

DAYTON



DARTING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

WE DID IT!

To the exhilaration of DDA President Denny Haws and the relief of Treasurer Mike Coogan, the Dayton Dart Open and Ohio State Championship drew to a close on Sunday night with the filming of the awards presentation for local television. As the task of breaking down the portable stands and cleaning up the hall began, there was still excitement in the air. Even with the work yet to be done, the tournament workers could just not stop smiling. Every where you turned you would hear, "We did it!"

Our bylaws state, "The object of this association shall be to develop and promote the sport of English darts in the Dayton area...". That's what the tournament was about. Without a major sponsor, the DDA was able to put on a tournament of this magnitude with the hard work of everyone who worked on the tournament, the local business people who sponsored boards and bought program ads, darters from all over Ohio, and most importantly the members of the DDA who turned out in numbers never before seen at a local event.

In a shocking turn of events since the tournament, Tournament Director Bill Nicoll Sr. suffered a heart attack on October 3. I know that I speak for all Dayton darters and his many friends throughout the entire dart world when I wish Nick a speedy recovery. Ever the dart enthusiast, Nick woke up and said to his wife Ellie, "Boy, am I glad this didn't happen before the tournament." We're all behind you, Nick. Get well soon!

REPORT FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

by Bill Nicoll Sr.

The Dayton Dart Open and Ohio State Championship was held the weekend of September 12, 13 and 14, 1986. I'm happy to report that it was a rousing success. From it's beginning in the early part of 1986 the committee, comprised of the Board of Directors and some other outside help, put forth the effort and time to get the job done. I would be remiss if I didn't mention all of the folks responsible for this effort.

First, the elected members of our league: Denny Haws, President; Gene Cramer, Vice-President; Pam Patterson, Secretary; and the new keeper of the money, Mike Coogan. The entire Board of Directors (listed elsewhere) pitched in as well as my Co-Director Easy Ed

Conduff, Julie Nicoll-Sullivan, Linda Lou Busch, and that new-comer to the dart scene ole Ton-3 Vickie Conduff. Two of my friends from Washington D.C., Nick Chantilles and Jim Gingell were most instrumental in helping set up the bracket system and their help was invaluable for the smooth operation of our tournament. Other unsung heroes who pitched in to make our tourney a grand success were Debbie Hapner's crew of Wanda Petrenio, Gayle Ingram, Karen Beaty and Carolyn Johnston, who spent long hours registering everyone for all of the events. Also Chris Sanders' technical crew of Gene Cramer, Rick Davis and others did a super job. Others of our group include Bob Sherry, Al Johnson (a visitor from Virginia), Bill Nicoll Jr., Greg Nicoll, Dave Markiewicz, Michael Frith, Marie Starr, Michael Petrenio and Mark Needles.

There were a few hitches in the system, especially when on Friday night we didn't have a sound system until just before the luck of the draw. Even though it was not really perfected until Saturday morning, it did get us through the night. Even though the speaker system left a lot to be desired, Mike Coogan's daughter Colleen gave us a great rendition of the national anthem to kick off our great weekend adventure.

All of you who attended now know that I am Scottish and heard those bagpipes that got our hearts started Friday night - Thanks to Dave Yarnall, our piper.

Enough of all this gratitude. It was a great weekend of solid dart playing. A lot of our own DDA members did quite well in all of the events (see the results elsewhere in the newsletter). Even I tried my hand at the state championship. If I haven't told you before, I actually won that event in ho hum 1973. So what have you done lately? One of our old time members of the DDA actually won it first in 1972, Sam Bowers by name, and still one heck of a player. Incidentally, Sam was a member of the first USA team to represent us in England in 1972, along with another DDA player, Sandy Tinnerman-Brickley.

Dayton was not denied this year either as Joan Medley, Jim Medley's recent bride, took home the big trophy for the ladies. Another player who has always done well in state championship play, Julie Nicoll-Sullivan came close in this years event by placing second. Julie has won the trophy on three occasions.

