

# Darts Alberta Highlights

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## What's New?

### —New Faces on the Board

This last year brought about many changes to the Board. Darts Alberta would like to thank Anne Marie Coroluick, Tammy Murschell and Wenda Picard for their contributions on the Board and to the sport of darts. Your current Board of Directors are:

- Dean Lawson (Medicine Hat), President
- Brenda Dietrich (Mayerthorpe), First Vice
- Laura Nett (Grande Prairie), Second Vice
- Kelly Shapka (Edmonton), Treasurer
- Lesley Johnston (Edmonton), Secretary
- Tim Prokop (Strathmore), Youth Director
- Julie Narain (Calgary), Membership Director
- Darryll Walsh (Edmonton), Publicity Director
- Bill Hatter (Redcliff), Tournament Director / Past President
- Sandi Orr (Edmonton), Provincial Director / Administrator

Contact information and position profiles are available on the Darts Alberta website under "About Us", "Board Members".

### —Tournament Surveys

Improving DA Ranked Tournaments is one of the key strategies identified in our 3-year Strategic Plan. To assist tournament organizers in continuously improving their tournaments, we recently began surveying participants and spectators. After each survey is closed, the Administrator compiles the results and provides the report to the tournament organizers. Later in the year, a summary will be available for all members.

We have completed surveys for the last three ranked tournaments and will continue to survey the remainder of them throughout the year. Thank you to everyone that participated in the surveys so far. Whether you're providing constructive feedback or praising the organizations for what is going well, we want to hear from you!

### —Fees Increases for the 2014-15 Season

It's never been a better time to be a member of a Darts Alberta Member League!

Darts Alberta Member League and Youth Club membership fees are still only **\$3.00 per league/club member**. These members can upgrade to an NDFC membership and the fee for adults is still only **\$20.00**.

The Individual DA/NDFC Membership Fee has increased and is now **\$40.00 per person**.

The Zone Qualifier Entry Fee is still **\$30.00** for 1, 2 or all 3 days to compete to qualify for the Adult Provincials (NDFC Upgrade or DA/NDFC Membership required).

For those qualifying for Provincials, the entry fee is still **\$80.00**.

For those that haven't qualified for provincials, individuals can still buy in but that rate has now increased to **\$300.00**. Buy-ins are only allowed if spots are still available (80 men / 64 women).

### Rookie Blue—a Rookie's Perspective of the Adult Nationals

- Article by Jennifer Ravenshorst

*This year I was fortunate to secure a coveted spot on Team Alberta. Tryouts for the team are nothing short of grueling and all of the participants should be proud of what they accomplished that weekend, regardless of if they made the team.*

*There were quite a few emotions running through my head when Lesley told me I had made the team. First came excitement. I had worked hard and it had paid off in spades. Quickly following that, though, was trepidation. As much as I've come out of my shell, I'm still a quiet and shy person that likes to keep to myself. I'd never traveled with a team before, let alone with a group of people I didn't know that well. I was fortunate to have the support of so many and that convinced me I should give it a go. Who knows when an opportunity like that would show up again?*

*To say I was worried over nothing is an understatement. Our crew is definitely the most supportive, fun loving bunch. I especially liked that the team stuck around and showed their support until the very end. I believe that support helped me do as well as I did.*

Team Alberta Warming Up in Halifax



Photo Credit: Sandi Orr

*Overall, it was a great experience. Would I do it again? Absolutely! And if I don't make the team again, I would be okay with that because I was part of the 2014 Gold winning Team Alberta!!*

*Over and out, Raven "shorts"*



## World News

### —New WDF President

Congratulations to Bill Hatter of Redcliff Alberta on being appointed as the World Darts Federation President. Bill continues in his role as the President of the National Darts Federation of Canada, as well as the Darts Alberta Tournament Director. Best of luck Bill in this new endeavor.



## Upcoming Events

### Adult Ranked Tournaments

- [2014 Klondike Open](#) (WDF/BDO/NDFC/DA) – October 10-12, Edmonton
- [2014 Challenge of the North](#) (DA) – Oct 24-26, Grande Prairie
- [2014 Chris Hatter Memorial](#) (NDFC/DA) – Nov 14-16, Med. Hat
- [2015 Snoflake Open](#) (NDFC/DA) – Feb 6-8, Edmonton
- [2015 Adult Provincials](#) (NDFC/DA) – Feb 14-16, Edmonton

Stay tuned for news on a potential new Ranked Tournament in Cochrane! More to follow as details become available!

