



2008 Nationals in Winnipeg



Editor - Angie Wark

Another exciting dart season ahead of us! It's hard to believe the summer is over.

Many of you may have seen the NEW LOOK on the Website. Thanks to Stan Milosevic for the design and his hard work. If you see him around please give him a pat on the back and let him know how great the site looks.

I still continue to update the pages on a regular basis so if you have any information you would like to include email me at my **NEW EMAIL**

awark2@mts.net or visit our **NEW WEBSITE @**
www.manitobadarts.com

Good Darts to All!

Provincial Director - Kim Clawson

I hope everyone had a great summer. Don't forget our first tournament will be the Golden Boy held in September. Information from the AGM:

1. The Nationals for 2007 will be in Saskatchewan.
 2. Stuart and myself made our presentation for the Nationals we went up against Newfoundland **and we won the bid for 2008.**
 3. 2009 Quebec, PEI, Alberta, and Newfoundland have put in bids for the Nationals.
 4. Motion passed that no headgear will be worn at any Tournaments for example: headphones, MP3 players, cap or sunglasses on head the only exception is for medical reasons ie: hearing aid or for religious reason ie: a turban.
- *The team all arrived in Nova Scotia safely but one person short.
- *I must say that this years team was outstanding they went into the Nationals short and you could not tell they all came together as a team and they played their hearts out. I was honored and so very proud of each and every

player on this team. They were outstanding and our rookie guys did an outstanding job you did not know they were rookies.

Job well done you're the Best.

*I would like to thank the Nationals Team for a fabulous week and their dedication to the sport of darts in Manitoba. You did your Province Proud and I am very proud of all of you, you are the best!!

*I would like to thank Stuart Speight for taking stats and calling on stage play. I also would like to thank Brian Humphreys for taking stats and Donna Ferguson for taking stats and calling on stage play. Job well done!

*That*s it from the Nationals. Now the hard work begins for hosting the Nationals in 2008. We will need all the dart players to come together and work as a team to make these Nationals the best anyone has ever seen. If you would like to be on one of the Committees for the Nationals please contact myself or any member of the board. We will need lots of volunteers to make these Nationals a success.

*I would also like to welcome Barb Pugh to the Board as our Ways & Means Director.

See results from National on next page.

RESULTS FROM THE 2006 NATIONALS

Mixed Doubles:

Jnt 9th Rory Orvis & Charlene Bell
Jnt 17th Karen Gudbranson & Shane Perry

Men*s Doubles

1st Gerry Convery & Rory Orvis
Champions

Women*s Doubles

Jnt 9th Dianne Becker & Denise Ward

Women*s Singles

Jnt 5th Charlene Bell

Total Team Points

- 1st Ontario 271 points
- 2nd Nova Scotia 239
- 3rd Alberta 234
- 4th Quebec 230
- 5th NFLD 213
- 6th BC 198
- 7th New Brunswick 182
- 8th Northern Ontario 164
- 9th Saskatchewan 146
- 10th Manitoba 141**
- 11th PEI 96
- 12th NWT 94

Canadian Open Results

Singles

Jnt 3rd Gerry Convery
Jnt 17th Rory Orvis

Mixed Doubles

Jnt 5th Rory Orvis & Charlene Bell
Jnt 9th Kim Clawson & Tony Eccles from England
Jnt 17th Dianne Becker & Gil Moar
Jnt 17th Karen Gudbranson & Shane Perry
Jnt 17th Irene Plowman & Boyd from Northern Ontario
Jnt 17th Dean Corlett & Audrey Campbell

Rank	Prev	Name	GB	BO	Total
1	6	Dean Corlett	1	8	9
2	6	Ryan Bell	1	6	7
3	1	Gerry Convery	4	2	6
4	6	Dwayne Fontaine	1	4	5
4	6	Glen Walker	1	4	5
6	1	Larry Caruk	4		4
6	3	Tom Waldner	2	2	4
8	3	Doug Allard	2	1	3
8	6	Dave Hendy	1	2	3
10	0	Dwayne Bales		2	2
10	6	Quentin Loutit	1	1	2
10	3	Rory Orvis	2		2
10	6	Scott Sansom	1	1	2
10	6	Aaron Ward	1	1	2
15	6	Miguel Aravena	1		1
15	6	Alex Austria	1		1
15	0	Elwin Becker		1	1
15	6	Chris Bonin	1		1
15	0	Tim Brenton		1	1
15	6	Bill Brown	1		1
15	0	Greg Brown		1	1
15	6	Michael Bryan	1		1
15	6	Jeff Bunch	1		1
15	6	Mike Butler	1		1
15	6	Sandy Campbell	1		1
15	6	Les Douglas	1		1
15	6	Dave Duncan	1		1
15	0	Jonathon Houle		1	1
15	0	Douglas Kocian		1	1
15	0	Stan Milosevic		1	1
15	6	Chris Mrazik	1		1

