



# DAYTON DARTING ASSOCIATION

# Spring Newsletter

June 2024



## WELCOME BACK!!!

It has been a long time coming, but your newsletter is back. We should have quarterly publishing going forward, and maybe a few updates along the way.

I am coming to the end of my first year as your President and it has been quite a ride. I would like to thank my fellow board members for all of the work they have put in. Volunteer work goes unnoticed too much. Immediate Past President (IPP,) Vern Ross, has helped guide me and stay the course. I have even recieved help from past president Mark Needles, who has contributed many, many hours over the years for the betterment of Dayton darts. Finally, our secretary, Tim Pennartz has been the backbone of the organization. He has filled the secretary duties exceptionally well. Tim has decided to move on from his post but will still be an active member of the DDA. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the rest of the board, as this is truly a community that cares. I look forward to the future and I will see you at the oche!

-Jacob Schaeffer

## 2024 BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Application dealine June 1

In person voting @ Banquet June 29

The positions up for election in 2024 are as follows:

### Vice President

Wendy Saucier Term 2022 - 2024

### Trustees

Jesse Buck Term 2022-2024

Roger England Term 2022-2024

Marie Swink Term 2022-2024

Tom Wheeler Term 2022-2024

Joel Schilke Term 2022-2024

## Important Dates

- Captain's Meeting.....May 30
- Board Application's Due.....June 1
- Online Voting Begins.....June 1
- League Starts.....June 3
- Online Voting Ends.....June 22
- Banquet.....June 29
- In person (live)voting at Banquet

# ELECTIONS

As seen on Page 1, it is election season. Positions are volunteer and we meet once a month for meetings. Board members will also be part of committees. Committees may include things such as the Banquet, All Stars, City championships and tournaments, and so on. Each elected Board Member shall serve for a period of two (2) years and shall assume office August 1 immediately following their election.

**Vice President:** a) shall assist the President in maintaining the operation of the DDA; b) shall assume the duties of the President in either the absence or resignation of the President; c) shall be auditor of finances; d) shall be responsible for points control of league matches; e) shall promptly turn over all pertinent documentation/property of the DDA to his/her successor.

**Trustee:** a) shall assist the President in maintaining the operation of the DDA; b) shall serve on Committees appointed by the President; c) shall promptly turn over all pertinent documentation/property of the DDA to his/her successor.

The Nomination/Election Committee shall select, from the Membership, at least one nominee for each expiring office.

Nominations to any office are not valid until the nominee’s consent to serve has been obtained. For a nominee’s name to appear on the ballot, the nominee shall submit in writing their intent to seek a specific office at least ten (10) days prior to the election. Only Members in good standing shall be eligible to vote. Voting shall be by individual and no Member may cast more than one (1) vote. Proxies will not be recognized. Section 5 – All nominees for office shall be determined by ballot, either printed and/or electronic.

Executive Board		Trustees	
President	Jacob Schaeffer	Jesse Buck	Term 2022-2024
Term 2023 - 2025			
Vice President	Wendy Saucier	John Donovan	Term 2023-2025
Term 2022 - 2024		Lou Lovash	Term 2023-2025
Treasurer	Kathy Lewis	Roger England	Term 2022-2024
Secretary	Tim Pennartz	Shane Rachelson	Term 2023-2025
Sr. Board Member	Dean Lucas	Marie Swink	Term 2022-2024
Term 2023 - 2025		Tom Wheeler	Term 2022-2024
Past President	Vern Ross	Joel Schilke	Term 2022-2024

## The Bill Bereda Sportsmanship Award

The DDA has been fortunate over its history to have had many outstanding members. Bill Bereda was not a champion or a perennial team captain, but something more - a guy who thoroughly loved the game of darts and the people that played it. From Bill's very start, it was always about the game more than it was about himself. He had an ego, and like any of us, he wasn't beyond talking a little trash before taking on a match, but that's where things ended. Win or lose, Bill never failed to be gracious and polite. Like anyone who truly loves the sport, he got as much pleasure out of seeing someone else shoot well as he did when he shot well himself. No temper tantrums, no rude comments or refused handshakes. Bill ended up passing away from complications of Crohn's disease on May 27th, 1989. The leadership of the DDA, searching for an icon to embody their Sportsmanship Trophy several seasons later, voted unanimously to name it The Bill Bereda Award for Sportsmanship after the former ODA Board Member. It would be awarded annually to the one player that best represented the standards set by Bill.

