



**Christmas Greetings from the
N.D.F.C. Executive**

Editor – Kip Morrish - The NDFC Executive hopes that your season is going along well and that you have plans to make the balance of the season good for all. We would like to send Christmas Greetings to you and your families and have a Happy and safe New Year.



President – Bill Hatter -

I hope everyone has a happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Things have been very busy with the sport petition that is now on the NDFC website. (www.ndfc.ca) There have been over 1200 signatures so far, which less than anticipated but still is climbing steadily.

We anticipate that we will require around 5000 names on the petition for it to assume any form of impact when we send it on to various government departments. This shouldn't be a problem considering the thousands of dart players out there that will reap the rewards of the success of this program once it's completed.

Every player and organization will be impacted by the success of this program. This includes service clubs and other organizations that are ineligible for any funding at this time.

Our first hurdle will be the definition of darts as defined in the sport accountability framework documentation; this will likely require legal assistance when the time comes.

I have been in contact with the Center for Sport Law who has shown keen interest in taking on this case.

Currently I am discussing the case with Steve Indig who is a sport law specialist. Updates will be provided as we move forward.

Once darts is recognized by Sport Canada we anticipate funding for every province to be a reality that will permit provinces to grow and develop darts and other programs to more people in all corners of their provinces, this in turn should increase memberships to all bodies and of course the NDFC.

The WDF has indicated that they will be purging as well as revamping terminology in some of their current documentation, this is designed to eliminate any confusion that currently exists in some of their wording. This is anticipated to take place in the first year of the next period of office.

One of the policies to be addressed is the doping policy. Now that the WDF is a full GAISF member (General Association of International Sports Federations) there will be requirements to introduce anti-doping policies that utilize anti-doping controls. This in conjunction with the application to the IOC will no doubt be a priority item that will require WADA approved format and terminology. The WDF attained GAISF approval following a presentation in Beijing in the spring of 2007. These policies will eventually trickle down to other members that

will no doubt perpetuate a change to the sport of darts in Canada in the next few years as well as other countries.

The NDFC attended the 2007 World Cup and General Meeting in Holland this past October. Unfortunately, the remit we submitted asking for a change to the youth legislation was declined due to a procedural violation. This will be investigated and a thorough analysis of WDF procedures will be reviewed so this will not happen again.

Mary Dezan and Don Crookshanks were in attendance for the NDFC and did a superb job. I would also like to congratulate the World Cup Team on a job well done, we didn't win but they knew we were there!!

In closing, I would like to thank the NDFC executive for all their help and assistance during my transition into my new position of President and all the support from the players I've talked to over the last year.



General Secretary – Mary Dezan –

Here we are once again, just days away from the Holiday Season. Things have been quite busy in the NDFC office for the past couple of months. October was World Cup month and I was very pleased to be able to travel to Holland with Team Canada. I would like to acknowledge the players who participate in the World Cup and thank them for making the week quite unforgettable: Kim Whaley-Hilts, Jenelle Legge, Ken MacNeil, John Verwey, Sean Smyth and Wayne Pike. They all played exceptionally well and with a little more luck and a few less bounce-outs, our positions could have been higher....but needless to say, I was very proud of our Team and proud to be Canadian. November is the month for the World Masters and we have a few players who, as I am writing this, will be leaving for England. Those players are Danny McKenzie, Jerry Hull, Ivan Eddy, Al Bouchie, Debralee Roberts and Ivy Wieshlow. Congratulations and Best of Luck in Bridlington!

Finally, the NDFC rule books have been updated and reprinted and they are now available by contacting the NDFC Office: secretary@ndfc.ca.



Vice President – Maggie LeBlanc

Just a few words to let you know that the ranking program is working very nicely with the five official ranking lists being posted on the website instead of just three. This is giving the players a chance to see where they stand and I think they appreciate that very much.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the tournament organizers for sending in their results on time and the fact that I now receive them all by email is a definite improvement.

Just one thing that I would like to mention at this time is to read the package carefully when you receive it, I have noticed that some tournaments are NOT following all the rules that are in that package. There were changes made in June at the AGM and I do not think that everyone runs their tournaments with this package beside them. If we have taken the time to update the package, it would be appreciated if the rules were enforced at your events.

On that note, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and safe New Year and I am looking forward to spending some time with you once again in June in Winnipeg.



Membership – Kip Morrish -

All is quiet in my area at the moment, although I am hoping that all my provincial membership directors are working like mad to increase our membership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the tournament directors for their quick submission of tournament results both for individual credits and for placement on the web page. Because of your response to me I am able to put the results of your tournaments on the newly established Events Calendar . I hope you have all looked at it on the web page.

At this time I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you in Winnipeg in 2008! By then we should be getting into our hot weather – sure beats what we are having at the moment. I am sure none of you would like to be in Winnipeg at the present time.



Youth Development – Carol Collett

May 2008 – Youth Nationals in Winnipeg, MB

Donna Ferguson has advised us that they are putting together their committees and actively seeking sponsors for the upcoming championships. She will keep us updated as new information becomes available.

Travel Reminder: Don't forget the new ID requirements as listed in the Fall newsletter. Remember about the ID that will be mandatory for all 12 – 17 years old flying;

Future Youth National Championships:

We have been contacted about submitting bids for future championships. The process is now that this will be voted on at the June AGM for both Adult and Youth (these do not need to be hosted in the same city / venue). Member bodies that are interested will submit their bids then and it will be voted on by the Provincial Directors and the executive.

WDF meeting October 2007, Netherlands

A remit was submitted to the WDF proposing that they have a senior division at the Youth World Cup that would allow all of our youth members to be eligible to participate. I am sorry to report that this was not successful and no changes have been made. A full report on this will be provided to all of you after the executive meeting in January.

The good news at this event was Jenelle Legge (a former NDFC Youth Champion) from Newfoundland & Labrador participated as a member of Canada's Adult World Cup Team – Jenelle told me that she really enjoyed the experience and plans to do her best to be a member of the 2009 team.

What do you do with all your previous team shirts? Pauline Gray NL female chaperone created this wonderful quilt. Well done Pauline.



I look forward to seeing all of you and working with all the Youth Directors in Winnipeg, in May 2008, and again with the Adults in June.

With the upcoming festive season near I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**
