

Dart 'n' Around

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Bigger, Brighter Better...

This years NZ Championships in Palmerston North will not only see the countries top players battling it out for National honors but will also see some changes to the venue lay out with a dedicated relaxation area in an adjacent stadium "Arena 3". Such is the size of the Arena 3 it will include a bar, cafeteria and lounge area for competitors to relax in after finishing the days play. A stage will also be erected to allow spectators to watch the final matches in a relaxing atmosphere. Nightly entertainment is being arranged with a different theme each night commencing after the finals have concluded. The main events will still be conducted in "Arena 2" with an estimated 150 boards in use. Event times have been revised which will cut down on waiting time between qualifying rounds and the start of Knock out draws. With an estimated 800 to 1000 players competing over the week long championships this promises to be the best championships to date.

Las Vegas or bust - Who will the winner, be?

As was announced in the April newsletter this years NZ National Men's Singles Champion will receive a 12 month sponsorship contract with PUMA Dart Products. The winner will also receive a travel package including Airfares, Accommodation and Entry to compete in the prestigious 2009 Las Vegas Open. The Las Vegas Open tournament runs over 3 days at the luxurious Tuscan Hotel & Casino 23rd to 25th January 2009 and includes the American Darts Organizations "National Cricket Championships" as well as the 501 events. For those unfamiliar with the term "American Cricket" it is more commonly known as "Killer" or "Mickey Mouse" in this country and is played in many pubs & homes. It can be a very tactical game with having to close out your opponents numbers to stop them from scoring and the Americans are very apt at doing this which creates an exciting atmosphere. We are sure our NZ Men's Champion will give them a run for their money but there are some conditions they must meet first in order to claim the sponsorship contract and trip.

1. The winner must be free of any obligations to either opposition companies or other organisations that would preclude them from accepting the 12 month sponsorship package from Puma.
2. The prize is only on offer to the Winner (not the runner up if the winner should not be able to accept the prize)
3. They must meet NZDC & WDF criteria (registered member)
4. They must be free of any criminal convictions which would preclude them from obtaining a Visa to enter the United States.

The total estimated value on the prize is in excess of \$5000.00 plus winnings

Puma and NZ Darts - The Total Package



Asia Pacific Cup 2008

The New Zealand Darts Council is proud to be the host for the 2008 Asia Pacific Cup in New Zealand.

The dates for the APC events are: 7th to 10th October 2008

As well as the APC events we will also be hosting the **PUMA NZ Masters World Ranking Singles** and **PUMA NZ Open Pairs** events 11th - 12th October 2008.

Participation: An "Expression of Interest" was sent out in May 2007 to 11 countries being Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines and Singapore.

Each invited country is able to send 1 team made up of 4 men, 2 women along with managers and support personnel.

To date countries that have confirmed their interest in sending teams are: *India, Australia, Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, Iran & Brunei* along with New Zealand and we ask that countries make final confirmations to us by the 25th July 2008.

Venue: The playing venue is **Club Palmerston**, Linton St, Palmerston North.

Club Palmerston: Club Palmerston is a combined Squash, Gym, Bowling and Workingmen's Club and boasts a modern décor and has 16 permanent dart boards in place. A separate staging area will be built for Finals and possible television and internet coverage.

Open Tournaments: The **PUMA NZ Masters Singles & PUMA NZ Open Pairs** will be played at the Manawatu Darts Club - 324 Tremaine Ave, Palmerston North and are open to all international competitors and their supporters, as well as New Zealand players.

NOTE:

Entries for the **PUMA NZ Masters Singles** CLOSE Friday 3rd October 2008.

Entries for the **PUMA NZ Open Pairs** CLOSE 7 pm Saturday 11th October 2008.

Accommodation: The recommended hotel is the **Kingsgate Hotel**. The Kingsgate Hotel is situated on the corner of Fiztherbert Ave and Ferguson St - approx. 300 metres from Club Palmerston and takes 3 mins 30 sec to walk.