See complete men's ranking on website

Rank	Prev	Name	GB	BO	Total
1	2	Charlene Bell	4	6	10
2	6	Denise Ward	1	8	9
3	1	Karen Gudbranson	8		8
4	0	Dianne Becker		4	4
4	0	Selina Ward		4	4
4	2	Angie Wark	4		4
7	4	Sandra Orvis	2		2
7	0	Shelley Rawlinson		2	2
7	0	Joyce Smid		2	2
7	0	Elsie Tilley		2	2
7	4	Tricia Wark	2		2
12	6	Audrey Campbell	1		1
12	6	Jeannette Doran	1		1
12	6	Janna Novak	1		1
12	6	Barb Pugh	1		1

2007 ADULT NATIONAL PLAYERS FEE

The Players Fee for the 2007 Nationals in Saskatoon will be \$450.00, however these fees will be reduced if the Team Manitoba Player participants in a Bingo Fundraiser following the 2007 Nationals. This includes your NDFC Assessment, Shirt, Banquet Ticket and 4 nights Accommodations. Travel arrangements and associated costs are up to the players.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Gerry Convery

Boy how times flies! No sooner has the season ended and boom, here we are again, ready to go. Hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. So lets see, what has happened since we last met? Oh yes!

HOSTING THE NATIONALS

Finally a break for our players. Manitoba will host the 2008 Nationals. Now its time for everyone to bear down and get prepared, not only the Board of Directors but our players also. Its very important we have a good showing & that we put on a great show for the whole country.

JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET IT RIGHT!

What is the best way to benefit our players going to the Nationals? What is the solution? How can we fix it without offending people? It will be discussed at great lengths at our all day board meeting and hopefully will get resolved.

HARD WORK WILL PAY OFF!

We have decided to give our players an added incentive at the Nationals, it will be explained in more detail later in the Newsletter.

YOUTH

It is important that we keep trying to build our youth. So anyone who has family or friends or know of any kids wanting to play darts please contact Donna (youth director) and or Roy & Wally who run a Saturday morning youth league.

CLOSED DOORS

It seems that our members sometimes do the unthinkable, by going directly to Sports Manitoba or the NDFC to solve some problems is just simply wrong. Anything the Board has ever done in the past has been in the best interest of Darts & the Dart players. None of us said it was the best way, but I dare anyone who thinks it hasn't been fair & equal to any and all players to challenge it. The proper solution - If the membership feels so strongly that what we are doing is wrong, they have the right to ask the board or certain board members to resign.

STILL PRODUCING CHAMPIONS (ZONE 3)

Quantity of players we might lack, but Quality is still there! Once again Manitoba can boast of National Champions.

DARK DAYS

Unfortunately after 25 years or so Zone 5 have finally realized that due to geographies it is closer to play darts in Saskatchewan, we wish them "all the best" PS Still waiting to hear from Zone 4.

GOOD TO SEE

After a few years away Zone 2 looks like it will be up and running for the 2006-2007 Dart Season. Good job from the Interlake and good luck with everything.

BRIGHT DAYS

After years of hockey, baseball & football drafts something new has come on the scene. A dart draft or should I say "Bill's dart draft". Good to see a change very interesting and certainly & something all dart players could participate in.

AND FINALLY!

To the board members, again thanks for your support and dedication for yet another year. Thanks to all the players who continue to support our shoots and with that GOOD LUCK & GOOD DARTS TO ALL.

Bingo Fundraiser

**Sunday, December 17, 2006 at
4:00 pm at Regent.**

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - Sharon Walker

MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2006. The season has just begun and memberships already look promising for the year. So far we have received 35 Adult Members, 7 Lifetime Members and 9 Youth Members. We would like to take this opportunity to WELCOME to our Association New Members: Michael Bryan, Lorne Prokopchuk, Frederick Arnold, Patricia Arnold and Charlene Arnold. Also welcome back to Kerry Loe. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any MDAI Board Member.

