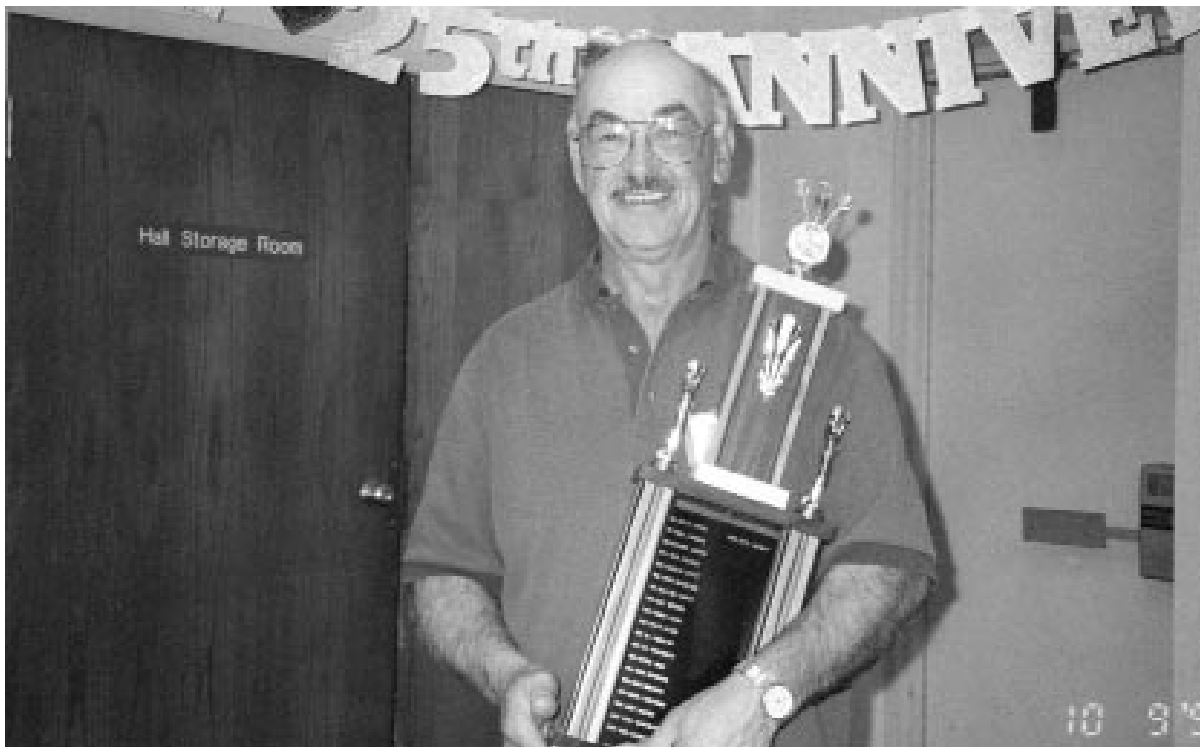


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TWIN CITY DARTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

25th Anniversary Banquet Issue

All photos and stories about the TCDA 25th Anniversary Awards Banquet.



The new 1999 Sportsman of the Year, Pete Franco. Pete is responsible for starting up the Pub Fun Triples league that is played Wednesday Nights at Castle Bub and he is also the Divisional Advisor for the League. He was utterly speechless when his name was called at the Banquet.

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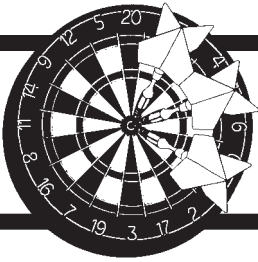
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From the Oval Office

I cannot find the right adjectives to express my pleasure with the celebration on October 9, 1999. From the moment I entered the dining room, I was impressed. I know I wasn't alone in this as many who were equally impressed made their pleasure known to the committee. From the seating arrangement to the table decorations and the art work on the wall, everything was great.