### Bill Bereda Recipients

1993 - Chris Sanders	2008 - Dean Lucas
1994 - unknown	2009 - Wayne Wells
1995 - Mary Toney	2010 - Mark Needles
1996 - Patti Schauer	2011 - Wayne Wells & Larry Butler
1997 - Patti Schauer	2012 - Chris Howard
1998 - Paige Bagford	2013 - Lou Lovash
1999 - Dave Servis	2014 - Brad Williams
2000 - Rob Smith	2015 - Rhonda P'Pool
2001 - Mark Needles	2016 - Paul Nighswander
2002 - Toni Carmack	2017 - Ron Harris
2003 - Bug Bailey	2018 - Rob Slusser
2004 - Mark Needles	2019 - Tereasa Harris
2005 - Earl Gregory	2020 - 2021 - Covid
2006 - Michelle Seibel & Melissa Nancarrow	2022- Kathy Lewis & Marie Swink
2007 - Kenny Matlock	2023 - Tim Pennartz

## Luck of the Draw Tournament

Hosted at Kingspoint

Pub

Biweekly

\$10 Entry

150% Payout

Check In 1PM

Darts Fly 2PM

## The Dave Servis Lifetime Achievement Award

Dave's natural athletic skills and long, lean build took him through high school and college competing in track and field. In the military, his athletics, combined with his facility for languages, got him assigned to NATO through the US Air Force. Dave was in Crete when he was transferred to Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton in 1970. And that's where Dave was embraced by a bunch of pre-DDA darters. Dave had played overseas, so he knew a bit of the game. Sam Bowers became Dave's dart mentor, teaching him the value of "knowing his numbers". 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 consistently ranked in the top darters domestically and internationally, barely falling short of taking the title of Grand Champion in the US. He also played in the DDA all that time. In 1999, Dave received the first ever DDA Lifetime Achievement 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. Dave in turn presented the second award to Ellie Nicoll on behalf of her and her husband, Nick, at the DDA banquet in 2000. Dave passed away in 2015, but his legacy lives on in dedicated Dayton dart players.

### Dave Servis Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

1999- Dave Servis  
2000 - Bill and Elie Nicoll  
2004 - "Hank" Duff  
2010 - Mike Hadley  
2012 - Patti Yinger  
2016 - Dean Lucas  
2017 - Mark Needles  
2019 - Randy Wright  
2022- Timmy Nicoll

### How to Play "Bob's 27"

In Bob's 27, each player starts the game with a score of 27 and the goal is to make it around the board by only hitting doubles. You start by throwing three darts at the double 1, then double 2, then double 3, and so on until the bull.

For each dart that hits its mark, you add those points to your score. For example, the first number you aim at is double 1, which is worth two points. If you hit two of those throws but miss the third, you would earn four points for a total of 31.

But if you instead missed all three darts on the first round, you'd lose points equal to the double you miss, so your score would be 25. Each round you can gain up to three double's worth of points, but you can only lose one double's worth.

If a player's score drops to zero or below then they are out.

Bob's 27 is a practice game and to get the most out of it, you'll want to track how many hits and misses you have on each number.

# Letters from Lou

Thoughts...darts

I got together with my nephew-in-law recently for some dart practice. My practice session with another player usually consists of a best of 21 games. Games are 501 and cricket, starting with 501 and then alternating back and forth. Diddle for the first game only, the winner of the diddle starts the first game, from then on the loser starts a the next game. This makes the games continuous and they move right along. I really enjoy this type of match because it is long enough for one person to get hot, cool down and then the other person steps of their game.

This match takes 2-4 hours depending on how well you are playing & what kind of cricket battles you may get into. Now this is meant to be competitive, but more than that it is a time to talk about strategies and outshots. Whenever you are not sure what to shoot next, pause and talk to your opponent. Ask what they would do in this situation and talk about what you were thinking of doing. This exchange is meant to make you look at things a little different than you usually do.

Anyway, we got talking about general throwing and I mentioned my strategy on my first dart in cricket. My first dart each throw is aimed about a half inch outside of the triple that I am shooting at. The reason is, if you are not hitting great, the odds are this dart will still score a single. If you miss, you could still fall into the triple, but the main idea is to get your first dart to count as often as possible. You can then adjust for your second and third darts to maybe shoot more at the triple. Now, if you are shooting perfect darts, by all means go straight at the triple, but if it is not one of those nights, this idea my allow you to get a little more value out of your first dart.