For Membership information PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PROVINCIAL ZONE CHAIR or SHARON WALKER @ 667-3577 or visit our Website @ www.manitobadarts.com for Printable Membership Forms. Memberships will also be available at Dart Tournaments.

Youth Director - Donna Ferguson

Another season has begun... where has the time gone? At the moment there is not much to report.

I am hoping to have more youth members this year as zone 2 is in the process of "rising up" again. YAHOO!

The MDAI is going to have a Youth tournament to be held on Sunday, January 2007 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. This should be good for them as a warm up for the provincials.

The MDAI is also looking into starting a "Bursary Shoot" which in a small way will assist the youth in offsetting the cost of their secondary education. Once the cost, criteria, etc, is established, the information will be passed on.

Remember that membership must be purchased by December 31st to be able to participate in the qualifiers and provincials

The youth provincials are set for Sunday, February 18, 2007 at the West Kildonan Legion. Registration 9:00 - 9:30 am. ***Dress Code in effect.***

Good luck to all, have fun, see you soon!

Zone 1 Youth Qualifier Dates

Will be October 28, 2006 and November 26th, 2006 at West Kildonan Legion beginning at 10:00am.

Youth Play with Adults Day

Every Saturday at West Kildonan Legion beginning at 9:00am until 12:00pm the Youth Darters practice amongst each other in their Youth Dart League. The MDAI thought it would be a great experience for the Youth if they had the opportunity to play against the Adult darters once in awhile. On Saturday, November 4th, 2006 we will give this a shot. If you have a couple of hours to spare, pop down at West K and challenge a Youth Darter!

Youth Dart Tournament

On Sunday, January 28, 2006 in conjunction with the Adult Memorial Tournament the MDAI will host a Youth Dart Tournament. Registration will close 9:00am. Play will finish at 11:00am and all Youth must leave Tournament at that time! There is NO CHARGE to play! Trophies will be awarded!!!! See poster for more details

NDFC Men's Ranking - April 30/06

Rank	Name	Prov.	Pnts.
1 st	Gerry Convery	MB	119
2 nd	Ken Mac Neil	AB	108
3 rd	Ken Woods	AB	88
10 th	Rory Orvis	MB	50

ZONE REPORTS

Zone 1 - Ryan Bell - First off, I would like to congratulate all the players that competed at the Provincials and also to all the players that made Team Manitoba. We had 6 players from Zone 1 that made the trip to Halifax. Shane Perry, who was this years Provincial Champion. Dean Corlett and Chris Parei. For the women it was Karen Gudbranson, who was also this year's Provincial Champion, Charlene Bell and Denise Ward.

There was some great performances in Halifax this past year. Gerry and Rory - 1st Men's Doubles, Dianne and Denise - Jnt. 9th Ladies Doubles, Rory and Charlene - Jnt. 9th Mixed Doubles, Shane and Karen - Jnt 17th Mixed Doubles and Charlene finished Jnt 5th Ladies Singles.

This past year Zone 1 had some successful fundraisers. We put on a bingo bowl at the St. James Lanes. We had our annual BBQ at the Monty Casino Legion and numerous 50/50 draws at our tournaments and qualifiers. A big thanks goes out to all of our Zone 1 Board and the members for making everything happen.

At last years Winnipeg Open we had just over 100 entries in all of the events. I'm hoping that this years Winnipeg Open is just as successful, if not better.

I know that our membership base is lower then past years but I'm hoping in the next couple of years with the Nationals being held in Saskatoon in 2007 and in Winnipeg in 2008 that our membership will increase. I know that some people won't take memberships out or won't come to Zone Qualifiers and Tournaments because they don't think they are good enough. Remember, it's about competing, making friends and most of all having fun. Good Luck this year and hope to see all of you soon.

Zone 2 - Tim Breton - As of Early October 2006 the Interlake Zone 2 was reinstated into the Manitoba Dart Association. We would like to express great thanks to the entire MDAI board and all the other people who helped us to get the wheels turning. We don't foresee too many problems because this zone was quite successful just a few years ago.

Our Board will consist of myself (Tim Breton) as Chairperson, John Vissor as Secretary, Brian Geard Ways & Means - Tournaments, Scott Sansom will sit on the board as a Director. Mark Wright will sit in as the Junior representative..