All in all we had a very successful tournament and will repeat the DDA Open next year at approximately the same time. The State Championship might be held at a different time slot in order to

accommodate a larger state contingent.

My final remarks should include the strangest question asked at the tournament, and I quote "Let me ask you about the mixed doubles event. Does one of them have to be a woman?" where upon my co-director replied "No, you can shoot with a unicorn if you want!" Needless to say I didn't see a unicorn that weekend but who knows Pappy, maybe you'll find one for next year!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Luck of the Draw Doubles 501 (172 Entries)

- o First Place: Mark Hoynes/Bob LaGrow (\$300)
- o Second Place: Terry Carson/Tom Sneet (\$150)
- o Joint Third: Frank Pratt/Thomas Nicholson (\$75)
- o Joint Third: Dan Eggert/Rod White (\$75)
- o Fifth Place: Pete Frydrak/Steven Channel (\$38)
- o Sixth Place: Patrick Maguire/Jerry Takacs (\$38)
- o Seventh Place: Randy Barker/Chris Sanders (\$38)
- o Eighth Place: Ronald Hall/Guy Maskins (\$38)

Mixed Triples 601 (48 Entries)

- o First Place: Human/Payne/Phillips (\$600)
- o Second Place: Heidinger/Heidinger/Hull (\$300)
- o Joint Third: Webber/Payne/Barker (\$150)
- o Joint Third: Kenny/Kenny/Smith (\$150)
- o Fifth Place: Cramer/Busch/Sanders (\$60)
- o Sixth Place: Dixon/Lilko/Shackelford (\$60)
- o Seventh Place: Whoberry/Keller/Carson (\$60)
- o Eighth Place: Pratt/Brestowski/Cobb (\$60)

Open Singles 501 (137 Entries)

- o First Place: Tony Payne (\$500)
- o Second Place: David Matlack (\$250)
- o Joint Third: Kim Fonork (\$100)
- o Joint Third: Tip Biddle (\$100)
- o Fifth Place: Mark Quigley (\$50)
- o Sixth Place: Jerry Shackelford (\$50)
- o Seventh Place: Kenny Webb (\$50)
- o Eighth Place: Ron Cloutier (\$50)

Ladies Singles 501 (50 Entries)

- o First Place: Jule Keller (\$350)
- o Second Place: Suzette White (\$175)
- o Joint Third: Libby Honeycutt (\$100)
- o Joint Third: Debbie Allen (\$100)
- o Fifth Place: Joyce Melton (\$50)
- o Sixth Place: Joan Medley (\$50)
- o Seventh Place: Terry Miller (\$50)
- o Eighth Place: Barb Puthoff (\$50)

Ohio Championship Open Doubles 501 (81 Entries)

- o First Place: Tony Payne/Sterling Human (\$340)
- o Second Place: Mike Kenny/Dave Smith (\$220)
- o Joint Third: Frank Pratt/Andy Brestowski (\$90)
- o Joint Third: Terry Carson/Hank Whoberry (\$90)
- o Fifth Place: Jim Morris/Rick Winders (\$45)
- o Sixth Place: John Hinds, Jr./Mike Wind (\$45)
- o Seventh Place: Tom Soeder/Dan Sullivan (\$45)
- o Eighth Place: Bob Gudridge/Paul Imhoff (\$45)

Ohio Championship Ladies Doubles 501 (21 Entries)

- o First Place: Debbie Allen/Sharon Toliver (\$240)
- o Second Place: Sharon Benesh/Eileen Heidinger (\$120)
- o Joint Third: Bobbi McQueen/Barb Puthoff (\$60)
- o Joint Third: Lynn Richie/Vicky Conduff (\$60)
- o Fifth Place: Peggy Phillip/Ruth Kenny (\$30)
- o Sixth Place: Karen Kus/Sharon Brucks (\$30)
- o Seventh Place: Julie Sullivan/Mary Nairn (\$30)
- o Eighth Place: Pam Martin/Marilyn Trusler (\$30)

Mixed Doubles 501 (72 Entries)

