

# Dayton Darting Association

Fall Newsletter 2013

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## BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR...

*Well, Mike Hadley, our DDA President for the last several years, always told me he would find a way to get me to write the column for the president - and he did. He simply let me try my hand at the president position for a while. So now if you don't like what you read here, you really don't have anyone to complain to.*

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Mark Needles  
Newsletter Editor

First of all, welcome back for another season of darting in the DDA. We have a good set of teams, well balanced schedules and all of our sponsor locations are ready to go.

Myself, I am trying to get out at every opportunity to visit sponsors that I don't normally see and talk to as many folks as I can. Please feel free to not just gripe - I actually do really well with constructive suggestions and new ideas. And as anybody who has been stuck with me for a while knows, I have those days where I simply talk too much - so always be aware of where the nearest exit is! Oh yeah - one other thing - best told in a story. I was in the grocery the other day with my wife and this older lady came around the end of the aisle. I was sure I knew her. I just had that nagging feeling that I had met her before so I quietly asked my wife if she knew who she was so I could say hello. I got a dope slap to the back of my head and she said, "That's your mother." So, when you walk up to me and say "Hi" and I get that ever so slightly glazed look for a second, please stay with me. Just because we have played darts together in the past, maybe on the same team, maybe for the last 17 seasons in a row, doesn't always mean I'll remember you instantly - just one of those things. Never have been good at it.

As far as darts goes, be prepared for some changes. As the world changes

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## FALL 2013 IMPORTANT DATES

- August 15 ..... CAPTAINS' MEETING  
7:30pm @ Taggarts
- August 19 ..... MONDAY  
Fall League Begins
- August 20 ..... DDA MEETING  
7pm @ DEAD
- August 21 ..... WEDNESDAY  
Fall League Begins
- August 22 ..... THURSDAY  
Fall League Begins
- September 17 ..... DDA MEETING  
7pm @ DEAD
- October 9 ..... Wed. Divisonal Singles  
7:30pm @ Hanks
- October 10 ..... Thurs. Divisonal Singles  
7:30pm @ Katz
- October 15 ..... DDA MEETING  
7pm @ DEAD

## FALL 2013 FEES

- Monday ..... \$20 Team  
..... \$15 Sponsor
- Wednesday ..... \$50 Team  
..... \$25 Sponsor
- Thursday ..... \$50 Team  
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**Remember to give us email & phones for ALL team members.**

**Lot's of good stuff coming that they don't want to miss!**

**How to Play "Suicide Cricket"**

Accuracy is vital to win this one!

You win by being the first to close 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, and BULL by hitting each number 3 times. (doubles = 2 hits, triples = 3 hits)

Here's the thing - you can only hit each number 3 times!!

If you hit a number more than 3 times, count up to 3, then subtract hits more than 3. (e.g. you have 2 hits on 19's and you hit a triple 19. That's 5 hits total so subtract the last two and you now have only 1 hit on the 19's scored).

If you hit a closed number (already hit 3 times) then that number is reopened, minus the number of hits. (e.g. you have 19's closed, and you hit a double 19 while throwing at something else, then 19's will be reopened with only 1 hit.)

But it gets worse! If you do cause a number to reopen, then all the numbers less than that number are cleared to 0 hits. (e.g. 19's and 18's are closed and 1 hit on 17. If a 19 is hit, then 19 is reopened with 2 hits and the numbers 18 and 17 are cleared to 0.) You have to regain your hits on those numbers as well!

**CAUTION:** Be very accurate when throwing at the Bull. There are 2 "Safe Zones" to throw at for the bull. Between 5 and 8, and between 4 and 10.

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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.*

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

## 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](mailto:mark@linemarkcommunications.com).



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### THE DDA BOARD ON.THE.LINE

Like many of our members, I never really paid that much attention to the Board of Trustees that ran the DDA. I always just took it for granted that schedules would be laid out, bars would host us and that trophies would be presented if we won. Like most of us, I never really thought about what goes into running a large organization that is spread out over a number of locations and hosts a pretty diverse group of individuals.

But after the vote came in at DDA banquet in May, I now get to peek behind the curtain at the great and powerful OZ. And I would like to report back to you that what I've seen isn't smoke and mirrors, or anything like that - just a dedicated bunch of people all trying to do their level best to keep steel darts alive in Dayton and make it as much fun - and as fair - as possible for everyone. And as I am just finding out, it does take time, effort and caring to do that job. The DDA is (with a tiny exception) an all-volunteer organization and that means that everything that gets done, gets done by a member of the board or one of our great volunteers using their own time to do it. That's Dean running a tournament, Christina tracking high shots, Mike printing bulletins and forms, Gary checking board standards in bars or Randy driving around endlessly delivering posters and flyers to keep us all informed. It's sponsors taking a chance on all of us by dedicating some of their precious floor space to give us room to play and our Secretary and Treasurer - Kellie and Patti - keeping the books straight and the paperwork flowing. And for everyone I just touched on here, there are a hundred - or a thousand - more examples just as important that I have neglected.

It's not always a tough job - but it is a fairly constant one. There's always a stream of things throughout the year that need attention and our board does just that every time.

So the spotlight this time is on the DDA Board - every one of them - and to everyone who has ever served to help to further the cause of Steel Darts in Dayton and the surrounding communities. Thank you one and all.