When trying to figure out what to call this guy, I googled nephew-in-law and saw one definition as: If you like the guy, he is your nephew-in-law... If you do not like the guy, he is your niece's husband....

shoot well  
Lou

## DDA Sponsors:

The Bar Time  
2049 East Dorothy Lane  
Kettering, OH 45420  
985-9012

The Dart Train  
5080 Brandt Pike  
Huber Heights Oh 45424  
937-233-0407

Diplomat Lounge  
2766 Wilmington Pk  
Kettering, OH 45419  
(937) 293-2508

Flying Pig Tavern  
136 N 1st St.  
Fairborn, OH 45324  
(937) 874-5555

Katz Lounge  
1221 E. Stroop Rd  
Kettering Oh 45429  
937-294-9554

King's Point Pub  
4660 Wilmington Pike  
Kettering Oh 45440  
937-296-1915

King's Table  
2348 Grange Hall Rd  
Beavercreek Oh 45431  
937-431-1700

Mulvaney's Sports Pub  
560 N. Broad Street  
Fairborn, OH 45324  
937-879-9788

Patterson Pub  
970 Patterson Rd  
Dayton Oh 45419  
937-296-9476

Star City Brewing  
319 S. 2nd Street  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
937-701-7827

# DDA Member Spotlight

## Rob Slusser



### Darts

23 gram Shot Zen Tanto - 20 gram for soft tip

### Occupation

I am the Maintenance manager for a Fleet in Springfield. I have been a mechanic my entire life and currently hold 3 Master designations with ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) with 24 total certifications.

### How long have you been throwing ?

The first I learned of all the rules such as cricket having points and doubling out was in my first DDA league which took place in 2010 ( it was a Monday night league.) I'd thrown around before but not really knowing what I was doing, so I'll say 14 years. So I have been a member (DDA) the same amount of time . In that time I have thrown in every division from lowest to highest and on every night even back when there were Sunday night leagues .

### How did you get into darts

Tammy from Hanks Pub saw a friend and I playing one night and suggested we start a league and Hank got us started and I through out of Hanks for a long time . Shane Rachelson got me into competitive darts and raised my game from around 35 average to 55 or better sometimes . He worked with me a lot . Many others helped me along the way but Shane put some work into my game.

### Favorite thing about darts

I'd say that my favorite thing about it is that it can be its own little world. It is just a game but its competition, comradery, and majority of us are just doing it because we love to perform and surprise ourselves and push to the next level, or have a good night, or even just escape from the world for a few hours or a weekend.

### Favorite tournament

My Favorite is my first and still holds true, The Buckeye Open . I love the Quad City and try to be involved every year. My most successful is Cleveland Extravaganza two years in a row.

### Biggest accomplishment, memory, match or encounter

Best accomplishment would be making 3 CDC main events back when they had qualifiers . I've cashed in many tournaments . I'm a current state runner up in B team soft . Most of my favorite memories are making friends joking and laughing and bSing

### Favorite darter or darting idols

Wouldn't say I have an Idol but Nathan Aspinall has a very similar grip/ throw to me so I root for him plus he can be overlooked a lot in the PDC. I generally am rooting for our North American guys - Lauby, Buntz, Campbell, Van Dongen. And our locals - Linberg, Butler, Davis, Steffano, Buck, Schilke

### Favorite double or outshot

Favorite double is tops D20. Favorite out is 126 T19 19 DB

### Favorite doubles partner

Jacob Schaeffer for mens doubles, Lillian Hunt for mixed

### Practice routines

I don't currently have a lot of time to practice but when I have a tournament coming up I try to play more LOTD's and competition for practice. I like to play 121 or 170 in 9, going up whenever it is accomplished. For cricket playing 21 marks, keeping track by shooting each number one turn and adding marks . 21 is 3 marks per round . The goal is to beat the basement or hard deck of 21

# Rob Slusser (cont.)

## Fun outside of darts

Drag racing is a fun hobby I have. My Best time thus far is just into the 10s -10.94@121 MPH in the quarter mile.

## What would I like to see for darts in the future

I would like to continue to see the great progression of talent in North America that gets better every year . It's a blast to watch. Worldwide, I just want to see it grow and will only make the worlds that much more entertaining.

For Dayton darts, I'd love to see more participation in tournaments in the area for steel . We have about 4 to 5 a year that are not too bad of a drive and will only make you better . All steel, best of 3 generally and no handicap . Best of 3 can really be anybody's match. I would also like more data for players to see how they are progressing and where they stand on their journey of improving as a player, which may allow for tighter divisions in the future.