We had the "Bull & Ton, over the Years" by Peter Jirik; "That First Year" a history by Ed Otjen, both amply placed around the room for pick up. Through framed documents you learned who have received the Sportsman Trophy, and also those we remembered who are no longer with us.

Everyone who attended received a gift and those members with 0-9 years received a TCDA shot glass, those members with 10-19 years received a TCDA Pilsner beer mug, and the 36 members with over 20 years received a beautiful pen in a wood presentation case., all of the above monogrammed with the TCDA logo and dates.

Among the 40 or so invited guests (Former members), were Ed & Sally Otjen and Darrell & Vicky Bruesehoff who were the founders of our organization. Ed gave us an entertaining speech on the history of the TCDA.

It was a pleasure to hear Mike Lamminen speak on the history of the Castle Pub's association the TCDA. A Special Recognition Award plaque was presented to the Castle Pub, Barb & Leroy Florhaug for their consistent and outstanding

support of Darts and the Twin City Darts Association

Tom Cushing, last years recipient of the Sportsman of the Year trophy made the presentation to none other than our good friend and fellow dart comrade, Pete Franco. Pete was so surprised that he was at a loss for words. He is an excellent candidate, having been the leadership and promoter of Wednesday night Pub Fun Triples at the Castle Pub for many years. A wonderful group of darters lending their support to the TCDA annually. Congratulations, Pete, you are very deserving.

The Stutz Presidential Trophy was awarded to, who else but the longest active member, #9, Dick Sorenson. No one can deny Dick's credentials for Excellence, Commitment, Sportsmanship, Service and Integrity. These are the qualities recognized by this award. Dick, it was a real pleasure to see you get this award for all who know you, know you are a person we all love and are proud to call you friend.

The Twin City Darts Association honored me with a Lifetime Membership Award for which I wish to thank one and all. To say I was surprised and happy is putting it mildly. I will be happy to display the plaque on the wall of my trophy room along with the many other memorabilia of my years in the TCDA. Thanks again for this honor.

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Vice-Presidential Corner

By Peter Jirik

It was my honor this year to be appointed by the TCDA Board as Chairperson for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. I owe an eternal debt of gratitude to the members of the 25th Anniversary Committee: Margo Ulrich, Greg Oldenkamp, Bill Woznak, and Mark Wegmiller. These people put in many, many hours to make the Banquet the success it was. Please join me in thanking them for their tremendous efforts. I also want to thank Doug Erickson, Kris Kirkendoll, Bruce Fink, Jeff and Tammy Hafner, and Johnny Hubbard for arriving early to set up for the banquet. Let us not forget the wonderful job Margo Ulrich did decorating the banquet hall. It looked great. I need to thank Jerry Hartwig for dragging me kicking and screaming into the money round of the banquet tournament. Who knows how far he could have gone if he had actually had a partner. I truly enjoyed presenting a TCDA Lifetime Membership to my good friend Charles Stutz. Congratulations Charles! Please join me in thanking our sponsors (listed elsewhere in this Bull & Ton) and let them know that their support is appreciated. Without them many of the things that made this banquet special would not have been possible.

The TCDA 25th Anniversary Celebration was a lot of fun. There were a lot of special presentations, a lot of reunions of old friends, very nice give-away items and door prizes and, best of all, just as with all TCDA events, a lot of great people.

Finally, I would like to thank Ed Otjen, Sally Otjen, Darrell Bruesehoff, and Vicki Bruesehoff for creating an organization where for the past 15 years I have thrown darts on a team comprised of my best friends.

Mark your calendar for the
General Membership/Captain's Meeting -
January 11, 2000 at Legends Cafe

Candids from the Banquet



TCDA Founders, Sally & Ed and Darrell & Vicky



Mike Lamminen accepting for the Castle Pub



Past and present Sportspersons, Tom and Pete

“Oval Office” from page 1

I regret to announce the Margo & Bill Ulrich have resigned as Board Member and Editor of the Bull & Ton respectively effective October 18, 1999. To say they will be sorely missed is putting it mildly. As you may or may not know, Margo was the spirit behind the plans each year for some time in arranging for the Annual Awards Dinner and planning the decorations. You will also recall that Bill is a past president of the TCDA, and recently the Editor of the Bull & Ton. Our best wishes to Margo & Bill and their pursuit of happiness in their private lives. We do however have the pleasure of both on the Stutz Bearcat team.