- o First Place: Pat Gossage/Dave Matlack (\$400)
- o Second Place: Jim Medley/Joan Medley (\$200)
- o Joint Third: Mike Kenny/Sharon Toliver (\$100)
- o Joint Third: Jule Keller/Terry Carson (\$100)
- o Fifth Place: Debbie Allen/Larry Vanderboegh (\$50)
- o Sixth Place: Sandy Payne/Jack Webber (\$50)
- o Seventh Place: Andy Coleman/Suzie Bach (\$50)
- o Eighth Place: Sterling Human/Betty Freese (\$50)

Ladies Doubles 501 (23 Entries)

- o First Place: Julie Sullivan/Ellie Nicoll (\$300)
- o Second Place: Sharon Toliver/Debbie Allen (\$150)
- o Joint Third: Terry Forbes/Sandy Payne (\$80)
- o Joint Third: Cheryl Gerhardt/Patty Viers (\$80)
- o Joint Third: Ruth Kenny/Peggy Phillips (\$40)
- o Sixth Place: Linda Mitchell/Cheryl Lilko (\$40)
- o Seventh Place: Joan Medley/Tonni Brown (\$40)
- o Eighth Place: Cathy Moebkenberg/Cindy Hatfield (\$40)

Open Doubles 501 (66 Entries)

- o First Place: Bill Nicoll, Jr./Tip Biddle (\$400)
- o Second Place: Tony Payne/Sterling Human (\$200)
- o Joint Third: Mike Kenny/Dave Smith (\$100)
- o Joint Third: Randy Barker/Jack Webber (\$100)
- o Fifth Place: Ricky Winder/Jim Morris (\$50)
- o Sixth Place: Andy Brestowski/Frank Pratt (\$50)
- o Seventh Place: Rod White/Dave White (\$50)
- o Eighth Place: Gary Hull/Don Heidinger (\$50)

Ohio Championship Open Singles 501 (97 Entries)

- o First Place: Tony Payne (\$340)
- o Second Place: Dave Smith (\$220)
- o Joint Third: Ricky Winder (\$90)
- o Joint Third: Frank Pratt (\$90)
- o Fifth Place: Tip Biddle (\$45)
- o Sixth Place: Bob LaGrow (\$45)
- o Seventh Place: Jim Medley (\$45)
- o Eighth Place: Bill Nicoll, Jr. (\$45)

Ohio Championship Ladies Singles 501 (41 Entries)

- o First Place: Joan Medley (\$240)
- o Second Place: Julie Sullivan (\$120)
- o Joint Third: Sue Kreuzer (\$60)
- o Joint Third: Peggy Phillips (\$60)
- o Fifth Place: Sharon Toliver (\$30)
- o Sixth Place: Cheryl Timm (\$30)
- o Seventh Place: Sharon Benesh (\$30)
- o Eighth Place: Ruth Kenny (\$30)

BOARD REPORT

One of the major concerns of the Board is the manner in which information is communicated to you -- our members. The DDA Newsletter is the most important mechanism through which we can accomplish this goal.

In the past, comments have been made in the Newsletter which had not received prior approval. To anyone who feels they have been maligned in any manner, the Board offers our sincere apologies.

Beginning this dart season, you will be seeing some changes. Our Board has made a firm commitment towards improving our Newsletter. We will be publishing articles in a professional and timely manner, and incorporating the use of standard journalism ethics.

As with any Newsletter, a large part of its success will always depend upon its members. Letters to the Editor as well as any article you

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THE DDA EDITORIAL BOARD

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One Trustee seat remains unfilled.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Pam Patterson

The last scheduled meeting of the DDA Board of Directors was held on September 22, 1986 at McGuffy's Pub.

Some of the items discussed include a request by some teams to change divisions. After some discussion, it was decided that the changes would be good for the league and would be implemented.

The suggestion was made to mail standings to team captains each week. While deciding that the expense would be too great, the board was concerned that standings were not being posted in all sponsoring facilities. The suggestion was made that all sponsors be furnished a bulletin board by the DDA for "dart news" and will be investigated.

