

Dayton Darting Association

Fall Newsletter 2012

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WHAT HAPPENED?

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THE DOG DAYS OF THE DDA

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

Like the late summer time, sometimes people or organizations get caught "coasting" before a new season starts. For those that didn't throw in a league over the summer, that might mean it's time to practice. But for the DDA, after 40+ years, this might be a good time to introduce some new ideas into a sport steeped in tradition. Nothing too radical, just something fresh.

We have to admit, we're a group that resists change. But when older members cut back because it feels stale to them and younger members won't play because of the chalkboard, the time is right for off-the-wall thinking. When the DDA started the Monday night league, the new format and style of play quickly made it popular. Even minor changes, like having trophy options, can freshen things up. But maybe now is the time to introduce some bigger ideas that you've had.

So here's **your** chance to make a difference - email your ideas for changes - nothing's off the table. Now before I get 150 emails about nude darts or free beer, make your idea workable. Maybe a mixed league with half the points for cornhole and 1/2 for dart games. Or "midnight" games thrown under black lights. Or be the "hero" and share your idea for no chalkboards! ldk - just get creative - tell us what ideas you might have or have seen in other towns or leagues that you liked.

I'd love to print us some of your thoughts in the next issue and see which ones could become reality in the DDA! Send your ideas and thoughts to me at: mark@linemarkcommunications.com and enjoy the new season!

FALL 2012 IMPORTANT DATES

August 16	CAPTAINS' MEETING 7:30pm @ Katz Lounge
August 20	MONDAY Fall League Begins
August 22	WEDNESDAY Fall League Begins
August 23	THURSDAY Fall League Begins
September 18	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DEAD
October 16	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DEAD
November 20	DDA MEETING 7pm @ DEAD

FALL 2012 FEES

- Due with Application -

Monday	\$20 Team
	\$10 Sponsor
Wednesday	\$50 Team
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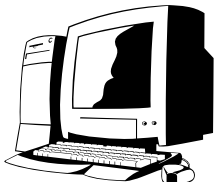
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How to Play "Blocker"

A quick game for practicing with two people

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 Lounge

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.

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Katz Lounge
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Mon - Sat
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New darters are always welcome!

Come in and talk directly to Hank!

MONDAY

DDA LEAGUES

TUESDAY

\$1 BEERS UNTIL 9:00

\$2 BURGERS 6-9:00

OPEN BLUES JAM 9-1:00

WEDNESDAY

DDA LEAGUES

THURSDAY

DDA LEAGUES

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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.



A Great Day in May!!

The annual DDA banquet is always fun



What would a banquet be without a feast of different foods to satisfy all the attendees? At the DDA affairs, no one goes away hungry unless they want to - there are main dishes, snacks and plenty of liquid refreshments of all types! Belmont Catering made the food for this year's event.



Cornhole is always a popular event at the banquet and this year was no different. Under the supervision of our Tournament Supervisor, Dean Lucas, bags were tossed, scores were recorded and fun was had by everyone!!



Putting in tickets on the raffle prizes is always a popular item. There's always a nice selection of liquors, tickets and passes to all sorts of restaurants and events. Generous donors and lucky winners come together one at a time with every withdrawal from the drawing box!



The banquet is a great afternoon of relaxing, talking and hanging out with friends.



DDA Banquet Highlights...



... And More DDA Banquet Award Winners!





**2012 Banquet
Donation Appreciations**

King's Point:

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Kettering K.D.'s BBQ:

Gift Certificates

King's Table:

Dragon's Tickets

Tink's Bar:

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Dayton Embroidery (DEAD):

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Hank's Pub:

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Katz Lounge:

Liquor

Volunteers:

- **Michele Sieble**

- **Frank Lovash**

- The entire board of the DDA. Their hard work and extra efforts makes this event possible - and fun!



DDA Banquet Highlights

Patti Yinger, The Dave Servis Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient 2012



The Dave Servis Lifetime Achievement Award is named for Dave Servis, a DDA founder and lifetime supporter of darts in Dayton. This honor given to an individual who has repeatedly made outstanding contributions to the Dayton darting community over a career in darts.

Presentation speech given by Mike Hadley, DDA President

I've served on the Board for quite a while now, and I am continually amazed at all of the time and effort that different board members volunteer to help our organization.

