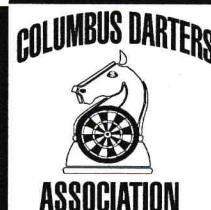


Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Greetings Darters! I hope your summer is going well!

Thanks to all who participated at the All Capital Open and our first ever free blind draw. Remember the next free blind draw is this month at the Crest Tavern on _____. I'm sorry I can't remember what Saturday it is though (wink).

Just a quick reminder that Ladder sign ups are still going on and the Royal Cup is challenge in September.

Sign up the ladder via our website www.cols-darters-assn.com. I hope you enjoyed our last newsletter and this one. Have a great summer!

I also want to give a quick shout out to those excessive pointing #@\$#ers, you know who you are!

Shoot them well!
> Joel

Your CDA Board

Your CDA board is working very hard to make sure darting in Columbus is fun and enjoyable for everyone who wants to play the game.

Among some of the many exciting changes, we are now publishing the newsletter quarterly. If you'd like to submit content, story ideas, jokes, advertisements or personal announcements, we'd love to hear from you.

Board meetings are held on the **last Sunday** of the month from **5:30 to 7:30 PM** at **DiMarco's**. The last half hour is reserved for CDA member feedback and ideas.

Contact one of the board members if you're interested in volunteering to help with events.

President : **Joel Isaacson**

Vice President: **Ralph Smith**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Anne Strayer**

Trustees:
Paul Jones
Becky Gerhart
Don Young
Tammy Young
Dave Laugher

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VFW TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Here are the results of Big Dumb's **Spring Fling** held at the VFW hall on May 21st in Malta, Ohio.

Mixed Trips:	1 st Team peter,nut and peach1/2	2 nd Team UZZO
Men's Doubles:	1 st place Uzzo and Train	2 nd Donny and Chuck.
Women's Doubles:	1 st Becky and Mary	2 nd Neff 2
Blind Draw #1:	1 st place: Uzzo and Misty	2 nd place: Debbie and Carl.
Blind Draw #2:	1 st Bankroll and Mike	2 nd place: Big D and shorty

Thanks to all who came and participated and keep on throwing!

DISASTER RELIEF OPEN RESULTS

First of all I would like to thank everyone who attended the tournament. A few people in particular I would like to thank are Brian Blain and Justin Queen for being our largest monetary contributors. Bruce Deitrick and Bryant Caves' efforts with selling raffle tickets and collecting donations throughout the day were invaluable. As always, JoJo's assistance was instrumental in the overall operation and success of the event.

I want to thank Bruce Deitrick-Central State Fire Protection, Brian Blain, Susie Basso and Ledo's for donating prizes to raffle.

The tournament ran very smoothly with the last event finishing at 8:00. Our goal for the donation box was \$250, with your generous contributions we were able to collect \$282.50 in the donation box alone. The entire donation for the day raised by the tournament was \$459.50. If you would like to know more about where your donations are going please visit

www.disaster-response.org. You may even choose to become a member of the R.A.C.E. (Rapid Assistance to Community Emergencies) response team. Thank you again. >> Scott Merritt

Mixed Trips 1st Nan Gelhar, Karl Grommeck, Mike Hislope; 2nd Susie Basso, Mark LaRosa, Nate Cline; 3rd/4th Amy Hoffner, Bruce Deitrick, Jim Passon; 3rd/4th Laura Caudill, Todd LaManna, Bryant Cave

Mens Singles: 1st Jim Passon; 2nd Gordon Dixon; 3rd/4th Dave Freeland; 3rd/4th Steve Market

Ladies Singles: 1st Missy Ramey; 2nd Susie Basso; 3rd/4th Amy Hoffner; 3rd/4th Tammy Young

Mens Doubles: 1st Jim Passon & Bruce Deitrick; 2nd Stephon Stewart & Tim V.; 3rd/4th Charlie Hummel & Larry Huskey; 3rd/4th Justin Queen & Donny Neibert

Ladies Doubles: 1st Susie Basso/ & Val Palmer; 2nd Rose Hummel & Missy Ramey; 3rd/4th Mary Hislope & Tammy Young; 3rd/4th Laura Caudill & Becky Gerhart

Blind Draw: 1st Nate Cline & Tony Mitchell; 2nd Justin Queen & Mark LaRosa; 3rd/4th Doughboy & Tammy Young; 3rd/4th Don Young & Dan S.

