

Dayton Darting Association

Fall Newsletter 2011

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Her real name is *what?*!

Find out who they're talking about on Page 4

THERE *IS* A RIGHT WAY TO THROW.

First off, a note to anyone who expected to find the letter from the DDA President here. Ain't happening. Mike Hadley, our new 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 big news for all of us was the fall FREE DARTS promotion. Even though the season has just started, you can still encourage new people to join without any membership fees for the rest of the fall season. Put them on as subs or just have them sign-up and learn - there will never be a better time for new (or former) players to join!

And speaking of learning things, there is one thing that every new player (and a few older ones) should learn and that is how to throw correctly. Sure there's individual styles, but I'm talking about the basics.

We have a bad habit in the DDA of telling new players how to play the games, explaining the rings and values of the board and maybe even throwing some thoughts in about how to double out - but when it comes to the question, "How do I throw the dart?" we tend to reply, "However is comfortable for you." Sorry, that's just wrong.

Suppose a kid joins little league and steps up to bat for the first time. "Just do it however you're comfortable," says the coach. So he stands straight behind the plate, square to the pitcher and holds the bat in one arm, over his shoulder and hanging behind his back. Seriously, we would stop him before the first (potentially fatal) pitch and point out the correct grip, the stance, aim, weight distribution, etc. Folks, *it's the same for darts*. There's a right way and a hundred wrong ways.

And here's how you can prove it to yourself.

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FALL 2011 IMPORTANT DATES

August 18	CAPTAINS' MEETING
		7:30pm @ King's Table
August 22	MONDAY
		Fall League Begins
August 24	WEDNESDAY
		Fall League Begins
August 25	THURSDAY
		Fall League Begins
September 10	1st All-Star QUALIFIER
		2-11 @ Kings Table
September 13	All-Star QUALIFIER
		7-9 @ Katz
September 20	DDA MEETING
		7pm @ DEAD

FALL 2011 FEES

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How to Play "27"

A great game for practicing your doubles

This is a game of ALL doubles. You are going to throw 3 darts at each double from the "1" to the "20" and finish on the double "bull" - with a twist in the scoring!

- 1) Write the number "27" on the board for your starting score.
- 2) Throw 3 darts at the double "1". For each one that hits, score 2 points (the value of the double you're shooting at). If you miss all three, deduct 2 points (again, the value of the double you are shooting at) from your starting score of "27", leaving you "25". Move to the double "2" and continue.
- 3) Go through all the numbers adding and subtracting from your score. Go in sequence through the numbers from "1" to "20" and end on the "bull".
- 4) You *can* end with a negative score, but whatever you have, write it at the top of the board and try to beat it with your next round.

Practice using this game and your doubles "out" game will surely improve! For more thoughts, see Lou's **Words of Wisdom** on the last page.

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.

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- Sept 16 TBA
- Sept 17 Dirtybone
- Sept 23 Last Call
- Sept 24 Highway Junkies
- Sept 30 The Hathaways
- Oct 1 Element
- Oct 7 See Alice Jones
- Oct 8 Betty Lane
- Oct 14 Spungewurthy
- Oct 15 DDA All*Star Qualifier
- Oct 21 Metal Of Honor
- Oct 22 5 Story Plunge
- Oct 28 Last Call
- Oct 29 Shadowlife

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



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

A Champion on the World Stage

A DDA member goes for it all!



As many of you know, the Dayton Darting Association is home to the only American Dart Player ever to have won a Championship in England, Larry Butler. In England in 1994 he beat then #1 Dennis Priestley in what is still referred to as the greatest upset in PDC history!

Larry retired from competitive darts shortly after that win to build his business and start a family. He continued to play in the DDA and in 2009 he decided to give the pros another try and started to travel again. He rejoined the American Darts Organization and teamed with Canadian Great Bob Sinnaeve for doubles events. Larry finished 3rd in the ADO points standing in 2010 and has been in 1st place in 2011 for most of this year, trading off with Gordon Dixon of Columbus for the top spot. It will be a close race to the finish.

In January, Larry signed a contract with L-Style. He is one of only 5 premium players on the L-Style team. It has also been announced that Larry is the 1st American Dart Player to sign a contract with Dynasty Japan. Dynasty makes a line of premium darts for both steel and soft tip. Larry's very own signature darts will be available on or about September 1st!

Larry's outstanding play has in the last year and a half has earned him the #1 qualifying spot on the 2011 World Cup Team. The 2011 World Cup will be hosted by the Republic of Ireland and will be held in Castlebar Sept 20th-24th. Larry is joined on the World Cup team by Jim Widmayer (NY), Jerry Van Loan (NY), Scott Wollason (LA), Stacy Bromberg (NV) and Brenda Roush (CO).