Our first meeting was held Sunday Oct. 15 at Selkirk Legion, 10 people present. I was quite happy with the turnout because we really didn't have a great amount of time to advertise. We hope to draw from the entire Interlake area.. Ashern, Gimli, Selkirk, and across the lake to Pine Falls and Lac Du Bonnet. I don't want to exclude any town's in-between because everyone is welcome.

As a committee we all feel strong to the point, we have to bring some fun back into darts in the zone. The more fun, people have playing darts, the more people will continue to show up for our events. Hopefully we can build up our numbers quickly. So if your interested call me at 367-8534 for more info.....
Hope to see you at the next event and Thanks again

Zone 3 - Gerry Convery - Qualifier Dates have been set for October 29, 2006 in Kinosota and for January 13th, 2007 in Brandon.

Zone 6 - Bill Brown - The 2nd Annual Mary Jane Open was a great success even with the low attendance. Everyone enjoyed the challenge of playing in the open air. Fortunately no darts were permanently lost in the bush.

The complete results are posted on the M.D.A.I. website.

Special thanks to Dennis Beardy for supplying the fresh pickerel for the fish fry on Saturday night. Also thanks to Doug Dion who took the time to cook all the fish, and to the Ladies for making the baked potatoes.

A couple of interesting things did happen. A couple of the guys drove the 10 kms to La Riverie to do a round of golf. I guess their GPS mapping system wasn't working because they managed to get lost on the way back.

Zone 6-report continued - Iain and Doug took the time to teach Don the right way to build a fire Winnipeg style.

We wouldn't want to leave out the story of the 2 fishermen who went to the lake at 3 in the morning. Seems they were having a problem getting down the hill. Basically they tripped over each other and broke their fishing rods.

The Park has already been reserved for next year's event. The dates are June 22nd and 23rd. If you are interested in playing darts just for fun and just having a good old time, make plans to attend.

WORLD MASTER QUALIFIER

On Sunday, March 11, 2007 in conjunction with the Adult Provincials, the MDAI will host a World Masters Qualifier Shoot open to all MDAI Members. One Female/Male will win their Airfare and Hotel Accommodations to play in the World Masters Qualifier at the Quebec Open in January 2008.

INVITATION TO THE BDO

Congratulations to both Charlene Bell and Gerry Convery who recently won the Klondike Open Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta. The Klondike Open is a World Dart Federation Ranked Shoot and by winning the Singles they both received an invitation to the 2007 BDO World Masters in England.

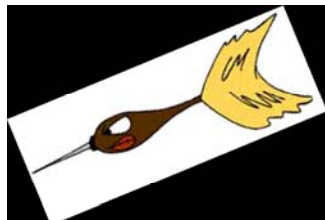
Notice to Current Members

Dear Members,

On July 13th, 2008 the MDAI received a letter from Zone #5 asking that their membership be allowed to transfer from Manitoba to Saskatchewan. They have explained that due to Geographic's, they would be, better positioned to fully support Saskatchewan.

The board of directors realizes that travel has been a major issue with these members for some time, and with the increased fuel costs we fully understand. They have given us a list of 12 people who will be affected by the change. The Manitoba Darts Association Inc., would like to wish these people well with their new endeavors, and realize that Saskatchewan will be the ones that benefit from their contributions.

Yours in Darts,
Lisa Loe- Secretary



PLAYERS INCENTIVE AT NATIONALS

NEW THIS YEAR... The MDAI would like to reward those players whom finish well at this years Nationals. There will be \$500 per category available for those who meet the following qualifications:

Men's Singles.....*Finish in the top 4 and recieve\$500 (to be solely rewarded or split between top 4 finishing members)*

Women's Singles.....*Finish in the top 4 and recieve\$500 (to be solely rewarded or split between top 4 finishing members)*

Men's Doubles.....*Finish in the top 2 and recieve\$500 (to be solely rewarded or split between top 2 finishing members)*

Women's Doubles.....*Finish in the top 2 and recieve\$500 (to be solely rewarded or split between top 2 finishing members)*

Mixed Doubles.....*Finish in the top 2 and recieve\$500 (to be solely rewarded or split between top 2 finishing members)*

NO MORE VOLUNTEER POINTS

Volunteers are needed for a number of events and are always appreciated. The MDAI would like to thank ALL of our members who volunteer their time and hard work..... without your dedication we would not have an Association.