### Adult Zone Qualifiers

- [Zone 1 \(Medicine Hat\)](#) – Oct 25 and Nov 1
- [Zone 1a \(Lethbridge\)](#) – Nov 1, 8, 9 **(Updated since published)**
- [Zone 2 \(Cochrane\)](#) - Oct 25 and Nov 1
- [Zone 3 \(Calgary\)](#) – Nov 22, 23, 29 **(Corrected since published)**
- [Zone 4 \(Red Deer\)](#) – Nov 28, 29 **(Updated since published)**
- [Zone 6 \(Edmonton\)](#) – Nov 22, 23, 30
- [Zone 7 \(Fort McMurray\)](#) – TBA
- [Zone 8 \(Grande Prairie\)](#) – Nov 21, 22, 23 **(Updated since published)**

### Youth Ranked Tournaments

- [2014 Youth / 50+ Shoot](#) (DA Youth), Ponoka – Nov 1-2
- [2014 Youth Provincials](#) (NDFC/DA) – Feb 21-22, Calgary

We wish everyone “good darts”  
in the 2014-15 dart season!



## Out of the Stone Age

Darts Alberta’s launch of its new Facebook Group has met with huge success! This new initiative was created to be more in touch with our members to make sure you are “in the know”.

If you aren’t already a member of the Facebook group and want to be current on what’s happening for darts in the province, search for Darts Alberta on Facebook and ask to [Join Group](#).

### —Facebook Posting Guidelines

Darts Alberta members range from youth to seniors. Feel free to share your experiences and ideas, ask questions and keep up to date on Darts Alberta news and events. Differences of opinion are welcome as long as they are respectful. Keep your posts family-oriented and refrain from posting:

- Activity that goes against Darts Alberta policies
- Advertising of services, vendors or products not affiliated with Darts Alberta
- Personal posts that have virtually nothing to do with darts or Darts Alberta
- Posts or photos deemed to be other than “G-rated”
- Profanity



## Recognizing Excellence

### —On the Soft-tip side of darts (October 2014)

Shaun Narain wins the America’s Tour 2014, Stage 6

### —2014 Pro Am Champions (September 2014)

Gary Spurway (Elite) and Dan Stotz (Grassroots Award Recipients)  
[Full results](#) on Darts Alberta website



### —2014 Canada 55 Plus Games (August 2014)

Albertans rocked at the 2014 Games (held in Sherwood Park) with an amazing 393 medals (166 Gold, 139 Silver and 88 Bronze). This is over twice the number of medals than any other province. Dart players from Alberta achieved 7 Gold, 7 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.  
Full results: <http://www.canada55plusgames2014.com/>

Thank you goes out to Jim Edwards and Jennifer Ravenshorst for participating in the medals presentation on behalf of Darts Alberta.

### —2014 Adults Nationals (June 2014)

- Canada Cup – Gold Medal Champions – Team Alberta
- Mixed Doubles Champions – Shaun Narain & Ivy Wieshlow
- Men’s Singles Silver – Ken MacNeil
- Men’s Doubles Silver – Shane Harvey & Ken MacNeil
- Men’s Nodor Cup Silver – Team Alberta
- Women’s Doubles Bronze – Angelina Palumbi & Jennifer Ravenshorst
- Men’s Doubles Bronze – Shaun Narain & Dion LaViolette

[Full results](#): [www.ndfc.ca](http://www.ndfc.ca)

### —2014 Youth Nationals (May 2014)

- Sr. Male Doubles Champions – Dawson Murschell & Ericson Dalangin
- Sr. Mixed Doubles Champions – Logan Crooks & Jessica Weatherly
- Sr. Male Singles Silver – Dawson Murschell
- Jr. Mixed Doubles Bronze – Nate Sheppard & Courtney Kane
- Jr. Female Doubles Bronze – Tori Doughty & Courtney Kane
- Sr. Male Singles Bronze – Ericson Dalangin
- Youth Canada Cup Bronze – Team Alberta

[Full results](#): [www.ndfc.ca](http://www.ndfc.ca)



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