Discussion was held about restructuring the league organization by having three levels with divisions within each level. It was decided that the Rules committee would look onto this and other possibilities.

The meeting ended with a report about the recent Dayton Dart Open and discussion about next year's tournament.

The Board met almost weekly throughout the summer, planning the current season and the tournament. The meeting described above is typical meeting. During the season meetings are scheduled once a month. Upcoming meeting dates are Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 at 7:30 pm at the Kettering Government Center.

All meetings are open to ALL DDA members and you are encouraged to attend. Your comments and suggestions about darts in Dayton are important to your elected representatives.

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\$500.00 CHALLENGE MATCH

by Ellie Nicoll

Hank's Pub was the place to be on Thursday night, September 11, 1986. A large contingent of Dayton and Cleveland darters were on hand to watch the challenge match between Cleveland's Frank Pratt, in town for the Dayton Dart Open, and Dayton's own Bill Nicoll, Jr.

Play began at 9:00 pm with Eddie Conduff as the official. The format was 501, best of 51 games, odd and even start.

During the match a total of five 180's were shot, 27 140's and 92 shots of over 100. Seven games were taken out with scores of over 100.

At the end of the night Frank was on top 26 to 13. Bill says, "Wait till next time." Good shooting, Frank.

Incidentally, Frank had his family in for the weekend tournament and said he thoroughly enjoyed the entire weekend. "Ohio has an abundance of very good darters from the big cities as well as the small burgs. It's great that Dayton picked up the ball on the Ohio State Championships," according to Frank. He will definitely be back next year.

DEAR HANK

by Hank Duff

Can we talk? I mean we have a real problem here. The gossip that goes around the dart scene is getting out of hand. Passing it from person to person just won't do anymore. You're going to have to tell me about it, then I can tell everyone.

Things like Mary Nairn and Mark Stratford using darts as an excuse to go to Las Vegas just so they can get married.

And how about Lynn Woolf and Mark Sink. Their big day was October 18! Congratulations to these new "mixed doubles."

Did you see Joan Medley defeat perennial champion Julie Nicoll-Sullivan to win the Ohio State Ladies Singles championship? Fantastic shooting girls!

Speaking of Julie, we all wish her dad Bill Nicoll Sr. a speedy recovery!

And hey Gary, who was the guy wrapped in a queen-size bedspread late Saturday night at the Dayton Dart Open? In the bar mopping the floor?

I'm sure all the darters north of town will miss Dave & Leslie Fundus since they have moved to Phoenix.

Greg Ford and his wife are expecting what? How many? Good luck!

Have I missed anything? If so, you've just got to let me know. You know where to find me.

ADVERTISING RATES

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LOST OUR SHIRTS?

At the Dayton Dart Open we could have lost our shirts. But the tournament was so successful that we ended up with enough shirts to be able to offer a special souvenir DAYTON DART OPEN SHIRT to league members. Pick up your shirt at the Dartboard Shoppe for only \$9.95 while they last. Proceeds to cover DDA expenses.

LUCK OF THE DRAW SCHEDULE

Sun. - Katz Lounge - 8:30 pm
254-7527

Thurs. - Hank's Pub - after league
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Fri. - Cactus John's Saloon - 9:00pm
233-2082

Sat. - Skiddle's - 3:30 pm
233-8171

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This is a list of draws that we know about. If you have a Luck of the Draw tournament you would like included, let us know. We will also list results that are reported to us. Call 254-DART or tell Tom Patterson.

Sorry we didn't go to press before Skiddle's big tournament. Hope it was a rousing success, J.J.!

ADO REPORT

by Gene Cramer

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN

Once again Dayton darters invaded Las Vegas for the North American Open. The Ladies' Lucky 16 sent Mary Toney and Sue Kreuzer. The Men's Lucky 16 were represented by Jim Richie and Bill Nicoll Jr. Others from Dayton included Linda Lou Busch, Tonni Brown, Mary Nairn Stratford, Sue Takis, Bill Nicoll Sr., Mark Stratford, Mike Davis, Dave Hertzell and Gene Cramer.