Larry has also qualified this year to represent the United States in the Winmau World Masters Tournament held Sept 1-4th in Hull, UK. It is extremely exciting this year as ESPN Europe has contracted to broadcast the event in its entirety in Europe and is planning on broadcasting highlights right here in the US. While at the Masters, Larry will have the opportunity to play for a spot in the World Professionals held in Lakeside later in the year. He will fill the time between the Masters and the World Cup by playing in the British Open. Representing the United States in two major international events is quite an achievement - he hopes to bring both the World Masters Trophy and the World Cup Gold home to Dayton.

It's rare to have someone of this caliber who is so accessible to our membership. Be sure to congratulate him and wish him luck the next time you see him.

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New darters are always welcome!

Come in and talk directly to Hank!

UPCOMING LIVE MUSIC

Fri. Sept 9 Bottoms Up
 Sat. Sept 10 Tarp
 Fri. Sept 16 Brown Street Breakdown
 Sat. Sept 17 RECTRO
 Fri. Sept 23 The Surface
 Sat. Sept 24 Sonic MoJo
 Fri. Sept 30 Quick Foot
 Fri. Oct 7 Foul Stench
 Sat. Oct 8 Gary Hill
 Fri. Oct 21 The Dinosaurs
 Sat. Oct 22 White Rabbit
 Fri. Oct 28 Metal Bands
 Sat. Oct 29 Sonic MoJo

Schedule subject to change. For the latest info call 254-7527.



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.



HANK DUFF ON.THE.LINE

It seems to many players that as long as there has been darts in Dayton, there's been a home for those players at Hanks Pub. In 1977, Frances "Hank" Duff sold the first bar she owned on Dorothy Lane and bought the 1930's bar located by a small creek on Patterson Road, first naming it Duffer's Lounge II after her husband. A hairdresser by trade, her sister Bonnie had piqued her interest in running her own bar - in fact Bonnie and her son, Mike Mantia, were the first two bartenders at the new establishment.

In 1980, the fledgling DDA approached Hank and asked if they could put up two boards. It was a hit and soon two boards became four, then eight. Mike started a team called the Bullies and even Hank ended up throwing, "because I watched them throw and thought, I could do that." But more than that, she became a DDA board trustee and a voice on the board for all of the sponsors. She served 21 years as a DDA senior trustee and two as Vice President, eventually being recognized with the exceptional honor of the *Dave Servis Lifetime Achievement Award*.

"It's been a pleasure," says Hank. "The people I've met and the folks that treat this as a real sport - a fun one - but a real sport. That's what I love." Her greatest moments were when there would be tournaments at Hanks. "The crowds, the excitement," she remembered. "Darters from all over - even across the sea. The big names playing here and 60-80 people in a luck of the draw. That was the best."

Throughout the years, Hanks has always been a solid touchstone for darts in this area. With bartenders that have worked from 12 to 25 years, it often seems like one large extended family to the players that frequent the establishment. Hanks' husband of 42 years, 'Duff', passed away in 2006 and Hank says, "Duff was the biggest part of my life. He was my cheerleader and backed everything I did. I still miss him every day."

So stop in, throw a few darts and have a beer - and if you see Hank - tell her, "Thanks".

That Day in May!!

Banquet Snapshots



A full house at the IUE hall on Woodman. Showdown and cornhole, raffles and trophies. New officers and old friends!!



Below: Wayne Wells and Larry Butler were deserving co-recipients of the Bill Bereda Sportsmanship award.



Bonus: Who is this without her hat?



Above: Chris Wahlrab knows how to get his picture taken. Below: Our new President, Mike Hadley, sits with Todd Moore (L).

Above: there were trophies and honors for teams and individuals!



Above: Rick and Vanessa Davis talk with Tim Nicoll. Below: Cheryl Johnson and Greg Reed.

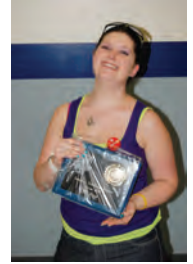
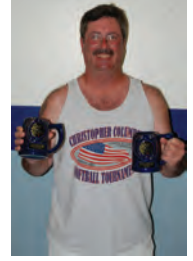


Above: Larry Butler enlists help to carry all his awards! Below: Tom Polquin takes a try at the dart game under the watchful eye of Frank Lovash. Lower left: Randy Wright and Carol Henderson draw raffle names.