ALL CAPITAL OPEN WINNERS

Congratulations to the following first place winners: Mixed Trips: Mike Hislope, Jim Passon, & Amy Hoffner. Men's Singles: Gordon Dixon. Women's Singles: Marshann Haynes. Men's Doubles: Scott Merritt & Chuck Hoffner. Mixed Doubles: Becky Gerhart & Dan Carroll.

Support Our Troops Blind Draw

Proceeds are going to buy supplies to send to a troop over seas.

September 17, 2005



Zuey's

4955 Arbor Village Drive
Columbus, Oh

Sign up starts at 5:00 pm.

Blind draw to begin promptly at 6:00pm

- \$7.00 Entry Fee
- 50/50 Drawing
- Great Raffle Prizes



Please contact Tammy Young young2darters@yahoo.com or (614) 901-3903. Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated! Thanks in advance for your support.

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One full-length line—\$10

Contact Anne Strayer,
614-580-4968 for more information.

Deadline for the fall issue of the
CDA Newsletter is
September 15th!



Hosted By
Gold Coast Darters



Tournament Director:
Sue Bushi
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Sbushi@aol.com
<http://goldcoastdarters.com>

The CDA is proud to be a part of **The Royal Cup Open!** The Royal Cup Open is an All Star event where the best darters from 6 Dart organizations get together for a fun day of all star darts. The format for the Royal Cup Challenge is Cricket!

How do I qualify for the team? Qualifying has never been easier. Just sign up and participate in the CDA Cricket Ladder and your on the team (up to 20 men and 10 women). The rest of the team will be hand picked by the CDA selection committee. Ladder participation **guarantees** you a spot if you want it.

What other dart organizations will be participating? The Gold Coast Darters, Lake Erie Dart Association, Southern Ohio Darters Assn., Youngstown Darters Assn., and Akron Canton Dart Club.

Why should I play? The roughest competition there is. So you want to play the big boys? They are all here. Some of the top rated darters in the country play for the above mentioned dart leagues.

The CDA will also feature a hospitality room where drinks and food will be provided. So come up play darts and join the CDA in some fun, food and libations! See you there!

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Happy Birthday Rich "Schmoopy" Strayer and thanks for all of your support of the CDA.
- Congratulations and best of luck Laura Caudill & Bryant Cave on your upcoming nuptials.
- Thanks Jan Dubose for being a CDA sweetheart and supporting the darters at DiMarco's.

HELP!

This article by Karlheinz Zöchling has been copied from <http://www.xpoint.at/schach/tdd.htm>

In some games you are behind, in some games you are in the lead - a dart player's usual business. Both situations have their own typical mental consequences. The most common situation is that the (supposed to be!) better player is in front. That's a normal situation which both players are "used to". In most cases the weaker player resigns at some point of the match, and then it's all over. It usually is easy to see who is behind only by looking at the players' behavior. The behind player will lower his head and shoulders, usually shake his head or even nag or grumble. Well, only a mentally weak player would do so.

In such situations where you are a way behind it is important to think about what your look is like. Check yourself for what I mentioned above. Do you look like a loser? Then you normally are a loser. The player who is in front is expecting this. Raise your shoulders, raise your head and step to the oche in full confidence. Don't care about the standings in the match. Just look like a winner. Your opponent will recognize your confident look and maybe (if he is mentally weak) begin to think about why you look as if you were in the lead. And this is your chance. Once you get your opponent to think a little more than usual, he may lose his balance. Of course you will have to throw some good darts to close up, but if you look strong and confident (even if you actually don't feel strong and confident) real strength and confidence are often coming to you. If you look like the boss on the board it's not unusual that you in fact will become the boss!

