



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is our first newsletter since the close of the winter season. For those who did not take advantage of our Luck of the Draw Tournaments that were held every Tuesday at the Silver Creek Saloon, I must say you missed quite a bit. Over \$3000 was given in Prize money. We used this summer season to recruit teams. We went from 36 teams to 54 teams, so the recruiting was a success. A lot of questions are asked about how we determine which team should be in what division. This is a difficult task in scheduling and all board members are involved in the selection. Realizing that we cannot please everybody, we do our best and hope that each member understands this.

We moved our blind draw from Tuesday to Friday and hope the members will take advantage of this tournament. We will pay up to 8 Positions, only if 100 entries or over sign up.

Our end of the season Party will be held December 21 - mark that date and Plan on attending. Details will be forthcoming.

Please give some thought on becoming a board member. Elections for board members will be at the end of season Party.

We need your support in running this league and your input is a valuable asset to the future of the E.S.D.L.

MIKE MILLAY, President

## SCOREKEEPING

One of the Pleasures of being involved in a league such as ours is seeing the excitement of new darters. Often times, these novices get more excited over single bull than a seasoned darter does over a T80. Watching these darters develop brings a great deal of satisfaction to all of us on the executive board. One area of development that is just as important as the development of throwing skills is the area of Dart Etiquette. This article will cover some of the Points of etiquette of CHALKING A GAME.

1. STAND STILL: Face the chalkboard and remain as motionless as possible during the turn. Don't lean over to check the darts in between throws unless the darter specifically asks you to do so.

2. DON'T TALK during a throw: It is improper for the chalker to tell the darter what he/she should throw. If the darter asks, the chalker may tell what the remaining score in an 01 game is, but cannot suggest an out shot.

3. ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS of the throw only after all three darts have been thrown and prior to the darter removing the darts from the board. This gives the darter a chance to verify that the score is recorded properly.

4. SMOKING OR DRINKING while chalking should only be done if the darters agree to let you do so. Some darters are distracted by this so don't get upset if they ask you to refrain.

Overall, the key is to be as inconspicuous as possible. Many darters require a great deal of concentration to throw well and any unnecessary actions of the chalker can ruin their game. Show them the courtesy of observing the above tips on etiquette.

## LADIES EVENT

This is the second season that the E.S.D.L. has sanctioned a Ladies Event. I must say that the enthusiasm of the women is overwhelming. Sundays at 4:00 P.m. we go to the line at Mickey's (Silver Creek) and the competitive spirit that these ladies possess touches all. We have recruited women who have never thrown darts and to see their aggressiveness at the line compares equally with the seasoned darter. For you women who throw on Tuesday night this is an opportunity to advance your skills by getting a team together and throwing in the Ladies Event. We will continue to bring about darting events and the Ladies Event is just one. With your help it will continue to grow. The winter season will be upon us in no time so let the women band together and let's have the best season ever.

MARIE MILLAY, Chairperson

## BAR RELATIONS

Thanks to the input by all darters in the E.S.D.L. I am trying to take care of all the situations that arise from week-to-week.

Gahanna Lanes: They have replaced six boards and have two others that are good. That's not bad considering we only assigned them five boards. All chalk boards are new and they are replacing the bulbs in all lights with higher wattage.

Gahanna Grill: They have replaced both boards and are in the process of replacing existing lighting.

Rick's Cafe: Rick's has added new lighting.

Dirty Sally's: As you can tell from last year, they are trying very hard to conform to our needs. New walls, new boards and closing restroom in back. We have removed most of the tables from the center to eliminate most of the crowding problems. We still have some problems to overcome, but we are working on them.

As for beer prices, there is nothing I can do about those, but most places, if you ask, will hold extra beer in their coolers if paid for before the end of happy hour.

Keep all input coming, that is the only way I can keep a handle on the situation. If you have any complaints or comments, be sure to register them on the comments section on the back of your score sheet.

CREED MCFALL, Bar Relations Chairman

*Gahanna Lanes*      471-1111  
*Johnstown Rd.*  
*Gahanna, OH*

*10 Standing Dart Boards*  
*Bowling, Arcades,*  
*Snack Bar*

*E.S.D.L. Tuesday League Play*

*Your one stop*  
*Entertainment Facility*

*The Original Gahanna*  
*Grill*

*Steak and Lobster*

*80 Granville St.*  
*Gahanna, Oh*

## SPECTATOR ETIQUETTE

Spectator etiquette is even more important than Scorekeeping Etiquette. There are probably more breeches of etiquette in this area than all other areas combined. A vast majority of the complaints we receive from darters concern the distractions caused by spectators. In some cases these distractions have caused such hostility that shouting matches and actual fights have resulted. Needless to say, this cannot be tolerated. It has caused some darters to quit the league and has discouraged potential new members from joining.

### WHO IS A SPECTATOR?

By "spectator", we don't just mean the casual observer who wanders in to watch a match. Any person who is not at the line throwing, is at that moment, a spectator. As a spectator, they are expected to observe certain guidelines of behavior.

1. Comments to the darter during a throw should be avoided. Even such well meant comments as "nice dart" made during a turn can be distracting. Any derisive comments made to a darter while he is throwing are serious breeches of etiquette and may end up with the darter's next dart being thrown at you instead of the board.

2. Side conversations and comments should be kept at a level that will not distract darters at the line. Remember that your match is probably not the only one going on. Show the others some consideration, too.

3. Physical distractions can be very annoying and are easily avoided. Many of our locations can get crowded during league play and often the path to the restroom involves passing near darters at the line. Even if you feel there is ample room to pass unnoticed, wait until the turn is over, then pass by.

4. Gloating over a win may make you feel good but can cause some serious hard feelings among the darters. Remember, you may have won this game, but you will, no doubt, face that darter again. Show sportsmanship in both your wins and your losses.