Clockwise from upper left: Ron Sherman, Orange Noise, Cluck You! Summer 2010, Justin Barnett, Shafted Again , DWI, Cluck You! Fall 2010, Greg Reed



Clockwise from upper left: Liquid Sunshine, Motor Boaters, Big Hand, Britt Bitzer, Unzip These Balls, Bullies Winter 2010, Mad Hatters, Wayne Wells



Clockwise from upper left: Dave Keeley & Rick Davis, Bullies Fall 2010, Deckmasters, Ronda P'Pool, Scott Spiel, Where's the Point?, There's No F'ing Way, Greg Harris



THE RIGHT WAY TO THROW - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Go to any LOTD (the bigger the better). Watch the first round of play - look at all the styles; the leg kickers, the lungers, the over-the-head throwers and the one-eye squinters. Now, go have a cold drink and find something to do for a while (maybe chalk for someone if you know how). But be back for the last round. Watch those last four players (the best ones) - each will stand with their weight distributed on their throwing leg, back steady, moving only their forearm and wrist on each throw. Their darts will be in front of their eyes and they'll be focused on their target. Pro golfers don't bounce and sway with each shot, neither do the pro dart players. Lots of styles, but all built on the same basics.

The ultimate goal is to move as few body parts and be as consistent as possible with every throw.

So here it is in the simplest form:

The grip: Find the center of gravity, the spot where you can balance the dart on one finger. Hold it lightly with the thumb on one side of the center of gravity and with one, two or three fingers on the other side. You want the dart stable in your hand and parallel to the floor upon release. Spread the fingers that are not included in your grip; making a fist will cause the other four fingers muscle strain and ruin your release. Darts is a not a game of force, but rather touch, so grasp the dart just firmly enough to maintain control when speeding up. The usual error is gripping the dart too hard.

The stance: "Right foot forward" stance is the standard (reverse it for lefties). Your weight chiefly rests on the forwarded foot. Stand up straight, shoulders back but comfortable and in line with the center of the board. The more you lean your body forward, the closer you are to the board, however the more unbalanced and physically demanding it will become, harming your throw in the long run. If you wobble when you throw, you need to spread your feet further apart. Never move your legs while throwing.

The aim: When aiming, players want the eye, the dart and the target in a straight line. Don't aim in front of your eye and then raise the dart above your head or off to the side and throw by instinct. It

may work for awhile, but in the long run this style will let you down. Draw an imaginary line from the tip of your dart to the target and throw the dart down that line.

The throw: You only use elbow, forearm and wrist to throw. Your throwing forearm should be perpendicular to the floor (straight up and down) all the way through the throw. When you throw, move only your throwing arm. Don't hop, bounce, dip, or dive! You want the dart to release at the same point in your throw every time and every extra movement will make that nearly impossible. Throw your dart with a smooth, fluid motion. Don't flick or jerk it at the board and you do not need to hurl the dart with great force to make it stick. Always follow through with your hand, leaving your fingers pointing at your target. This will stop the dart from flying left or right. Don't move your head.

Practice: From there, the rest is practice. Concentrate on throwing the exact same way at the same point for a few throws. Pick a spot and try to hit it. If you don't, that's okay. What you're looking for here is repetition, not accuracy. Once you can throw a tight group, you can start to work on moving the group over the target.



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Just like any sport, darts can be fun, but demanding. Serious players practice more and pay attention to their basics. Because all of us know that it's even MORE fun when you win some games.

Google "how to throw darts correctly", watch the videos, read the text and watch the best players. It will take practice and patience with any changes you make - but it will pay off in the long run.

THE INNKEEPERS

The team that always **BOOM** Aw, forget it.



The latest and greatest: (l.to r.) Rick "Ricky D" Davis, Dave Kinzeler, Sam Anderson, Ron Harris, Brad Williams, as well as Tom Boots and Dave Servis (not pictured) make up the 2011 team. The Innkeepers represent some of the longest playing members of the DDA.

What can you say about a team that has been around since the birth of the DDA, has a founding member still playing, has another member that can stop a whole bar in its tracks when he wins a game, and who will collectively drink you under the table, berate you for pointing in cricket and generally beat you badly any time you don't take them seriously enough? *Not much else!*

Their story really starts in 1970 when the original members of the DDA split up to form new teams to get the league started. Dave Servis and Bill "Nick" Nicoll Sr. (one of Dayton's most prominent dart enthusiasts) started building their team by grabbing two friends off bar stools in the *All American Bar* in Centerville. The friends, Dave Kinzeler and Jim Marlett, had shared a house before Dave got married and were joined by Larry Kibler to round out the original team. Both Servis and Kinzeler are still members today - and the rest is Innkeeper (and DDA) history.

