



TADA Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2009

Congratulations to the winners of each division for the TADA Winter 2008/09 season. The list follows:

Division 1:

- 1st: Dirty Dogs
- 2nd: The Usual Suspects
- 3rd: Hellcats

Division 3:

- 1st: Mind's In
- 2nd: Stack'd
- 3rd: Just Trippin'

Division 5:

- 1st: Wirebangers
- 2nd: Bull Busters
- 3rd: Terminators

High On:

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| Division 1: | 170 | Scott Ingram |
| Division 1: | 106 | Beatrice Wade |
| Division 2: | 160 | Bill Kramer |
| Division 2: | 60 | Lisa Hughes |
| Division 3: | 170 | Archie Bushey |
| Division 3: | 112 | Kelly Santee |
| Division 4: | 142 | Chris Nelson |
| Division 4: | 126 | Susan Culin |
| Division 5: | 140 | Marty Spateholts |
| Division 5: | 100 | Tracey Cohen |

High Off:

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|-------------|-----|-----------------|
| Division 1: | 157 | Scott Ingram |
| Division 1: | 120 | Beatrice Wade |
| Division 2: | 124 | Todd Wise |
| Division 2: | 109 | Wendy Morkunas |
| Division 3: | 104 | Archie Bushey |
| Division 3: | 152 | Sharon Borgeson |
| Division 4: | 116 | Ron Woods |
| Division 4: | 62 | Sharon Bukowski |
| Division 5: | 129 | John Turner |
| Division 5: | 107 | Erica Harmon |

Division 2:

- 1st: Is It In?
- 2nd: Jax Hammers
- 3rd: Board Surfers

Division 4:

- 1st: Mel's Place
- 2nd: Hole Shots
- 3rd: Trashy Jumpers

High Score:

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| Division 1: | 177 | Ha Luong, Matt Chezem, Paul Dunham, Scott Braese, Bob Broussard, Lou Nelson, Kris Giberson, Mike Smith |
| Division 1: | 138 | Nicole Smith |
| Division 2: | 177 | Mike McLaurin |
| Division 2: | 152 | Shirley Wall |
| Division 3: | 160 | Nate Vassar |
| Division 3: | 140 | Angela Wilson, Wendy Fuyertes |
| Division 4: | 158 | Sean Sheehan |
| Division 4: | 140 | Cheryl Bradshaw |
| Division 5: | 174 | Kent Berger |
| Division 5: | 142 | Trina Jacinto |

Noteworthy games:

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| Division 1: | 9 dart 301: Sal Nacci |
| | 14 dart 501: Scott Ingram |
| | 11 dart Cricket: Mark Hinds |
| Division 3: | 11 dart 301: Archie Bushey |
| Division 4: | 13 dart 301: Don Bunch |

9-Marks: Mark Youngblood, Ha Luong (2), Mark Hinds (5), Pat O'Leary, Fysh Hensley, Vance Sutherland (4), Bill Cross, Jr. (2), Ray Reynolds (3), Archie Bushey (3), Scott Ingram, Derek Thompson, Mark Morkunas (2), Dave Higgins, Chris Polk, CJ Jacinto, Justin Pulliam (3), Bryan Scott, David McCants, Woody Ebeling, Mike Smith (2), Gary Frankfield, David Thibault (2), Cheryl Bradshaw, Duane Hensley, Matt Chezem, Chuck Kemp, Chris Bender, Todd Wise (2), Dan Coker, Kevin McCartney, Stowe Buntz (2), Randy Butler, Al Sullivan, Ryan Mahaffey, Lou Nelson, Amy Wood, Bill Merhnert, Scott Lovelace

180's: David O'Rork, George Dorr (2), Mike Hardy, Mike McLaurin, Ed Lusongo, Matt Chezem (3), David Thibault, Tim Galderise, Dave Higgins, Ray Reynolds (2), Trish Kohler, Bill Cross, Jr. (2), Chris Johnson, Mark Corletto, Scott Ingram, Bert Polk, Chris Polk, Mark Showitch, John Walsh, Joe Lawson, Vance Sutherland, Bob Broussard (2), Ha Luong (2), Chris Bender, Bill Merhnert, Steve Lambert, Mark Youngblood, Tom Abernethy (2), Scott Braese, Dave Roberts

Ravens Eye: Mike Turner

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.....

THE DAVE RAY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT:

The 2009 Dave Ray Memorial was a successful tournament. At 11:00 am on Saturday, January 24th eighty local dart players readied themselves for a weekend of fun and competitive darts. The long road would lead two (2) teams to their moment of fame, their names on the Dave Ray Memorial Cup, forever securing their place in darting history.

On the men's side, fifteen teams would battle it out on the boards. With team names such as Shake N Bake, Southern Comfort and Fists of Steel, all would test their steel against the 2006 Champions Big D & the Bad Newport News Boys or the defending champions, Fat Kid Army.