Of course this needs practice. So take care of your behavior during dart matches. Ask a friend to watch your play. After the match he can tell you which impression he had of your behavior. After a while it won't be difficult for you to recognize yourself what effect your look has to your opponent, and then you will be able to control it properly.

In the next issue of HELP we will look on situations where the weaker player faces himself with the unusual situation of being in the lead, which surprisingly puts him usually in trouble.

Getting New Ideas

Hello Darters, as a recent addition to the CDA board, I have chosen a specific task to recruit new players. The rest of the board supports it and in order to make it happen I need all of your support. I have noticed in the past 3 years we have been losing darters quicker than we are gaining them. The first year I noticed a lot of the same faces were at every event. The second year less of them, and this year even less. Which is to be expected, people get better jobs, move away, get married and start families. The bigger problem is that their absences are not being filled. I am working on several ideas to try and get people more interested in the sport and get the turn-outs up. This will benefit everyone!

Everyone knows someone at work or elsewhere that either used to play or wants to play but is afraid they will get killed by the better darters. A place we have all been at one point. It can be something as simple as inviting someone from work to a blind draw or tournament even if it is just to watch. The first Buckeye Open I attended was as a spectator and by the Bloodshot I was at the Control desk signing up. Some times all it takes is getting 3 darts in your hand and hitting one good shot to... well you know. I would like to invite everyone to try and put a more welcoming, encouraging and positive attitude on bring new talent into the sport.

Any ideas, criticism, help, or other wise would be greatly appreciated.

Have Fun & Throw Well!!

Don Young

Weekly Blind Draws

Get matched up randomly with a partner for fun and a chance to win money.

All levels of dart play welcome!

\$5.00 Entry Fee • Format: 501 (side), cricket, choice • Bull Pot with 8 or more

FRIDAY 8:00PM

Zuey's' Roundback Bar

4955 Arbor Village Dr.

(First side-street east of High St., off of Morse Rd.)

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SATURDAY 8:00PM

Crest Tavern

397 Crestview Road

(Corner of Indianola & Crestview)

268-6838

100% Pay Back

SUNDAY 8:00 PM

Dimarco's

5240 Godown Rd.

(Corner of Bethel and Godown)

451-1491

100% Pay Back

JULY FREE BLIND DRAW @ The Crest Tavern

AUGUST FREE BLIND DRAW—To Be Announced

Check the website <http://www.cols-darters-assn.com> often.

See you at the line!

BLIND DRAW POINT STANDINGS

As mentioned in the Spring newsletter, the CDA has experienced major delays in updating the standings. To the best of our ability, we have collected all of the outstanding blind draw sheets for 2005.

All of the blind draw points submitted through June 2005 are now up-to-date and the top 50 players are listed in the table below..

Only the first two blind draws of the evening are recorded. Please remember to sign in with your first and last name to ensure your points are credited to you correctly.

1 point is awarded to each player participating in the blind draws. 20 points are awarded for the first place finishers. 10 points are awarded for the second place finishers. And 5 points are awarded for each third and fourth place finisher if there are 16 or more players. And, eight or more people must play or the points are not recorded.

A very heartfelt thanks to **Bryant Cave** for taking on the daunting task of calculating the totals through June for your summer newsletter. However, we are still in desperate need of a regular statistician. If you have experience with Microsoft Excel, please consider volunteering your time and talents so we can continue to be fair to all of our valued members!

