



2009 Summer Newsletter

Introduction – Kip Morrish

The 2009 National Championships, both Youth and Adult are now a thing of the past. There were some great champions in both events and information regarding the winners is listed on the NDFC web page. I added the pictures to the web page. Now the hard work has been passed over to Newfoundland/Labrador who will be hosting the 2010 Nationals Championships – both Youth and Adult.

Needless to say everybody enjoyed their stay at the Hotel des Seigneurs in Ste. Hyacinthe, Quebec. Many of us had been there before so knew what to expect, however, it was a first time visit for many but I believe everybody enjoyed themselves. Because of the location of the hotel from the Montreal airport, unfortunately some players had some long waits for transportation, however this was something that couldn't be avoided and it was worth the wait when they finally arrived at the hotel.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all of you a very enjoyable summer with lots of relaxation with family and friends.

Bill Hatter - President

The Youth and Adult Nationals are over for another year with some fantastic darts thrown. This year there will be two youth players attending the World Masters in Bridlington. This is the first time Canada will have representation at the Masters in over ten years. This will undoubtedly be a learning curve for the kids but they are very enthusiastic. The only way to attain the level of skill that the Brits and Europeans have is to go and play them in their own pond at their own game!! Good luck to Trevor Hovey (AB) and Robin Barnes (NL).

The adults will also be in attendance with some serious expectations on their minds. Good luck to everyone.

This year also produced two champions who were a product of the youth system. Cindy Pardy (AB) and Terry Hayhurst (ON) were both Youth National Champions. Cindy Pardy also won the 2009 Canadian Open singles and has the distinction of winning both the National and Open title in the same year. Congratulations to both Cindy and Terry. Congratulations also go out to Jerry Hull (QC) who successfully defended his Canadian Open title. Jerry shot a 99.3 average in his semi final match!!

This year the Masters and the World Cup are in the same month (September) which should prove to be a marathon for some of the World Cup team members due to the traveling, either way the skill level of Canadian players is definitely becoming a threat to their opponents. Alberta's Ken MacNeil comes one win away from qualifying for the staged televised portion of the 2009 Desert Classic dropping the final match to England's Colin Monk 5-3. Ken received a thousand quid (pounds sterling) for his efforts. Not bad considering there were

over two hundred competitors trying to qualify. There were other Canadians in attendance such as Gerry Convery who also come close but no cigars!!

The NDFC has been moving along with the sport recognition program, this is a slow drawn out process but we are making ground, it is hoped within two years we will be discussing the application with the lawyers from the Center for Sport Law, from there the challenge becomes a legal issue as we have to challenge the terminology currently documented in the Sport Funding Accountability Framework document. With that said the website petition is disappointing with around 2,000 names on file. We were hoping for at least 5,000 so obviously our move forward will have to be strong in our preparation of our challenge and hope the petition will be a secondary requirement when the time comes. If you know of non members who play darts do your part and get them to sign up...the more names we attain the stronger our application becomes.

This past AGM saw a slight changing of the guard. Kip Morrish is now in the background working on behind the scenes communications while Catherine Haycock has been elected as Membership Director. We hope the transition goes smoothly and Catherine realises what she has stepped into, this job is a tough one with many hours of commitment required. Catherine has many years of experience and we wish her good luck in her new position. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kip Morrish for all the years and dedication she has committed to the sport, even though Kip is not at the forefront any more she will still be available behind the scenes. Thanks Kip.

The NDFC will be presenting a bid to host the 2013 World Cup while attending the 2009 World Cup in Charlotte NC. Our main adversary for attaining this bid will be Turkey. If all goes well Canada will be hosting the 2013 World Cup. The 2011 World Cup will be in England. (Blackpool is the rumour). Mary Dezan and Bill Hatter will be providing a PowerPoint presentation to all the attending countries delegates at this WDF meeting with the hopes of securing the bid for Canada.

In closing I hope everyone has a great and safe summer.

Mary Dezan – General Secretary

Now that this year's National Event is behind us, we begin working on preparations for the World Masters and the World Cup and of course, the 2010 National Championships.

First of all, let me say, thank you to Quebec for a great week! It is always a pleasure to go back to Saint-Hyacinthe and the beautiful Hotel Des Seigneurs.

The World Masters event is being held in Bridlington (England) on the 4th-5th-6th of September, with the 2010 BDO/Lakeside World Professional International Play-Off being held on the 3rd of September. Canada has several players who have received invitations to attend this World Event and will be taking advantage of those invites. The NDFC has, this year, entered the names of two Youth Players who will be making their way to the World Masters. We wish everyone the very best of luck.

The World Cup Team will be heading to Charlotte (North Caroline) on September 22nd for the 17th WDF World Cup event. The Canadian Team of Clint Clarkson (AB), Ken MacNeil (AB), Jerry Hull (QC), Bernie Miller (ON), Cindy Pardy (AB) and Diane Gobeil (QC) will be competing with 36 countries for the title of World Champion. I feel that we are taking a team of Champions to this event and we should be very proud of each and every one of them.

As we begin preparing for the 2010 National Championships that will be held in Gander (Newfoundland), it is very important to remember a few things. We need the full support of our Board of Directors all through the year and this means that when we sent out emails and messages, prompt responses are requested. Also, we need to know if there are any changes to the Member Body Executives. Much time is spent preparing lists of names and contact information and we need to be advised of any changes as soon as they happen. Please remember that deadline dates are there for a reason and are, therefore, very important.

I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer and I look forward to working another year with all of you.

Kip Morrish – Former Membership Director

In case you haven't heard, the membership portfolio has been passed over to Catherine Haycock from Ontario on July 1st. I have had a fantastic journey and have made many friends in my 19 years as membership director, however, I am relieved that it is over as my health is not the best and I have great trouble travelling. I will not, however, be disappearing from the scene completely. I will be working closely with Catherine during the next year and will also be doing some work along the lines of communication – so although I won't be visible, I will certainly still be around. I am sure you will all enjoy working with Catherine and she is certainly looking forward to tackling the new task.