Saturday's competition consisted of a modified round robin format with each team playing five (5) matches. (which by the way, was one too many). Each match consisted of two (2) singles 501, two (2) singles cricket, one (1) doubles 501, one (1) doubles cricket and a 4-person team 701. With only the Sunday seeding at stake it made for a long day of fun darts. The men's team, Wanted, grabbed the #1 seed over Fat Kid Army by one (1) point.

In the Women's bracket, Dirty Stack'd Girls captured the #1 seed followed by: Between the Cups, Lock It Up, Oops and Chokin'.

I'd like to thank all of the teams for surviving Saturday's marathon of darts. The 2010 version will be somewhat shortened.

After a **short** night of rest all twenty teams returned for the double elimination knock out portion of the tournament. The women's bracket started as expected by seeding until Team Oops upset Team Lock It Up to put themselves in the money round. Team Oops' run was stopped short though as they said "oops" to Team Dirty Stack'd Girls. The finals was set. Dirty Stack'd Girls, the #1 seed vs the #2 seed, Between the Cups, for the title. This finals carried with it a great deal of past championship experience (Paula Bushey (2005), Sharon Borgeson & Nora Hanson (2006) and Nicole Smith and Carole Mongelli (2008)). After the dust all settled it was Between the Cups adding their team names to the Dave Ray Memorial Cup.

Now back to the men's bracket. With fifteen teams, the #1 seed (Wanted) was awarded a bye. They soon found out that this was not a good position to be in. In the 2nd round a cold Wanted team faced the #9 seed, Last Minute, who already had a match under its belt. Look out Losers Brackets, here comes the #1 seed !

Meanwhile, the battles raged on as team after team were sent down to the losers bracket where you played one leg of 4-person team 1001. As the men's bracket hit the final four (4), Fat Kid Army faced the #5 seed, The Other Siders. In the Winners bracket, where they still played the best of three (3), 701, Cricket, 701, Team Wanted got its chance and captured revenge against Team Last Minute in the Losers bracket. The Other Siders made a push past Fat Kid Army to await the Finals. Fat Kid Army was far from done hoping to become the first Dave Ray Men's team to defend their championship. They eliminated the #1 seed Wanted to set up a rematch with The Other Siders in the finals. After Fat Kid Army defeated The Other Siders in the best of 3, it set up one leg of 1001 to determine the 2009 Men's Championship. The winner was The Other Siders. Congratulations to all the players and a **thank you** to Phil Kealaluhi, Dan Schweiss, Rosemarie Lee and Jenica Rock for assisting us with drink ticket sales. **Thank you** also goes out to Dr. Dave Roberts, Kevin Thompson and Bear Garvin for hauling dart stanchions. Without volunteers these tournaments would not be possible.

Thank you to the Aragona Moose Family Center for being a gracious host.

4TH ANNUAL DAVE RAY RESULTS:

Mens: (15 teams)

1st: The Other Siders: Shannon Frye, Shane Meeks, Gary Wallace and Drew Baxley

2nd: Fat Kid Army: Al Sullivan, Stowe Buntz, Scott Ingrum and Randy Butler

3rd: Wanted: Dave Roberts, Ray Reynolds, Scott Lovelace and Vance Sutherland

4th: Last Minute: Bart Consford, Kevin Thompson, Chris Howard and Brian Borgeson

Womens: (5 teams)

1st: Between the Cups: Sharon Borgeson, Nora Hanson, Tiffany Hanson and Diane Rutkowski

2nd: Dirty Stack'd Girls: Nicole Smith, Carole Mongelli, Paula Bushey and Wendy Fuertes

3rd: Oops: Sue O'Leary, Toni LaChance, Maria Binns and Beatrice Wade

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A few words from the TADA Tournament Director:

Another year has come and gone. It was a costly year for the TADA dart family. We were just starting to heal from the sudden loss of Erica Petersen when we were forced to face the loss of my best friend and team-mate, Rudy Sebastian. Add to that the passing of Hugh "Thumper" Galloway. Thumper was the past owner of a great dart bar, aptly named "Thumpers" and was a past TADA Public Relations Officer. Long time dart player, Team Captain and former TADA Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Walck, was forced to face a parents' worst nightmare. Her son, Shane Walck, lost his fight with lymphoma on December 8, 2008 just a few short months after being diagnosed. Shane was a previous TADA Youth darter and also played as an adult. Shane provided support to the Virginia Beach Dart Classic by being our contact with Brooks Moving & Storage and helped to save a lot of our backs with their expertise and muscle.

For those of you who regularly attend our Virginia Beach Dart Classic, you would remember Atlanta Darts owner and custom dart expert, Jim Boan. Jim suffered a fatal heart attack on December 23, 2008. Jim's son, Tom, will be joining us this year at the tournament. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of all who have left us. May they rest in peace.

But even with the passing of so many close friends, our endeavors in darts will continue and our next chapter is just over the horizon. The 23rd Annual Virginia Beach Dart Classic will be held March 27-29, 2009. Once again this year we are the largest tournament in the US without a major sponsor. New and exciting this year, however, is that our tournament is being ranked by both the WDF (World Darts Federation) and the BDO (British Darts Organization). What direct effect this will have is still unknown but with the state of our economy as it is now, any extra players will be a bonus.