Although no one had much luck in the tournament, there was always plenty of action in the casinos.

The highlight of the trip was the marriage of Mary Nairn and Mark Stratford at the Little Wedding Chapel on the Strip. Of course there was a bachelor party the night before.

A few familiar faces at the tournament were former DDA members Donna and Tim Brown, Frank Detman and Rick Praner. They all say "HI!" to everyone back in Dayton.

ADO vs BDO ALL STAR CHALLENGE

The night before the North American Open the ADO All Stars challenged the BDO All Stars. It was a hard fought match but the British prevailed. Throwing for the American team was former DDA member Rick Praner. Rick left Dayton for Chicago a couple of years ago when his Air Force enlistment ended.

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DARTING COURTESY: WHAT IS IT???

by Carl Stravinski

Included in the 500 - 600 darters in the current league are a number of first time darters and a greater number of second timers. It has been brought to the attention of your DDA leadership the need to inform this group (and some of the older shooters) some of the courtesies that make an ordinary darter a CLASS DARTER.

An atmosphere conducive to wholesome darting should prevail. Courtesy is essential. Courtesy is contagious. Courtesy can and should be practiced for the good of all.

You have observed courtesy at tennis tournaments or bowling tournaments. Darts is no different. At this time I would like to bring your attention to a few of the many unwritten courtesies of the dart game:

1. Make no loud or untimely noise when any darter is at the hockey.
2. When not shooting, always stay behind the darter at the hockey.
3. Be careful when walking behind a darter at the hockey. Stop when a shooter is ready to throw.
4. When games are called out for match play, get to the board. Keep things moving.
5. When keeping score, remain motionless. Do not move when a darter is ready to throw.
6. The scorekeeper may not inform the thrower what he has left in terms of number combinations.
7. If asked, the scorer may inform the thrower what he has scored and/or what he has left.
8. After a match, no matter how well or badly you shoot, it is a good gesture to congratulate the winner.
9. Ranting, raving, cussing, kicking the wall and wildly pitching the darts at the board are all strictly "bush."
10. Leave a good image with your opponent, the bar patrons and the bar owner. We are trying to promote darts and the image of the DDA.

11. In a tight and crucial match, it may be difficult to control all your emotions. Be tolerant, respect your opponent, relax and do your best.

(Ed. note - Carl is a past editor of the newsletter and a wealth of knowledge about the game. It will be a pleasure to reprint some of Carl's old articles and possibly coax an occasional new one. Thanks, Carl!)

LUCKY SIXTEEN

by Linda Lou Busch & Eddie Conduff

The Ladies' Lucky Sixteen meets every Monday night at the Cubbyhole. Tuesday night the men meet at Hank's Pub around 8:00 pm to play a round-robin dart match. The object is to accumulate points over a period of time. Occasionally the names at the top of the list are awarded trips to major U.S. dart tournaments, including hotel accommodations, air fare and entry fees. In the past 12 months over 20 lucky players have been to tournaments in such places as Las Vegas, San Diego and Dallas.

Play consists of 301, best of three, against all players in a bracket. There are usually eight players in a bracket. Winners of each bracket play off for additional points. Dues are \$5.00 a week. For information about the Lucky Sixteen see Linda Lou Busch at the Cubbyhole any Monday night or Ed Conduff at Hank's on Tuesday. This is an excellent way to sharpen your game against top notch competition.

