

## **Spring 2007 Newsletter**

This is an abbreviated newsletter to bring you up-to-date with what has been going on since we last got together.

The NDFC Executive held its semi-annual meeting on the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup> in frigid Manitoba. They were very lucky people. It was cold on that weekend but it was considerably colder during the following two weeks. I wonder if that is why nobody wants to move to Manitoba? However, we had a good meeting and I am sure a lot was achieved.

### **President – David Quelch**

I hope the season has been going well for everyone.

We are now approaching the most important time of the year. Players are vying for top positions and points become of even greater importance.

With the provincial/territorial playdowns coming up and then the Nationals, there are a number of important deadline. I would advise the Directors to read their information very carefully. Please respond to all communications in a timely manner as many of the deadlines are extremely tight.

I wish you all the best in the next few months and hope to see you at the Nationals in Saskatoon.

### **Vice President – Maggie LeBlanc**

A few changes were made to the ranking package after our meeting in January. I mentioned these changes when sending out the packages, but it noted that some of you did not read the instructions because the changes were not respected. I must stress once again, PLEASE read the package very carefully and send me back all the forms completed. If you just send the results and not the re-application forms, this is not acceptable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have responded to me during the season in a timely manner. To those whom I had to remind, please try to respond in the future without a reminder. The Executive do not have the time, or the patience, to keep sending out follow-ups.

I will be in Saskatoon doing what I do best in June, running your events. I want to wish you all the best of luck at your provincials playdowns.

### **General Secretary – Mary Dezan**

Once again it is time to start preparing for the Canadian Nationals and this year we will, once again, be visiting Saskatoon. The Provincial Director's packages have all been mailed out and now it is just a matter of time before we start putting the agenda items together for the AGM.

I know that I must sound like a broken record, BUT, I want to stress the importance of reading all the information that is sent to you. It is extremely important that you be aware of what is going on and of changes that might have been made so that you can advise your players who will be attending the National Championships.

This year, 2007, is the year of the World Cup. This tournament will be held in The Hague, Netherlands from October 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding a qualifier event on Friday afternoon following completion of the Nodor Cup and the awards presentations. Once again... please read the Format & Rules of Play for this particular qualifier.

The schedule for the Canadian Open will be similar to last year. The Host Province will hold a Mixed Doubles Event on Friday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. The N.D.F.C. will host the Men's and Ladies Singles Events that will be held on Saturday with the format of play being a modified round robin. On Sunday, there will be Men's and Ladies Doubles, which will be hosted by the Saskatchewan Darts Association. The total guaranteed prize money for this year's Canadian Open is \$9,000.00.

The Saskatchewan Darts Association will also be hosting a pre-Nationals tournament with a guaranteed purse of \$7,500.00. This tournament will consist of ladies and men's doubles, mixed doubles, men's and ladies singles and also men's and ladies cricket doubles. The dates for this tournament are June 9-10-11, 2007.

### **Very important reminders:**

- 1) Please remember that once your teams have been registered, any changes that you make must be according to Article 2.2.2 of the NDFC Regulations. [For players submitted after the established National Championship team registration deadline, those player(s) shall be entered into the draw in the exact position with the exact pairing of the player that the individual is replacing].
- 2) Please be sure to send the affiliation fees for your team when submitting the team registrations.
- 3) Please be sure to return all documents by the dates that are indicated. It is very important that the Summary of 2007 Deadline Dates be followed.
- 4) All Provinces and Territories must advise the NDFC office of their Member Body Elections and all changes that are made to their executive.

Please check out our website at [www.ndfc.ca](http://www.ndfc.ca) and see some of the changes that have been made. I would also like to remind all the Directors that they can download the team registration forms from the website and forward them to me by e-mail. Copies of the NDFC Constitution and Regulations are also available online.

If you have any comments or concerns, please contact me. It is only when we are made aware of the problems that we can work together to try and solve them.

I wish you all good luck with your Championships and I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's National Championships.

### **Membership – Kip Morrish**

We are now coming into the midst of the membership submission period and deadline dates are fast approaching. All provinces/territories are requested to ensure that their submissions are sent to me by the date specific and if at all possible, I would appreciate receiving them earlier. We are coming into a time when verification of membership is required for ranking purposes, for team rosters etc. so I will never complain if I receive your membership a little early.

With regards to the Las Vegas standings which are also my responsibility, I would like to mention that at our January meeting a decision was reached that we would give out plaques to the Top 8 Overall, and to the Top 4 in each of the four regions. The Bottom 4 in each of the four regions will receive a diploma instead of a plaque.

### **General**

**Reminder – to Players** – Verification of membership must be in the hands of the NDFC Membership Director by NO LATER THAN April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are in the Top 16 on the Ranking List and a “Y” isn’t shown beside your name, contact your provincial membership director to ensure that he/she forwards verification to the NDFC Membership Director by no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to notify me will result in names being removed from the ranking list.

We are coming into a very busy period and once again we would like to stress the importance of responding to e-mails or phone calls within a 48 hour period. It becomes very frustrating when the Executive fail to receive responses and of course it is important – we wouldn’t have sent it if it weren’t!

Ensure you meet the deadline dates that have been established. I am sure you don’t want to be financially penalized for failing to send documentation by the established date.

Youth Nationals – Lachine QC - May 17 – 20, 2007

Adult Nationals – Saskatoon, SK – June 12 – 15, 2007

Canadian Open – Saskatoon, SK – June 15-17, 2007

I am sure you are all in the midst of play-offs and we look forward to meeting all of the teams in Saskatoon in June. If you have a friend who doesn't have access to the internet, please make a copy of this newsletter for them.