For those on a tighter budget this year, I'd like to make two recommendations. First, prepay your \$100 for registration and save money. Also, prepay early to spread out the expense of a tournament weekend. Second, attend any of Dave Roberts' FREE sponsorship events to earn your entry fees. If you prepay and then win a sponsorship slot we will refund your money. Not up to the competition or can't afford the expense? Come out and cheer on your friends or chalk some matches. If you're a good chalker, it's not unheard of to charge a buck or two a match.

As always, 80 dart stands don't go up or come down without a lot of volunteers. Set up will be Thursday afternoon/evening. Tear down will be Sunday evening. Trucks will be needed for hauling boards. To volunteer or for more info on set up/tear down, please call Lou Nelson, Assistant Tournament Director, at 277-6739.

Good Luck and Good Darts !!

UPCOMING DART DATES:

- Feb 20-22** Tricoda Open \$6,000, Solomons, MD (flyer on TADA website)
- Feb 21** VBDC Sponsorship Event (FREE)
Jax's Place, 5277 Princess Anne Rd
12:00 sign up and 12:30 start
- Feb 21** Youth Dart Clinic at Longshots (FREE)
10 am til 1 pm
- Mar 6-8** Valley Dart Tournament, Front Royal
Moose Lodge #829. Flyer on website
- Mar 6-8** Colonial Beach Classic, Colonial Beach, VA. (flyer on website)
- Mar 7** Youth Dart Clinic at Longshots (FREE)
10 am til 1 pm
- Mar 14** VBDC Sponsorship Event (FREE)
Jax's Place, 5277 Princess Anne Rd
12:00 sign up and 12:30 start
- Mar 21** Youth Dart Clinic at Longshots (FREE)
10 am til 1 pm
- Mar 21** VBDC Sponsorship Event (FREE)
Bit of England Finals at Longshots
1:00 pm start
- Mar 26** VBDC set up. 5pm at the Wyndham
5700 Atlantic Ave. For more info,
Lou Nelson, 277-6739
- Mar 27-29** 23rd Annual Virginia Beach Dart
Classic, \$35, 310 (see enclosed
flyer for more details)
- Mar 29** VBDC tear down at the Wyndham
- Apr 17-19** Moose International Tournament
Hopewell, VA Moose Lodge #1472
- Apr 25** "It's a Women's Thing" tournament
Frederick, MD (flyer on website)
- May 8** Deadline for sign up for upcoming
TADA Summer Season
- May 19** TADA Summer Captains Meeting
(details will follow soon)
- Jun 12-14** CVDA Dart Classic, \$11,400
Richmond, VA (flyer on website)

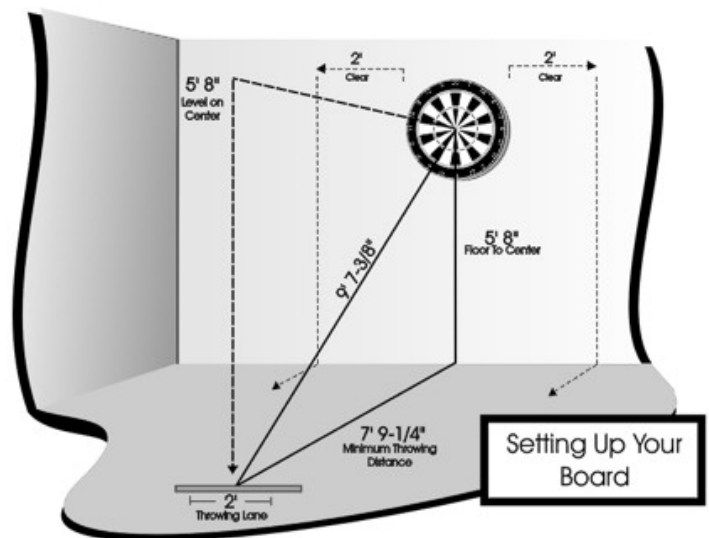
HAPPY DATES:

Happy Birthday to Jeff Siskin on February 14 and to Paula Bushey on March 7.

Happy Anniversary to Stowe & Charity Buntz who celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary on May 13th.

If you would like to see your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter, please send them to Linda Bender at crb64@juno.com

TADA would like to extend a warm welcome to the new establishments who have joined our league. We look forward to a long and fulfilling dart partnership. Welcome to Captain Rons, Baker Street and The Frog.



Height:

5' 8" from floor to center of the bull's eye

Throwing Line:

7' 9-1/4" from the board to the throw line (or 9' 7-3/8" when measured diagonally from the bull's eye to the throw line)

Throwing Lane:

Preferably 2' open on both sides of the board (Darts are sharp!)

Mounting:

The board should be mounted flush to the wall -- not leaning-- with #20 directly at the top.