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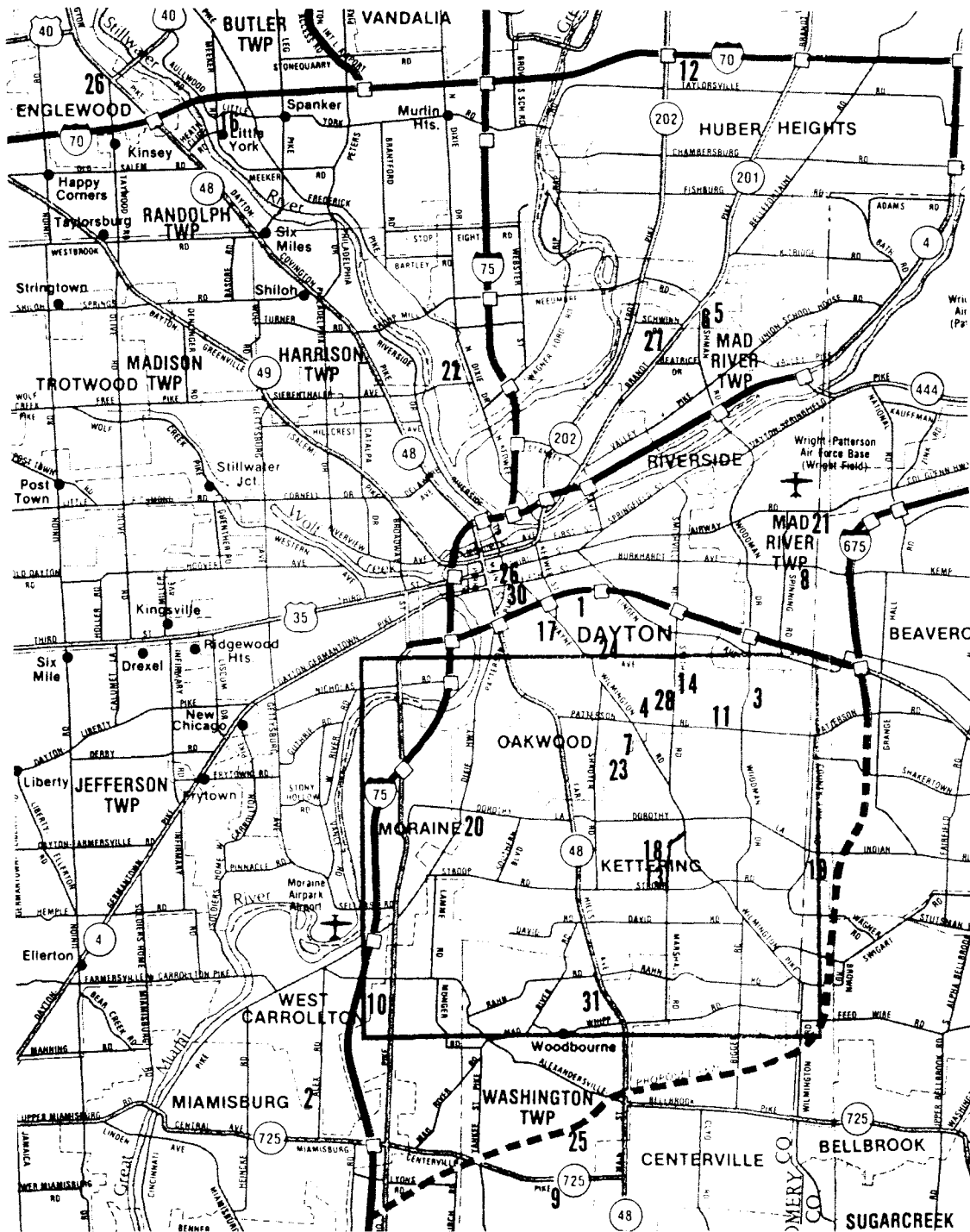
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IN MEMORY OF BOB LIGHT

by Gayle Ingram

This year the DDA will be missing a very special dart thrower - Bob Light. The people who knew him will miss his light hearted ways and caring nature. He was a pleasure to throw against because he was truly a "good sport." Those who didn't know him missed an opportunity to know an outstanding person.

Bob Light died July 24, 1986. He was 38 years old. I believe he was an inspiration to many of his friends. He was the type of person who was easy to talk to. He listened. He cared. Although his life was short, he accomplished a lot. He was a success at his job. He had many friends. He had traveled. He was happy. Bob taught me that life may not be as long as we want it to be so enjoy it now. Have respect for yourself and compassion for your friends. I'll miss him.

(The DDA extends our sympathies to Bob's wife and family. He will truly be missed.)

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