However, there's one person that the Committee believes - and I agree - that deserves extra recognition for all the sacrifices she has given to us.

This person has always tried to make all darters feel welcome and appreciated and has resolved many issues and disputes with calmness and fairness.

Someone so loyal, that try as she might to resign several positions on the Board, she has always returned to help her fellow darters.

Someone who has stepped in and saved the day when things go wrong, who selflessly gives of her time, and is patient and knowledgeable about our individual darters and about our association as a group.

This person has given so much, that there could never be enough thank-yous...but they are always deserved.

We recognize your achievements, character, and the benefits our community has had - and will hopefully continue to enjoy - because of you.

You are one of the best of the best, and we in the Dayton Darting Association proudly present to you, Patti Yinger, the **Dave Servis Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Chris Howard, The Bill Bereda Sportsmanship Award Recipient 2012

Presentation speech given by Mike Hadley, DDA President

Here you go Chris. Congratulations.



The Bill Bereda Sportsmanship Award is given in honor of Bill Bereda, a former member who exemplified the meaning of friendliness, enthusiasm for the sport of darts and above all, good sportsmanship. The member that best displays these qualities is honored each year.

Editor's Note: Chris has been in the DDA since the early 90's and is one of the nicest people you would ever hope to meet. Always pleasant, a good darter and a worthy recipient of this award - congratulate him the next time you see him.

ALL STAR Qualifier Schedule

Tues.	9/11/2012	7-9 pm	@ Katz
Mon.	9/17/2012	7-9 pm	@ Kings Point
Tues.	9/25/2012	7-9 pm	@ Kings Point
Sat.	9/29/2012	2-11 pm	@ Kings Table
Tues.	10/2/2012	7-9 pm	@ Katz
Sat.	10/6/2012	2-11 pm	@ Hanks
Tues.	10/9/2012	7-9 pm	@ Taggarts
Sat.	10/20/2012	2-11 pm	@ Hanks



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2012 All*Stars Team & Qualifiers



1st All-Star qualifier
 is being held at
 Katz on Tuesday,
 September 11,
 2012, from 7-9pm.

My goal is to win.
 I'd put having fun
 before that, but
 I've experienced
 and seen the faces
 of those who
 win the All*Star
 competition
 and I'm certain
 that they had
 tremendous fun
 in the process

of winning first place. So to achieve
 that goal again, we need Dayton to
 be represented by the very best in the
 area. As Chairperson of the All*Star
 Committee, I encourage everyone
 who has an interest in this event to
 participate in as many qualifiers as
 possible. Once the team is set, I will
 meet with every single All*Star to
 discuss individual teams of 4. I do
 this in order for every player to have
 input into their respective team of 4
 so that all teams are grouped together
 based on mutual respect and an
 ability for these players to support
 and feed off one another. It's a day of
 incredible competition, respect, pride
 and camaraderie. The annual All*Star
 competition is undoubtedly my
 favorite dart competition of the year.



All-Stars Chair:
 Jeff Fluty



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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]

Well, this is summer - and in the Diamond Division there are a pretty wide range of teams.... a couple teams are battling it out near the top, while a couple others are fighting hard for the bottom...

I've heard a few complaints about it not being fair... and well, that's true. But it's not because the DDA likes to have an unfair match or put anyone down, but rather because of the numbers. In the summer, there just aren't enough teams to make up a completely fair schedule... in fact, many summer teams are made up of what I call stragglers, players that want to keep in practice over the summer while the rest of their regular team takes the summer off to vacation or play more golf...that's just the nature of summer darts in the DDA.

Anyway, I hope that most people use the summer games as a practice session that would not have been available otherwise. The chance to play against higher level players is a challenge that you can approach from a couple of different ways... one would be to resign yourself to another "butt whippin'" and decide that you don't have a chance... another would be to step up and throw your darts and make the other player beat you....no matter what amount of effort it takes them.

If you don't really try, you probably won't learn the one thing that every darter should know - but often forgets - that, hey, on any given day, *anybody* can win a dart game, no matter what skill levels are involved...

So no matter how the opposition may seem to have the advantage, at least make them prove it by taking the game away from someone who is trying to win as well....

It is not always about winning, sometimes it is about learning that it is possible to win.... if you try...

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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