It is also my pleasure to announce that Divisional Advisor, Mike Anderson is happy to take Margo's seat on the Board. This was expected as Mike was a nominee at the last election for Board Member at Large. Welcome aboard, Mike, we know you will be an asset and continue to do the same good job for us as you have always done as Divisional Advisor and at times as a Tournament Director when asked.

Thanks to all who provided the many wonderful door prizes and to the Sponsors whose donations were so generous and helped make the celebration a success. Thanks too for the nice environment provided by the Golden Valley V.F.W. and to Aaron Niznik, Manager, who gave us the usual great dinner and dessert.

All in all who could have asked for anything more. Thank you Peter, you and the committee did a superb job. Here's looking to next year and many more years of good fun and sportsmanship for the TCDA.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we're Y2K Ready!

Charles



Charles gives the Stutz Award to Dick Sorrenson

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On October 09, 1999 the TCDA held its 25th Anniversary Banquet at the Golden Valley VFW. As usual the Golden Valley VFW did a great job. Many of the 120 people in attendance were TCDA members in the early years. The evening began with socializing and a few cocktails before the formal program started. In an evening filled with highlights some of the most memorable were:

1. The keynote address by Ed Otjen, TCDA Founder and its only Executive Director. Ed did a great job talking about the TCDA early years. Ed also did a tremendous written history of the first years of the TCDA which was distributed at the banquet. I highly recommend it.
2. Mike Lamminen's great speech accepting a special award on behalf of the Castle Pub.
3. Charles Stutz getting a Lifetime TCDA Membership recognizing his many years of service.
4. Dick Sorenson (TCDA membership number 009) receiving the Charles F. Stutz Presidential Award.
5. The Sportsperson of the Year Trophy going to a very deserving and surprised Pete Franco.

Everyone who attended the banquet received a TCDA plastic drink cup made specially for the 25th Anniversary. Special mementos were given to each TCDA member who attended the banquet. 0-9 year members got a TCDA shotglass. 10-19 year members got a TCDA beer mug. 20 year or over TCDA members received an engraved rosewood TCDA pen and holder. A few of the TCDA plastic drink cups and TCDA shot glasses remain and will be offered for sale at upcoming TCDA events. If there is interest, the TCDA Board will consider ordering more of the beer mugs (they sold out quickly).

After the Trophies were presented there was of course the Tournament. A new single elimination

format was used this year and it was very successful. There were a lot of good darts thrown and the champions were crowned before dawn.

The 25th Anniversary Banquet was great fun. Thanks to all who came. It was especially fun to have the large contingent from the early days of the TCDA. Good friends, good darts, good times. ●

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Stutz Award winner, Dick Sorrenson's team



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Final Standings for the Last Fiscal Year

Summer 1998 Division Winners

| Division | 1st Place |
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| Classic Pub | Straight Arrows Little Wagon |

Summer 1999 Division Winners

| Division | 1st Place |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Classic Pub | Dart Attack Little Wagon |

Fall 1998 Division Winners

| Division | 1st Place |
|---------------------|--|
| Classic AA Pub | Young Guns Knights of Columbus Hall |
| Classic A Pub | Greatful Dart Little Wagon |
| Classic B Pub | BullsHitters Cuzzy's |
| Classic C Pub | Free Range Potatoes Sun Saloon |
| Pub Fun Triples Pub | Outlaws Castle Pub |
| Gold Division Pub | Thunder! Mackenzie's Pub |

| 2nd Place |
|----------------------------------|
| Top Flight Kieran's Irish Pub |
| Parthian Shot Half Time Rec |
| Down 'N Out Hexagon Bar |
| GAC Sun Saloon |
| Flug Jungens Castle Pub |
| Frequent Flyers Flaherty's |