The team started as *Icabod's Cranes*, in reference to Dave Servis' long legs and tall neck. They threw out of *Grammers' Bar* (now *Wileys Comedy Club*) and Kinzeler was throwing with a set of darts he won in a poker game from Nick - darts he still throws with to this day! Jim Francis and Max Shook joined the team later and Tom Boots followed not long after that. A move to the *Shroyer Inn* after *Grammers* closed prompted the name we know now - The Innkeepers.

In 1982 the recruitment scene was repeated when Sam Anderson, a computer systems analyst for NCR, found himself being the one pulled off his stool after a softball game to fill a vacancy. Nick sold him a set of darts on the spot (yep, he still throws the same ones) and Sam has been an Innkeeper ever since. In fact, he now serves as their Captain.

Some newer members include Brad Williams, a former US Marine, who threw in the DDA before he enlisted and then joined the Innkeepers after his return in 2007. Ron Harris, a long time DDA member, had thrown on several Gem teams and joined "to bring the average age down a little". Filling the final slot is long time player Rick Davis, better known to many as "that guy that yells 'BOOM' when he wins". People have discussed this unique habit over the years (because Rick wins a lot), so I asked him about it. His answer? "Hey, a neighbor of mine who's English gave me a VHS tape a long time ago from a Scottish tournament. The whole crowd was yelling and the players were screaming and hollering - so someone's upset when I win a game?"

I could fill pages with the individual history of each of these players, and another again with the illustrious list of other players that have been proud members of the Innkeepers - a list that reads like a Who's Who of Darts in Dayton. From Carl Stravinski, Bill Jr. and Tim Nicoll, and Carl Cruiser to 'youngsters' like DeLynn Mills and Josh Lang, the spirit of the team has always been one of friendship on and off the line, good sportsmanship towards all and competitiveness combined with civility.

Not a bad reputation to maintain over 40+ years of play!



Old Friends: Pictured before (after or during) a match is Tom Keltner, Bill Nicoll Sr., Sam Anderson and Tom Boots.



Darts, Golf, whatever: The team plays together (l.to r.) Tom Boots, Tom Keltner, Tom Patterson, Sam Few, Carl Cruiser and Billy Nicoll Jr.



Even on vacation, it's an Innkeepers event! (l.to r.) Tom Boots, Tom Ryan, Suzanne Boots, Donnie Heikes and wife. Dave Servis, Dave and Linda Kinzeler and Billy Nicoll Jr.



Heavy load!: Mike Halliger takes on the big job of carrying Sam through a match - he didn't realize that Sam meant it literally!!



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DEAD RECKONING ON [DOUBLES]

Two exciting things are going on this fall . . .

First, the DDA is picking up all the fees for fall darts. What this means is **FREE** darts for all player this fall . . . the DDA is paying all membership, team & sponsor fees. Why? you may ask - two major reasons . . . first of all, what better way to spend our funds than to give back to our membership by covering the fees . . . and second, what better incentive to get some new players involved? We think that once they try it, they'll become long time players . . . so, if you know somebody thinking about playing, or you know someone that may want to shoot to try it out, sign them up!! There's no membership fee required, just fill out the paperwork and get approval as usual . . .

The second exciting item is that All*Star qualifying has been streamlined . . . in the past, you threw 16 rounds 3 times for a total of 144 darts . . . this year, you'll throw 12 rounds 3 times for a total of 108 darts . . . this will speed things up when you go out to qualify and add more emphasis to hitting your doubles. The sheet is now single sided (\$3 a sheet) , and you still total your 3 scores to get your number . . . but doubles are more important than ever before . . . half the darts you throw will be aimed at doubles, so you have to hit them . . . high scoring is good, but we hope this will help us finish more games & win the All*Star Challenge .

This brings thoughts of what to do to practice those elusive doubles - although throwing a bunch of 301 games never hurts. You have to hit 2 doubles each game, and it's much shorter than 501 . . . but this gets us back to one of my favorite games, 27 (see rules page 2) . . . as you play this game, you can keep track of your progress by writing down your finishing double or final score. The good thing about this game is that it's only 21 throws . The bad thing is that only the double you are shooting at counts .

Now, get out there & play some 27 to help us win the All*Stars this year..

Lou

interesting terminology . . .

Ale-Conner: An inspector of ale; every village or place with an ale-house would have one (medieval terms & phrases)

Gaveloc [gavelock] : A javelin or long dart; later, a crowbar.



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