First Name	Last Name	Nickname	Total Points	First Name	Last Name	Nickname	Total Points
Tony	Mitchell	Ton Tony	1359	James	Teinert		444
Rob	Tuel	Tuelman	1321	Nathan	Kline		426
Bryant	Cave	Cave	1319	Amy	Hoffner		424
Mike	Hislope	Rooster	1194	Mike	Houdley		404
Justin	Queen		1191	Jon	Anderson	Professor	404
Matt	Gallapoo		1099	Brian	Blain	Sn8ker	395
Al	Leach		1060	Jim	Passon		392
Mike	Mayo		892	Bruce	Deitrick	BullsEyeBruce	386
Jeff	Lose	Magicman	853	Karen	Snider		385
Craig	McClelland	Mack	817	Bruce	Huhn		383
Mark	Larosa		800	Laura	Caudiil		379
Todd	Lamanna	Bankroll	797	Chuck	Medley	Kung Fu	367
Tony	Baron	T-Bone	779	Greg	Foltz		363
Tony	Trowbridge		754	Doug	Heath	Heathbar	355
Dave	Lagerberg	Loggy	696	Lynley	Gerken		332
Anne	Strayer		691	Becky	Gerhart		322
Pam	Brannock		686	Brad	Cluckis		315
Scott	Merritt	Doom	637	Sue	Wolfrum		303
Beth	Huhn	Buzzsaw	619	Ron	Overstreet	Slut	301
Jay	Thimmes		598	Stephon	Stewart		294
Kelly	Unger		549	Tom	Kirk	Capt'n Kirk	285
Joel	Isaacson	Smiley/C Bass	542	Mark	Wolfel	Wolfie	281
Dave	Thompson		539	Dave	Friedlander		273
Chuck	Hoffner		482	Allison	Hamre		270
Gordon	Dixon		471	Donnie	Niebert		266

Columbus Pro League

FALL SEASON STARTS

Thursday, August 25, 2005

(mark your calendars now!)

- Do you want to play against some of the best darters in Central Ohio?
- Do you want to improve your game and make more money at tournaments and blind draws?
- Do you want to work towards playing darts on a Regional or National level?

If your answer is YES, then be at: **The Crest Tavern on Thursday, August 25, 2005 at 7:15pm.**

We will be there to answer any questions you may have and to help you sign up for the Fall season ending Thursday November 10th. 2005

There will be a maximum of 24 players so....Don't be left out!

Players that played in the summer season have a guaranteed spot for the fall season. A random drawing will be held for all available spots.

→ **The Columbus Pro-League**

Bruce Deitrick, President

Craig Wickman, Vice President

E-mail at proleaguedarters@aol.com, with any questions or find out more on CDA's website:

<http://www.cols-darters-assn.com>.

Notice:

To Columbus Pro League Darters

If you are paid full time player in the summer season that ends 7-21-05,

Columbus Pro-League will pay your \$5 entry fee into the DiMarco's

"Summer Splash" on Sunday August 21st. 2005

This is a charity event. Lets show our support!

See page 11 for details.



Women's League

This summer's Women's League is well under way. We have a total of 8 ladies including 4 new players. The CDA Women's League would like to extend a warm welcome **Tanya Varner, Eva Morris, Beth Huhn, and Kelly Unger**. Thank you so much for playing!

The fall season will begin on September 6th and runs through November 8th. A special blind draw will start at 7:30 on August 30th at Dimarco's. All darters (guys and dolls) are invited! We will take fall season sign ups and answer any questions about the fall season then.

The last day of play for the summer season is July 19th. An end of the season party will be held on Tuesday July 26th!

Thanks to everyone for your support! And, if you're looking for information or contacts, visit the website <http://www.cols-darters-assn.com>.

Darting Memoirs ~ My First Set of Darts!

RALPH 'BIG DUMB' SMITH: I was 16 years old and occasionally smoked camel lights and I used the camel cash (c note's in the back of the pack) and got me a set of darts. When they came in the mail on Thursday night, I went to the local bar and threw in a blind draw tourney. I didn't fare well, but this made me determined to get better and throw more to be able to win. Then the next draw I finished 2nd and then I got into the bigger tourney's. But, that's a later story...