2006



Join The Best

2008



2009 Champion All\*Star Team



2011

2005



Jeff Fluty, All\*Star Coach



# NOVEMBER 24 - COLUMBUS

## Watch for Qualifiers - coming soon!!

Become a member of Dayton's All\*Star team and join us for the Quad City Challenge when we meet the best players from Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus to see who's the best in Ohio!



Thanks to Tony Taphorn who did put down the chicken and take up the camera for these shots!

# A Great Sunday!!

Food, Friends and Fun come together at the Greenmont Center for the annual DDA Banquet



Lots of good food, free drinks and trophies were enjoyed by everyone! Cornhole was out back and Frank Lovash ran the dart game indoors



Long time supporter, Hank Duff, got us into the Greenmont Center - a big thanks to her!



(above) Prize drawings throughout the day were good for Wayne Wells

(r) City Champs Julie Jennings and Shawn Campbell  
(Below) Lou Lovash receives the Bill Bereda award from Mike Hadley



# “Hey - I want seconds!!”

A few more from the annual DDA May Banquet

*Folks - if you don't come to the banquet you not only miss out on voting for officers but also a really good time! Great people, great food and lots of laughter and music - make a point to get to the next one!*



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**BE CAREFUL WHO YOU VOTE FOR...- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

and evolves, so do we need to. We are going to start promoting the DDA more both in advertising (notice our new throw lines on the floor?) and in electronic media. We may change some things that some folks feel are “traditional” or even “sacred”. Don’t know - I guess we will try some ideas to see what might get more folks to join us. Even now we have a team working on some website changes to make it cleaner, faster and more useful. Board members are all starting on their various committees and Jeff Fluty is going return as our chair for the All\*Star team this year. We feel like we have a good chance to bring home another trophy this time. Qualifiers will be announced before the end of August so start practicing and get ready to qualify.

So let’s go over a few hot topics (at least for me) and then you can share your ideas with me the next time we talk (or if anyone ever sends me an email).

**Captains**

Really people, being the captain of your team is not a punishment. If you don’t want to figure out the schedule because all six people on your team showed up tonight, assign someone else on your team the job and live with the result. The real reason we need a good captain on each team is because the captains are the sort of the “strike force” for settling disputes, agreeing to changes and generally making sure the evening goes well.

“Having a larger member base does many things for us...”

I expect the captain to be the first to settle down his or her team member before they get out of control and stop little arguments from getting blown up for no reason. Being the captain has some power and some responsibility and our captains need to step up.

**New Members**

No secret here people - we have been losing members for a while and - even though we are stabilized for the moment - we could really use some fresh faces in our ranks. Having a larger member base does many things for us - more divisions, more competition and more people to share the costs. It also helps our

sponsors which helps us too. I have some ideas for how to recruit but I am wide open to any others. Lou wrote some really good thoughts on the last page of this issue on one aspect of membership. Good stuff.

**Youth**

I know I speak for myself, I’m getting older every day (I know, I just don’t show it). But seriously, if we don’t figure a way to entice some younger members to join our little party, then we are really just counting off days to the end. Players in their 20’s and 30’s would be great - but so would catching some teens that are wanting to try out some of their hand/eye video game skills in real life competition. Seriously, if you can text at conversational speed while simultaneously holding a conversation with your friends and checking your facebook page - then hey - you should have no problem hitting a small target eight feet away while thinking about some simple subtraction! Please talk to any people you know that fit this category and let’s find out what they would want to see in the sport to want to try it out. And if anyone does give it try - offer them as much help as you can. There’s always time to “squash them” at some later day after they have some experience.

**Drunk Driving**

Simply put - don’t let it happen on your team. Captains - if you need someone to help drive someone home, let a board member know. Don’t call the DDA number - that goes to a recorder for scores and no one will get back to you in time. But talk to the bartender or another DDA member and work something out. Of all the ways we don’t want to lose a member - that one has the worst potential.

Ok - enough with serious stuff. Although nude darts, free beer for all members and tattoos instead of trophy plaques were all good ideas that people have given me so far - we need some new ones (that might be a bit more doable). So look for me in the bars, share your thoughts, and if anyone sees this really nice older lady trying to get my attention, just nudge me gently and mention that my Mom is here.



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## DEAD RECKONING ON [ GOODWILL ]

Things are always changing.... that's progress. But some things *should* stay the same. Now I don't know what happened, and I don't know when it happened, but it sure seems that people are not taking the time to help out the newer players... we could start by talking to people that are not on our teams, maybe invite them out to practice... introduce them to some different games to keep the interest going and to help them get better... Maybe after a match, team up each of your players with someone from the other team and play some doubles for fun... try to make it fair & maybe have everybody throw opposite handed, so the playing field would be more equal.... you may be surprised at the goodwill and pure fun of playing with no pressure...

I know that ideal practice is against someone of the same caliber as you, but sometimes we need to get back to the pure enjoyment of throwing darts, just to be throwing sharp objects indoors....

Maybe if we would welcome a soft tip player to some of our teams, they can report back to other players how much better you can get when shooting traditional darts instead of softies....

Hopefully, we would all benefit... we would gain more players...more communication between players and maybe a little less problems along the way. It seems like we always used to talk about cricket strategy or what's the best way to take out a certain number.... but I don't hear that much anymore. Anyway, I think most of us really like this sport, and anything we can do to help the newer players will only help spread the word about this great game that begins and ends with a handshake.

Lou



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