you "owe them" in return.

“...what should they do? Charge a cover or rent you space at an hourly rate?”

Just like any other businesses, pubs/clubs/bars need to make money. Most bar owners struggle to keep their doors open and provide a fun place for people to gather. But they only make money when people are buying THEIR products - so if you're bringing your own soda into the bar, you're basically slapping them in the face. Same goes for food if the bar offers menu items for sale. And it is just common sense that if you're going to the parking lot to drink some stash of alcohol from your car in order to save on drink prices, you're not going to be a welcome customer.

Like most things, it *is* a two way street. Bars need to reciprocate by keeping boards and lights in decent shape, and can offer specials or even house rounds to their home teams.

But from the bar's point of view, they're paying a fee each session for each team to play out of their establishment. They are buying boards, and using up valuable floor space on top of paying for rent, heat, lights, liquor licenses and taxes, etc.. So if you're coming into their bar and not spending any money on any of their products, why would they continue to support darters? In the case of a steel-darts pub, what should they do? Charge a cover or rent you space at an hourly rate?

Here in Dayton, we're fortunate to have some bars that live and die with darts, but they can go away very quickly if we don't support them the way they support our great game. If the dart pubs aren't making money, they may need to look into other avenues, such as bands, karaoke, DJ's, soft-tip machines, and even just closing up shop altogether. These pub owners have taken on all the risk of a darts venue that we can choose to play in, and as a dart community, we owe it to them to help them stay in business simply by buying their products while we're there throwing on their boards.

I'm last to advocate that we all drink more alcohol, especially with the rash of DUI's we've seen among league members, but I am suggesting that we all stop and take a moment to remember that the bars you throw in have to meet their obligations and depend on you to be able to do that. So buy where you throw, and tip your bar staff well! We'll all benefit in the long run.



TUESDAY NIGHT
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Lou Lovash Fills Two Marketing Niches with Success

Many of us know Lou Lovash as “the guy that has the dart store” in Kettering. But then you notice that all the DDA meetings are held there, that he’s on the board of trustees, the coach of the ALL*STAR team works there, and the team you played last week all got their team shirts there. And *that’s* when you realize there’s more to the story than it seems.

The same goes for Lou himself. Originally drawn to Dayton by the concentration of electronics companies in the late ‘70’s, Lou embarked on the first of many different careers. He worked as a circuit board assembler/designer and spent his off time at AJ’s High Spot in West Carrollton where he “learned that I really liked drinking beer” and playing foosball. And when they replaced the foosball machines with electronic dartboards, Lou made the switch to darts and discovered he was pretty good at it.

In 1982 Lou moved to Los Angeles to work on flight computers for F15 and F16 fighters. While there, he joined the Southern California Dart Association and threw every day, gaining skills and confidence. When the contract ended in ‘84, Lou returned to Dayton and was approached by beginning darter Steve “Spanky” Manger to throw on a Blue Division team out of *The Lion’s Den*. They won, jumped to Gem Division and never looked back. Lou then began a series of careers (all involving Dayton darters) and left electronics to join Greg Ford in a remodeling enterprise. In ‘95 J.J. (Jackson), the owner of *The Dart Train*, convinced him to leave the construction trade and manage the *Dart Train South* for “six months or so” - a gig that ended up being five years long. While there, they branched out into embroidery, eventually ending up with an additional retail embroidery store in the Dayton Mall.

In 2001 he again followed a fellow darter into his next successful career - this time in Tool & Die. But by 2006, the latest opportunity presented itself and Lou co-founded *C-Dub’s*, a small dart supply shop, with (you guessed it) well known Dayton darter, Chris Wahlrab. Lou ended up taking over the store and needed to change the name to better reflect the product line (the initials were unplanned - he noticed them after he registered the name!). And **DEAD** was alive!

The backbone of the shop is the wholesale embroidery business - Lou’s staff have provided everything from team uniforms to the Dutch Lions professional soccer team to athletic wear for teams and schools throughout the region. Lou’s wife Jan runs the counter, bookkeeping and purchasing elements of the business while Jerry Atkins Jr. is in charge of setting up and running the embroidery equipment. The dart supplies are a labor of love - and provide a focal point for darts and darting in our area.

So stop in, buy some supplies and tell Lou you read about him. Just don’t try and tell him any new Zombie jokes - he’s heard them.

Above: Lou, Jan and Jerry make up the staff of DEAD. If you need any darting supplies, this is the place!

Below: Jerry Atkins is the embroidery technician. Here he sets up another run of sweatshirts for a local high school.





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DEAD RECKONING ON [GETTING ALONG]

Usually I ramble on about the brain and how it deals with the game of darts, but another thought that comes up a lot is "Why do you play darts?".... And more specifically, what about those of us that are not there to get better all the time? Maybe a big part of the game for why we play is:

- to get out of the house
- to spend time w/friends
- to get hammered
- to annoy other people
- to play darts
- to be a social butterfly
- for the competition
- to promote the sport
- don't know why I am here
- don't want to be here

There is no one right reason to participate, so you and your opponent may be there for completely different reasons at operating at different levels of intensity and excitement. Your opponent may not be as concerned as you about the score of the match or of a particular game.... keep this in mind during the next the dart season. You may encounter some or all of the different motivated "darters" listed above.

Just try to get along, because I think most people are here as an escape from the stresses and problems of everyday life. Remember we all have our reasons...so when somebody gets really excited to beat you, maybe they simply thought they never would be able to accomplish such a feat. Or if you find that somebody is annoying, maybe that's the reason they're here & then it's your choice if you want to let them win & allow them to annoy you more....

In the end, I guess we all just need to adapt a little and put up with each other the best we can. We have some members with distinctive personalities and others that are larger than life, but we are all united in our love of darts - for whatever personal reasons that we play.

So much for the big picture in this season of brotherly love... next time I'll get back to the usual subjects...darts & your brain...

Lou

Oh yea, while I'm here, think about this too: Try to understand that when things are changed or rules are made, the intent is always to make our league a better experience for everyone - again, not a reason to get instantly upset...



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