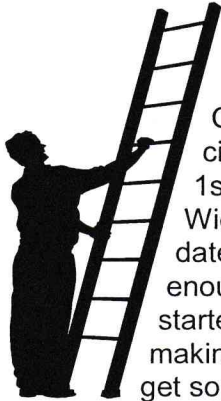
BRYANT CAVE: My first set of darts were purchased from Bob Brewer at Darts USA for \$20 in the fall of 1994. I played up at Mama's Pasta and Brew every now and then and Brewer said that I should head up to the Indianola store and get my own set of darts if I was going to be playing as much as I was. I did just that and picked up a cheap set of 24 or so gram darts. I played with these for around 6 months when I lost one and I moved onto 25 gram double indented Budweiser darts that were a gift from my loving sister.

TODD 'BANKROLL' LAMANNA: A couple years after I graduated from college, I used to come to Columbus to visit my brother and we would almost always end up at Zuey's playing darts or pool on Sunday afternoons after golfing in the morning. Since I was always either using bar darts or sharing his, he bought me a set of steel tip darts for Christmas that year so that I could get used to using the same set all the time. I believe the year was 1997.

ANNE STRAYER: Wow, I think my first darts were hand-me-downs made out of spare parts from Rich's dart supplies. I had never thrown darts when I met him (or I should say when I was tricked into playing with him) at an in-house dart league. I was going to borrow this other guy's spare darts for the season, but I was thrilled when Rich offered to let me play with his. We won the league and a few months later, Rich bought me a dart case and flights for my "new" darts.

DON YOUNG: My first set of darts were "borrowed" from my roommate Bob. I asked to use them so I could go celebrate Tammy's friend Mary's birthday, just a bunch of us getting together to drink and throw. This was also about the second time I ever threw. I met quite a few darters that night, and I had a blast. Two months later I was throwing in my 1st Bloodshot, and almost three years later, Bob still has no darts. He eventually gave them to me. I no longer throw them but if it hadn't been for him having them, me needing them, I might not have realized how much fun, frustration, excitement and beer I can actually drink in a 12 hour period or how addictive this game that I've come to love, really is. "Thanks Bob."

CDA LADDER NEWS



The 2005 Cricket Ladder officially began (July 1st, 2005). Craig Wickman has updated the web site enough to get us started, and will be making more updates to get some of the information back to where it was before ezboard was attacked.

The new format is now posted on the message board. To summarize it, everything is based on sets.

A set is best of 3 games. Tier 1 will be first to 4 Sets. Tier 2 first to 3 sets and everyone else will be first to 2 sets.

For those playing in the Cricket ladder, please post your feedback on the format, so we can fine tune it for next year.

Craig's attempt was to get the matches to be about the same length they were in the 501 ladder (not necessarily the same number of games).

Craig indicated it will take some playing to figure out what that level should be. Please be patient and check the message board often for updates.

Players in the 501 ladder will retain their positions in the Cricket ladder, and new people will fill in the bottom.

If you were in the ladder before, you have until August 1, to pay and stay in the Cricket Ladder, without losing your position.

Craig will be working out the payouts for the 501 season and getting that money to those who won. Watch for the winners to be announced in the fall newsletter.

For everyone else, this is the perfect time to join the ladder. Cost is again \$30 with weekly payouts.

This is also the first season that the ladder will be a feeder into the September Cricket all-star event. So that's another good reason to join the ladder to improve your cricket skills and represent Columbus.

The season will last until September 31. October 1st we will start the 501 ladder again.

If you want to know more, read the rules and information section on the message board or talk to **Ladder Chief, Craig Wickman** or someone in the ladder.

See you on the ladder!