Spring 1999 Division Winners

| Division | 1st Place |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Classic AA Pub | Top Flight Kieran's Irish Pub |
| Classic A Pub | Blind Squirrels Castle Pub |
| Classic B Pub | Dead Center Legends Cafe |
| Classic B-II Pub | Outlaws Castle Pub |
| Classic C Pub | Pointer Brothers Little Wagon |
| Pub Fun Triples Pub | Triple X Castle Pub |
| Gold Division Pub | Thunder! Mackenzie's Pub |

| 2nd Place |
|--|
| Young Guns Knights of Columbus Hall |
| The Rogues Castle Pub |
| Rusty Covers Castle Pub |
| More More-Ons Kieran's Irish Pub |
| Stick It! Mario's Keller Bar |
| Whoo Castle Pub |
| ? Golden Valley VFW |

TCDA 25th Anniversary Banquet Dart Tournament

By Bill Woznak

The Tournament at the Banquet, for anyone who's been there, is the culmination of the Evenings festivities. This Year was no exception. Registration started after dinner during the trophy presentation portion of the evening. Where 62 members and guests signed up to play. That is the largest turnout for a tournament the TCDA has sponsored in recent history. The tournament was single elimination Choice of Diddle, (301-501-Cricket). The Teams were Drawn, and opening matches called.

There were some surprising entries to the tournament some of our former members were drawn with some of our newer members. The buzz throughout the tournament was how much fun everyone was having. I will have to admit that the evening flew by, and I didn't have to work very hard to run the tournament, single elimination tournaments run them selves. Thirty-one Teams competed and to my recollection no one threw a t80 or no one reported it to me. To make this tournament a little more special we had trophies for first and second place. Thanks to Golden Valley VFW for having us again this year. So without further adieu here are the top 16 teams in order of finish.

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| 1st | Tom Wheaton & John Menenga | \$120.00 |
| 2nd | Mike Anderson & Brian Nass | \$80.00 |
| 3rd | Sam Ball & Shawn E | \$60.00 |
| 4th | Diane Hartwig & Paul Boes | \$40.00 |
| 5th through 8th | | \$20.00 per team |
| | Dave & Carlene | |
| | Daryl & Bob | |
| | George & John McGovern | |
| | Kathy & Sadie | |
| 9th through 16th | | \$10.00 per team |
| | Kris & Jan A. | |
| | Earl & Bruce | |
| | Asher & Grass | |
| | Doug & Jo | |
| | Dave & Rollie | |
| | Jerry & Peter J. | |
| | Chris & Margo | |
| | Mike & Don | |



John and Tom came away with First Place



Mike and Brian fought hard, but came in Second

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the
TCDA 25th Anniversary Banquet a memorable event!

Particular thanks to the 25th Anniversary Committee who
worked for months to make the Banquet a special event.

Thank you for the many hours you put in:

Greg Oldenkamp / Bill Woznak
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Without you it could not have been done!

Many Thanks to the 25th Anniversary Sponsors.
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Door Prizes: Kieran's Irish Pub
Half-Time Rec
Top Hat

**From: Peter Jirik
25th Anniversary Chairperson**

Photos from the Banquet




Mark, Jeff and Bruce set up the Trophies



Greg, Ann and Dean handed out Souvenirs

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Charles was given a Lifetime Membership



Ed Otjen gave us the history of the TCDA



Grag, Ann, Mike and a friend



Mark and Johnny



Karin Fischer

Candids from the Castle Pub and the Pub Fun Triples



This unruly looking gang is the bunch that play Pub Fun Triples on Wednesday nights.



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Pete and Barb

Candids from the Banquet



Charles had many thing to talk about



The Banquet had a great turnout.



Some of the Long Time members were on hand.



Good friends, Paul Harfield and Pete Franco



Peter and Margoput in a lot of work on this event



Tammy and Jeff appear to be having fun

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