



## 2007 YOUTH TEAM ALBERTA ARE HEADING TO QUEBEC

The 2007 Youth Team are getting prepared to head to Lachine Quebec, just outside of Montreal, for the 2007 Youth National Championships on the May long weekend to see if they can't change the 2006 Canada Cup Bronze into Gold. The 2006 Team Alberta finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, just 2 points shy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team and a mere 4 points shy of the Gold medal. The 2006 Team also achieved a Silver medal in the Mixed Nodor Cup.

Since the majority of adult members never get the chance to attend a Youth National Championship, here's a bit of background of how the Youth National Championship is structured. Although the Championship is based on the Adult format, there are some slight differences.

The youth are split into two age categories – Juniors (15 years old and under) and Seniors (16 to 18 years old), with championship titles up for grabs in each of the following disciplines: Junior Female Doubles, Senior Female Doubles, Junior Male Doubles, Senior Male Doubles, Junior Female Singles, Senior Female Singles, Junior Male Singles, Senior Male Singles, Junior Mixed Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles, Mixed Nodor Cup and an NDFC Youth Bursary Tournament. The Nationals begin on the Friday morning with the Opening Ceremonies and conclude with an Awards Banquet on Sunday evening of the May long weekend each year.

### **A PROFILE OF YOUTH TEAM ALBERTA**

#### **Senior Males**

**KLIMAN SNOW** (Morley) is a member of the Calgary Youth Dart League and the current Senior Male Alberta Provincial Champion. Kliman is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Senior Male Youth Ranking List. This will be Kliman's first trip to the Nationals to compete in the Senior Male category. Kliman's visit experience competing at the Nationals was in 2005 as a Junior and attended the 2006 Nationals as the Junior Male alternate. In recent competitions, Kliman earned a Gold medal in the Senior Male Singles event at the 2007 AGM Shoot and the Senior Male Singles event at the 2007 Youth/55+ Shoot. Kliman is also the only youth member to appear on the Men's Darts Alberta Ranking List, for earning a ranking point in the Men's Singles at the 2006 Klondike Open.

**MATTHEW McISAAC** (Ponoka) is a member of the Central Alberta Youth Dart League and is ranked #1 on the current Darts Alberta Senior Male Youth Ranking List. This will be Matthew's first trip to a Youth National Championship. In recent competitions, Matthew earned a Gold medal in the Senior Male Singles event at the 2007 Silver Cup.

**JAKE VANDERWEIT** (Drayton Valley) is a member of the Drayton Valley Youth Dart League and will be accompanying the team as the Senior Male alternate. Jake is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Senior Male Youth Ranking List. Jake's first trip to the Nationals occurred in 2002 when it was hosted in Edmonton, competing in the Junior Male category where Jake and his partner Clayton Badry won a Bronze medal in the Junior Male Doubles.

#### **Junior Males**

**CHAD McISAAC** (Ponoka) is a member of the Central Alberta Youth Dart League and the current Junior Male Alberta Provincial Champion. Chad is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Junior Male Youth Ranking List. This will be Chad's first experience at the Youth Nationals.

**CHRIS MOSS** (Calgary) is a member of the Calgary Youth Dart League and certainly not unfamiliar with the National Championships. Chris is ranked #1 on the current Darts Alberta Junior Male Youth Ranking List. This will be Chris's third trip to the Nationals, competing at both the 2004 and 2005 Nationals. Chris was the Junior Male runner-up in the 2005 NDFC Bursary Shoot. In recent competitions, Chris earned a Gold medal in the Junior Male Singles event at the 2007 AGM Shoot and the Senior Male Singles event at the 2007 Youth/55+ Shoot.

**KYLE LUNN** (Ponoka) is a member of the Central Alberta Youth Dart League and will be accompanying the team as the Junior Male alternate. Kyle is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Junior Male Youth Ranking List. This will be Kyle first experience attending a Youth Nationals.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!