All-Star Qualifier Updates

All qualifiers are scheduled **July: 16th & 23rd** and **August: 13th & 20th** at the **Crest Tavern**, 397 Crestview Road, on the corner of Indianola & Crestview, from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Format: Two games of 501 side. Shoot every odd-numbered double (no more than 3 darts). If you hit it, you get 1 point. If you hit it with your first dart, you are done with that number; max per double is 1 point. Same out shots as last year, with the 170 valued at 6 points.

Standings as of June 30th:

NAME	SCORE
Becky Gerhart	59
Laura Caudill	74
Amy Hoffner	80
Chuck Hoffner	22
Mark LaRosa	34
Ralph Smith Jr	44
Joel Issacson	45
Bryant Cave	46

A special forum for questions and answers has been set up on the CDA message board. Contact Chuck Hoffner or post your question to the message board on the CDA Website at:

www.cols-darters-assn.com.

Dimarco's 9th Annual Summer Splash

In loving memory of Joe Dimarco—*Thanks old bud!*

In 1997, the Columbus darting community lost a dear friend, wonderful bar owner, and devoted supporter of darts, to cancer.

While many darters spent the summer of '97 grieving the loss of Joe DiMarco, the founder of Dimarco's Lounge on Godown Road, his long-time bartender, Jan DuBose, and bar back, Zerby, decided to have an end of the summer party to honor their beloved friend. "It's what Joe would have wanted," Jan and Zerby said in unison.

The dynamic duo turned that vision into a reality with an annual darting event to raise money for The Kobacker House, which played a key role in Joe's final days.

They decided to call the annual benefit 'DiMarco's Summer Splash' to remember Joe DiMarco and to raise money for The Kobacker House.

Because of the tender care Joe received and the genuine goodness of the staff and services provided to Joe, his family, and his friends, Jan believes in The Kobacker House with all of her heart and has continued to host the Summer Splash for the last eight years.

"From the beginning, people have come together to remember Joe and to raise money for The Kobacker House". So many people have helped out that it has grown from raising enough money to cover a treatment to financing a brick in the new hall.

"In honor of Joe DiMarco. In honor of the summer splash." That's what Joe's brick reads.

Jan reports, "In all the years our darters have raised money in Joe's memory, The Kobacker House has never asked us for more. That's a testament to their integrity."

Tee-shirts, door prizes, food, and the blind draw are just a few of the things that make DiMarco's Summer Splash a special event. But, the icing on the cake is that all proceeds of the Annual Summer Splash at Dimarco's benefit The Kobacker House.

The Kobacker House, which opened in 1989, is the only free-standing hospice care center in Central Ohio.

Hospice provides comprehensive care in the patient's home, inpatient care, residential care, on-call services to people of all ages and socio-economic levels, whose illness is no longer responding to aggressive, curative treatment.

Hospice seeks to enhance the quality of a patient's life by controlling the pain and discomfort, honoring choices, and supporting the right to quality of life and death with dignity.

In addition to providing care to those terminally ill, The Kobacker House also provides community education and bereavement support services to central Ohioans.

Please join the Columbus Darters Association for:

**The 9th Annual
DiMarco's Summer Splash**

Sunday, August 21st

First event starts at noon

\$6 Entry Fee

Food Specials

Door Prizes

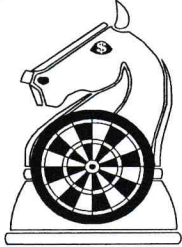
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2005

1—Cricket Ladder begins

?— free draw @ the Crest

16—All Star Qualifier

23—All Star Qualifier

31—Board Meeting

AUGUST 2005

?— free draw

13—All Star Qualifier

20—All Star Qualifier

21—Summer Splash!

25—Pro League begins

28—Board Meeting

30— ♀ + ♂ = Blind Draw

SEPTEMBER 2005

6— Women's League begins

12—Campus Dart League begins

17—Support Our Troops

18—Board Meeting

23-25—Royal Cup Challenge

OCTOBER 2005

1-Thirsty City

30—Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 2005

18-20—Buckeye Open

27—Board Meeting

DECEMBER 2005

18—Board Meeting

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