5. Coaching your teammates. Here's a tough one that we're going to leave up to you. Some darters welcome suggestions during a throw. Others would prefer to play their own game. Check with your teammates and respect their wishes.

There are countless other points which could be raised regarding "etiquette" but they all boil down to one thing. Show some consideration to all the darters. Remember, we play this game for fun. Don't let your behavior spoil the fun for others.

## MEMBERSHIP

Some thoughts from the Membership Chairman.....

I want to welcome all of you new and seasoned darters to the best season the E.S.D.L. has ever had...all because of your Participation.

I am Pleased with your cooperation in Providing complete correct team info...keep it coming. It really keeps things running smo-o-othly.

By now all captains should have their membership cards, their division master list with Phone numbers, and an up-dated sub list. If Problems arise, or you just want to say HI!...use these lists to stay in communication with each other...that's what it's all about.

You're encouraged to keep in touch with your board members too: suggestions, criticisms, needs, etc. are welcome..... We all make this league work!

You can lend us your talents; we want committed People to assist...are you an organizer, artist, Promoter, etc??? Consider this as a Possibility - your time involvement is UP to you.

Don't forget to invite your interested friends to your league Play, tournaments, and our upcoming dart clinics.

See ya!!!

o DOUG BEDELL, Membership Chairman  
SPECIAL THANKS to LIZ BULLOCK for her assistance with our membership cards.

## PHONE NUMBERS

Here is a list of your Officer's and board member's titles/duties and Phone numbers. Keep this list handy for future reference.

MIKE MILLAY	President	837-0798
VERN RAWLINS	V. President/Open Dbls	863-6316
JIM BONTRAGER	Secretary	237-7875
TOM DEUBER	Treasurer	471-3288
MITCH HENSEL	E-Board/Mixed Dbls	262-7427
DOUG BEDELL	E-Board/Membership	237-2676
MARY BETH BAUMAN	E-Board	864-5120
ALICE BONTRAGER	E-Board/Newsletter	237-7875
CREED McFALL	E-Board/Bar Relations	846-8976

MARIE MILLAY, 837-0798 is the ChairPerson of the Ladies Event on Sunday.

## OPEN DOUBLES

Only in its second year, the OPEN DOUBLES has provided its Participants with some of the most exciting play in darts. The format has been expanded to include another double cricket and 501 game. With the addition of two new games, and keeping all games best two-out-of-three, the games are not only competitive, but very enthusiastic. The mood at competition is very relaxed, yet intense. In the OPEN DOUBLES you find that you relax between games! With this type of play, you would expect the players to become too aggressive. NOT SO with being set up for individual and two person team events.

Two players can "pick each other up" and do so very often. Matches can be turned around very easily with just one player throwing well. Making up 50% of a team instead of 25% of a team such as a four person team. You can see how much difference one "hot" darter can make. OPEN DOUBLES this season has not one but two divisions. This adds greatly to the competition. The OPEN DOUBLES is played every Wednesday night at the Silver Creek Saloon (Mickey's). We invite people interested in this type of competition to come out and see for themselves the type of play we have.

VERN RAWLINS, V. President  
(Open Doubles Chairman)

### E.S.D.L. ADS

Ads may be placed by members and member bars or business at the rates listed below. An ad may be placed with any board member or newsletter committee person.

Advertising rates are as follows:

Full Page:	\$40.00
Half Page:	20.00
Quarter Page:	10.00

These prices are for one time only, if an ad is desired for a full year there are discount prices available.

## LUCK OF THE DRAW

Luck of the Draw Tournaments have been a form of social and competitive darts throughout the dart bars of the nation. This type of darting brings the beginners and veterans together. Columbus has experienced a tremendous growth in this type of competition and looking back at the Past few months, I am sure it will continue to grow. Not only are there eleven organized leagues now in existence in Columbus, but for only \$3.00 you can compete with the best.

The E.S.D.L. of Columbus can boast of over 100 Plus Participants in a single blind draw paying \$3.00 entry with a cash additive given by Rick Miller, owner of Mickey's (formerly the Silver Creek Saloon), the home bar of the E.S.D.L. The fortunate winners of this event have taken close to \$90.00 per person. Rick Miller of Mickey's has vowed to donate \$20.00, progressing each week for the first 100 hit in the blind draw. Ask Mike Tackett about his 100 which paid him \$120.00.

Mickey's now has a mixed blind draw on Sunday immediately following the Ladies Event. This is also a cash additive. The schedule of blind draws listed can benefit all darters. To improve your skills as a darter, you have to play more than one night a week, ask Jim Medley, Rob Dixon, Mike Tackett and others who have proven themselves in the darting world.

The blind draws are a chance to play serious competitive darts and is a great time to meet other darters.

### SCHEDULES:

Wednesday Night: Crest Tavern "Home bar of the C.O.D."  
397 Crestview

Registration: 7:00 to 8:00 P.m. \$3.00 entry

Friday Night: Mickey's (formerly Silver Creek)  
3479-8 E. Broad St.

Registration: 7:00 to 8:00 P.m. \$3.00 entry

Sunday Night: Mickey's (formerly Silver Creek)  
Mixed Blind Draw "male & female Partners"

Registration: 6:30 to 7:30 P.m. \$3.00 entry

Make a point to enter one or all of these blind draws, meet your friends, improve your skills and have a lot of fun.

MIKE MILLAY, President



**MICKEY'S  
(FORMERLY SILVER  
CREEK SALOON)  
3479-81 E. BROAD  
ANNOUNCES  
LUCK OF THE DRAW  
EVERY FRIDAY  
REGISTER 7:00-8:00  
EVERY SUNDAY  
(MIXED PARTNERS)  
REGISTER 6:30-7:30**