### **Senior Females**

**VANESSA JANES** (Calgary) is a member of the Calgary Youth Dart League, the current Senior Female Alberta Provincial Champion and ranked #1 on the current Darts Alberta Senior Female Youth Ranking List. This is Vanessa's second trip to the Youth Nationals. At the 2006 Nationals, Vanessa earned a Silver medal with her partner Justine Rice in the Senior Female Doubles Championship. In recent competitions, Vanessa earned a Gold medal in the Senior Female Singles event at the 2007 Silver Cup and the Senior Female Singles event at the 2007 Youth/55+ Shoot. When recently competing at the adult level, she earned a Silver medal at the 2007 Snoflake Open in the Women's Doubles with her partner Jenelle Legge from Newfoundland.

**CINDY YELLOWDIRT** (Morinville) is a member of the Morinville Youth Dart League and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Senior Female Youth Ranking List. Although this will be Cindy's third time competing at the Youth Nationals, it will be her first experience competing in the Senior Female category. The 2005 National Championship was Cindy's first time on Team Alberta where she earned a Silver medal in the Junior Female Doubles with her partner Karli Peterson and a Bronze medal in the Junior Female Singles. During the 2006 Nationals, Cindy earned two Bronze medals – one in the Junior Female Doubles with her partner Carrie Price and one in the Junior Mixed Doubles with her partner Mike Farmer. In recent competitions, Cindy earned a Gold medal in the Senior Female Singles event at the 2007 AGM Shoot.

**KARLI PETERSON** (Calgary) is a member of the Calgary Youth Dart League and will be accompanying the team as the Senior Female alternate. Karli is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Senior Female Youth Ranking List. Although traveling as an alternate, Karli is no stranger to the Nationals. She competed at the 2004 Youth Nationals and earned a Bronze medal in the Junior Female Doubles with her partner Jerica Davies. At the 2005 Youth Nationals, Karli earned a Silver medal in the Junior Female Doubles with her partner Cindy Yellowdirt.

### **Junior Females**

**BRITTANY DALTON** (Medicine Hat) is a member of the Medicine Hat Youth Dart League, Darts Alberta's newest youth league. Although this is Brittany's first attempt at the Youth Nationals, she arrives there as the current Senior Female Alberta Provincial Champion and ranked #1 on the current Darts Alberta Junior Female Youth Ranking List. In recent competitions, Brittany earned a Gold medal in the Junior Female Singles event at the 2007 Silver Cup and at the 2007 AGM Shoot.

**CARRIE PRICE** (Morinville) is a member of the Morinville Youth Dart League and ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Junior Female Youth Ranking List. Carrie's first trip to the Youth Nationals was in 2006 where her and her partner Cindy Yellowdirt won a Bronze medal in the Junior Female Doubles Championship.

**SHELBY CIRE** (Ponoka) is a member of the Central Alberta Youth Dart League and will be accompanying the team as the Junior Female alternate. Shelby is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on the current Darts Alberta Junior Female Youth Ranking List. This will be Shelby's first experience attending a Youth National Championship.

### **THE COACHING TEAM**

**DIANNE GREENING** (Morinville) is the Darts Alberta Youth Director and a coach of the Morinville Youth Dart League. Dianne is a certified Level 2 Officiator for the sport, is a Trained Level 1 Dart Coach and is working toward completing her training in the Level 2 coaching program.

**DONNA MONKS** (Ponoka) is a Coordinator and coach for the Central Alberta Youth Dart League. Donne is also one of the organizers for the annual Silver Cup Youth Challenge.

**COREY MOSS** (Calgary) is a Coordinator and coach for the Calgary Youth Dart League. Corey is a certified Level 1 Officiator for the sport and working toward his Level 2 certification this year at the Youth Nationals. Corey also has some coaching training in both the Level 1 and Level 2 coaching program.

**Good Luck Team Alberta!!!**