## Best Advice

Try to be a good sport. No matter what you are feeling, the loss or win, you will be on the other side of that some day. I have regrettably not been perfect on this front but try to improve and remember my failures in time.

Try to have fun and set realistic goals. Based on your work and data where are you For instance, a leg average in the 40s for me is garbage -50s ok but im not upset - 60s this should be where I live for my numbers -70s I'm throwing good and 80s I'm on one! This keeps me grounded and not overly down or up from where I sit . Also remember the average doesn't matter if the W came your way.

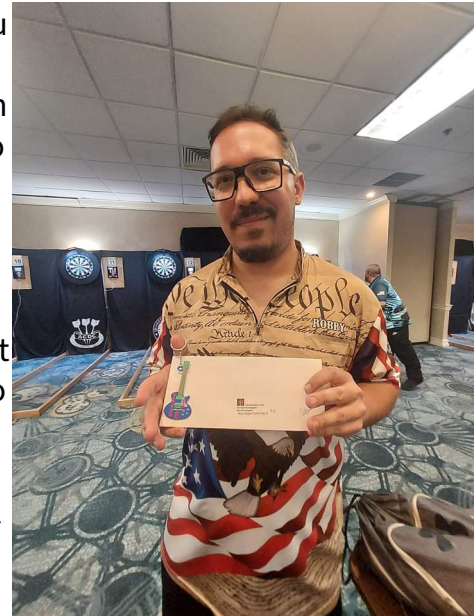
## Online play?

I used to play online Webcam darts . Equalizer, Best of 9 every night was some of the best practice and sharpest my game was. I think online play is taking off and I am very interested in getting back into online play but have not gotten a set up yet that would allow. But hopefully soon. May reach out to some of my tech friends to help with the garage set up.

## Nickname

I have a soft tip nickname that most who have played probably know but no steel nickname as of yet.

**Mr. Slusser currently plays for BDE out of Star City Brewing on Thursdays**



## Upcoming Dart Events

June 21-23 Cherry Bomb International Boca Raton, FL

June 29 DDA Banquet Dayton, OH

July 12-14 Charlotte Open Charlotte, NC

July 13-14 CDC Weekend #2 Oakbrook Terrace, IL

July 19-21 Steel City Open Pittsburgh, PA

July 25-28 Music City Open Nashville, TN

August 3-4 CDC Weekend #3 Wheeling, IL

August 15-18 DPFL Live Event 3 Kissimee, FL

August 23-25 CDC Weekend #4 Niagara Falls NY

August 30-1 Washington Area Open Herndon, VA

KEY: DDA - ADO (American Darts Organization- DPFL - CDC (Championship Darts Circuit)

# SINGLES CHAMPS

## Divisional Singles

### Fall

Dime - Pearl Sewell

Quarter - Vern Ross

Green - Scott Sille

Blue - Benny David

Copper - John Johnson

Gold - Jeremy DeHart

Gem - Blake Wright

### Winter

Dime - Tereasa Harris

Quarter - James Catalfino

Green - Gary Dubbley

Blue - Mike Hornberger

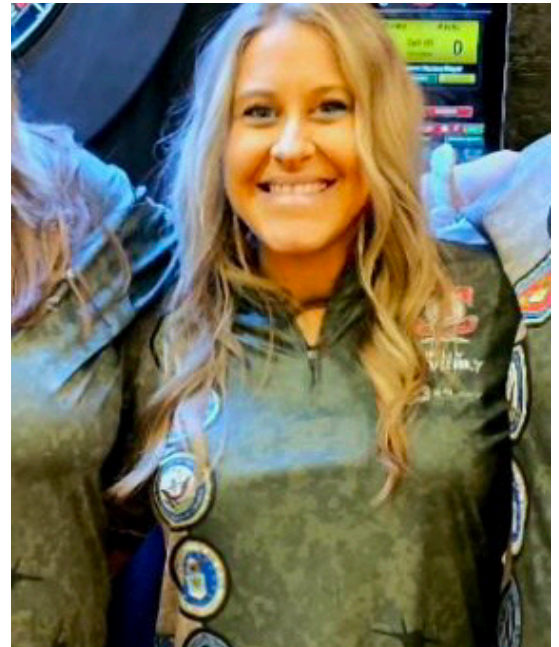
Copper - Jon McFarlen

Gold - Kevin Francis

Gem - Shawn Davis

## City Champs

Holly Beverly



Blake Wright