In lieu of the "Volunteer Points" we will now have a "Volunteer Appreciation Night". Volunteers will be invited to the appreciation evening at the West Kildonan Legion on June 23, 2007 from 6:30pm- 1:00am where you will be treated to a night of FUN, MUSIC AND GOOD FOOD! More details to follow...



GREATER WINNIPEG OPEN Darts Tournament

Manitoba Ranked and Sponsored by Winnipeg Zone #1

November 17-19, 2006

West Kildonan Legion

1748 Main St.

Event	Registration Closes	Start of Play	Entry Fee
Friday	Blind Draw Doubles	7:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	\$10.00
Saturday	Men's Singles	9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	\$15.00
Saturday	Ladies Doubles (Chicago)	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	\$30.00
Saturday	Mixed Triples	2:30 p.m. *2:45 p.m.	\$45.00
Sunday	Ladies Singles	11:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	\$15.00
Sunday	Men's Doubles (Chicago)	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	\$30.00

*Start times are approximate. Players should be in the venue at least one hour prior to the start time advertised.

- 100% Payout

For further information, please contact:

Ryan Bell @ 955-9459 or
email: ryanb@dufresne.ca



A SALUTE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever noticed the busiest folks
Are always the ones who come through
To tackle a project or take on a job
That others can't find time to do.

Perhaps you wonder what manner of folks
Ass to their burdens each day
By donating hours of time and service
With never a penny of pay.

They're people who find it rewarding enough
To know that because they came through
A project succeeded, a job was well done--
Some lives were made happier, too.

Perhaps their example will help us to see
That the world would be better by far
If more of us shouldered our share of the load
No matter how busy we are.

NDFC Women's Ranking May 06

Rank	Name	Prov	Pnts.
1 st	Cindy Pardy	AB	112
2 nd	Kim Whaley	ON	76
3 rd	Robin Curry	ON	67
13 th	Angie Wark	MB	28

MDAI UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Host	Venue	Event Type	Reg. Time	Contact	Rank
October 06						
22	Zone 1	West Kildonan	<i>2nd Qualifier</i>	11-11:45am	Ryan Bell 204-955-9459	
28	Zone 1	West Kildonan	<i>1st Youth Qualifier</i>	10:00 am	Roy Kohinsky Wally Czmola	
29	Zone 3	Kinosota	<i>1st Qualifier</i>			
November						
4	MDAI	West Kildonan	Youth League w/Adults	9:00am-12:00pm	Roy Kohinsky Wally Czmola	
17-19	Zone 1	West Kildonan	Winnipeg Open	see poster	Ryan Bell 204-955-9459	MDAI
26	Zone 1	West Kildonan	<i>2nd Youth Qualifier</i>	10:00am	Roy Kohinsky Wally Czmola	
December						
3	Zone 1	West Kildonan	<i>3rd Qualifier</i>	11-11:45am	Ryan Bell 204-955-9459	
3	Zone 2		<i>1st Qualifier</i>			
17	MDAI	Regent	Bingo Fundraiser	4:00 pm	Kim Clawson 204-697-2643	
January 07						
7	Zone 1	West Kildonan	M & L Singles	11-11:45am	Ryan Bell 204-955-9459	
13	Zone 3	Brandon	<i>2nd Qualifier</i>			
28	MDAI	West Kildonan	Youth Tourney	9:00am Reg. Closes	Kim Clawson 204-697-2643	
26-28	MDAI	West Kildonan	Memorial Tournament	see poster	Kim Clawson 204-697-2643	
February						
4	Zone 1	West Kildonan	<i>4th Qualifier</i>	11-11:45am	Ryan Bell 204-955-9459	
4	Zone 2		<i>2nd Qualifier</i>			
18	MDAI	West Kildonan	Youth Provincials		Donna Ferguson	
March 07						
4	Zone 1	West Kildonan	M & L Singles	11-11:45am	Ryan Bell 204-955-9459	
9-11	MDAI	West Kildonan	Adult Provincials		Kim Clawson 204-697-2643	
11	MDAI	West Kildonan	World Master Qualifier		Kim Clawson 204-697-2643	
April 07						
20-22	MDAI	West Kildonan	Manitoba Open	poster coming soon	Kim Clawson 204-697-2643	
June 07						
22-23	Zone 6	Mary Jane Campground	Mary Jane Tourney	poster coming soon	Bill Brown	
23	MDAI	West Kildonan	<i>Volunteer Appreciation Night</i>	6:30pm-1:00am		