Prices offered per night are:-

Premium rooms at \$119.00 (Bed & Breakfast for 2) or \$105.00 room only
Standard rooms at \$99.00 (Bed & Breakfast for 2) or \$90.00 room only

Bookings can be made by contacting Jackie Rogers at the Kingsgate Hotel.
Email: Jackie.Rogers@millenniumhotels.co.nz

New Zealanders are a very friendly people and we are sure all teams and supporters will enjoy their stay.

2008 NZDC Rankings Top 10 Men

Warren Parry 40pts
Peter Hunt 31pts
Herrbie Nathan 18pts
Barry Whittaker 15pts
John Dodunski 15pts
Neville Moss 14pts
Wayne Carey 13pts
Bernie Smith 12pts
Rob Szabo 11pts
Jason Ladbrook 10pts
Greame McElroy 10pts
Chas Forster 10pts
Ron Glavish 10pts
Tony Carmichael



2008 NZDC Rankings Top 10 Ladies

Jannette Jonathan 44pts
Mihi George 39pts
Peggy Wikaira 32pts
Jane Harrington 26pts
Megan Smith 24pts
Rachel Padget 20pts Piki Morrison 19pts
Mata Tuao 12pts
Kathy Orbell 8pts Sandra Young 8pts

Volunteers needed

In order to make the Asia Pacific Cup a success we need some volunteers to Mark Boards and record players scores for playing statistics.

Any NZ Spectators who may be attending the Cup and would like to help should contact:
Craig Stevens Ph: 06 353 8180 or
email: nzdarts@xtra.co.nz

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JJ "Hits the Top"

Yes NZ's longest serving Ladies team member "Jannette Jonathan" has once again claimed the No 1 spot on the NZ Ranking Lists after her magnificent win at the "Canterbury Open" held in Christchurch over Queens Birthday weekend.

On her way to glory Jannette took out Canterbury's "Jane Harrington" 4-3 with a per dart average of 19.12. She continued that form into the final by beating Auckland's "Peggy Wikaira 5-3, again with an average of over 19 per dart. Jannette's best leg was 17 darts against Jane in the semis scoring 137, 85, 55, 100, 84 and 40 "Tops" to finish.

The standard of our top ladies darts is really starting to improve since some of the abysmal averages at the start of the year and if this continues we should be in for some really exciting finals at the NZ Championships in August.

Well done Ladies!

Welcome to Ohaupo

On behalf of NZ Darts "The Board of Directors" welcome on board the "Ohaupo Dart Club" as our newest association. The Ohaupo Dart Club is situated in the Ohaupo Bowling Club 12km from Te Awamutu and 20 kms from Hamilton. The club was formed about 8 years ago and has grown in strength to the point where they felt it was a natural progression for them to join the NZDC. We certainly welcome the new members and are sure they will enjoy being a part of the "NZ Darts family"

Parry halts Hunt

Palmerston North's "Peter Hunt" had his quest to win 2 rankings in a row dashed by losing to long time rival "Warren Parry" in the final of the Men's Canterbury Open 5 -2. Hunt had been playing excellent darts all day but admitted afterwards he didn't feel comfortable with his game in the final. His semi final match against "Bernie Smith" was a different story as the two of them battled it out. The match ended up going to a 7th leg decider with Hunt winning in just 15 darts, throwing 100, 100, 125, 100 with a 76 peg out to finish. Overall Peter threw 2 180's and 12 "Tons" or better in the match with an average of 27.49 against Bernie's 2 180's and 11 "Tons" (Av 25.18)

Even with the loss, Peter now sits in the number 2 ranked position behind Parry and if he can continue his form he will no doubt take over the lead at the NZ Champs

Upcoming Events

13 - 15 Jul	NZDC Junior & Youth Championships	Hastings
19 Jul	Vic O'Neil Open Pairs	Kaponga, Sth Taranaki
2 Aug	Manawatu Open Pairs	Palmerston North
3 - 8 Aug	NZDC Senior Championships	Palmerston North
	<i>Incorporating</i>	
6 Aug	NZ Open Men's & Ladies Singles	Palmerston North
7 Aug	Puma NZ Men's Singles	Palmerston North
8 Aug	Puma NZ Ladies Singles	Palmerston North

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