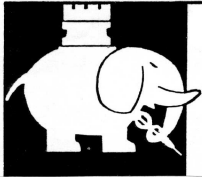


# The Elephant's Tale



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## PORTLAND AREA DART ASSOCIATION—Maybe the Oldest Dart Publication in the USA

### EVENTS

#### **Monday Challenge**

Every Monday Night  
All Night  
Horse Brass Pub

#### **Friday Night Blind Draw**

Every Friday Night  
7:30 pm  
A&L Sports Pub

#### **Fall League Match**

Every Thursday Night  
7:00 pm

\*See schedule/captain

#### **Saturday, September 26**

PADA Dart Draw  
Sign-ups start at 6:00 pm  
Shoot starts at 7:00 pm  
Sellwood Public House

#### **Saturday, October 3**

O'Brien's Monthly Dart Draw  
Sign-ups at 3:30  
Shoot starts at 4:00 pm

#### **Saturday, October 17**

ADO Cricket Qualifier  
Sign-ups start at Noon  
Shoot starts at 1:00 pm

#### **Saturday, November 14**

**Christina Oakley's  
Bragging Rights Open**  
A&L Tavern  
Sign-ups at 11:00  
Start at Noon

### FALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP SHOOT

We had 34 people sign up for the last blind draw on August 27, 2009 making 17 teams.

We played one game of cricket with everyone in the flight, and 8 teams advanced into the money.

Top 4 of the first flight -

- 1st. Tracy M. - Nils N.
- 2nd. Andy C. - LaLa
- 3rd. Hock - Tammi C.
- 4th. Troy H. - Randy P.

The top 4 of the 2nd flight -

- 1st Greg H. - Tony M.
- 2nd. Craig B. - Mitch S.
- 3rd Place Dave W. - Amy N.
- 4th Kathy C. -Robert W.

Top 8 played best of 3 knockout - Below are the:

Top 4.

- Tracy - Nils
- Hock - Tammy
- Greg - Tammy
- Andy C. - LaLa

Top 2

- Hawk - Tammy
- Andy C. - LaLa

First Place - Andy C. - LaLa

The total payout for the draw was \$510. Top place won \$140. I introduced a new raffle game called Hot Shots. During the night, players bought 16 tickets and the PADA added \$20 for a total payout of \$36. Andy Campbell missed the first shot. Next, Hawk hit 2 triple 8's and won 2/3 the pot for \$24 prize. There is \$12 left in the pot for the next Hot Shots raffle at the next blind draw. The PADA will add \$20 for a \$32 starting prize for the next Hot Shots Game. People can purchase more tickets at the next blind draw, thus the prize will keep getting bigger!

After running my first event, I felt that I did everything wrong from sign ups, to not organizing the flight sheet properly, delaying the start time, etc. However, I learned a lot and people gave me a ton of ideas on how to run the next event. Now that I have some experience, hopefully the next event will be more timely and everything will run more smoothly. I want to bring fun and organized dart shooting to our special events. I am working on scheduling the next 4 months of shoots in advance and posting them on the website and in the Elephants Tale. I look forward to the next shoot! Thanks for coming out last month, a good time was had by all!

-Jason

## **DART HOUSES**

### *Northeast –*

#### **A&L Sports Pub**

234-7607

5933 NE Glisan, Portland

#### **Katie's Backyard**

254-2235

11307 NE Sandy, Portland

#### **Biddy McGraw's**

233-1178

6000 NE Glisan, Portland

#### **County Cork**

284-4805

1329 NE Fremont, Portland

#### **Moon and Sixpence**

288-7802

2014 NE 42nd, Portland

### *Southeast –*

#### **The Blue Monk**

595-0575

3341 SE Belmont, Portland

#### **Horse Brass Pub**

232-2202

4534 SE Belmont, Portland

#### **Blitz Ladd**

236-3592

2239 SE 11th, Portland

#### **Sellwood Public House**

736-0179

8132 SE 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue., Portland

#### **Triple Nickel Pub**

234-7215

3646 SE Belmont, Portland

#### **Lucky Labrador**

236-3555

915 SE Hawthorne, Portland

#### **505 Tavern**

655-4321

505 Main St., Oregon City

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## **WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO THE PADA?**

The new board of directors for PADA is showing a great deal of energy in dealing with long-standing unresolved areas of our organization. Some of these items are boring and technical, which may be why they've been left to last by previous boards. These tasks include filing the proper paperwork with the state government to allow us to receive tax deductible donations, and to insure proper accountability for the money we collect from, and disburse to, our members. A corollary of that filing is a requirement to have a written set of bylaws to govern how the league conducts business and elections and how we define our officers. Also, they are looking into what insurance requirements or guidelines are available to protect the organization in this increasingly litigious era.

I have always thought that the board's main function is to run league and monthly events that are fun and fair. These other issues are important, but for the average player, what counts is his or her enjoyment when playing darts. A new board may not have the background, in their first season, to adjust schedules and divisions in a timely manner to prevent controversy; but, I think we need to give them some slack as they come up to speed. Our Special Events Director had some problems to deal with in his first event (the blind draw at sign-ups), but he learned a lot. The League Director will need to lean on previous directors' experiences for scheduling, and there may be challenges due to increased numbers of players participating, but we'll get through it by keeping up a good attitude at the member level.

The bottom line is, energy and devotion are more important to us, in the long run, than a few glitches (which occur with even the most seasoned leaders). I believe Craig Boughton has done a great job of regularizing the league format and setting up divisions, which can be built on, and he is generously helping Nick Beam get started. There are lots of other experienced members of our league who can be assets to the board. The PADA is now in good hands, with loads of upside potential.

-Rich Patterson

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT—WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?**

Ratings...what do they mean and how are they formulated? Several questions pertaining to the new rating system were asked during the recent Fall 2009 Captains Meeting and I am sure more questions will come up as all of you get going in this next season. Thus, I figured that I would head some of them off at the pass in this article.

As most of you know, the teams in the PADA have been placed in one of four divisions. These divisions include AA, A, B & C. However, it appears that individual ratings were never really formulated, causing the board, along with all of you, to establish a guess as to where each one of us stands amongst the rest of us. So, starting this season, we are introducing an individual rating system that incorporates the divisional systems used in the past, just modified for use with individuals.

As imperfect as any program or formula, this mathematical rating system serves to help the Board create individual and team competition geared toward equitable play. Notice I used the term "equitable" and not "fair". The board recognizes the inherent shortcomings of any such rating system and we will strive to minimize these shortcomings every chance we get. However, the system will never be perfect. Even with the manual review that is given after all ratings are formulated. There will still be people that fall through the cracks. So before you join the many that question the accuracy of the system, please read on and see just what takes place in our mysterious world of rankings.

### **Singles?**

In order to have the results of a season reflect in your rating, you must play in singles. These include the singles matches during our normal Thursday league night, any future singles league or any other future league night that includes singles competition.

### **The Division Average**

"I beat so-and-so and they're rated higher than me, so why didn't I move up?" While

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we would love to have the time to compare who played who and base the rating system along those lines. There just isn't enough time between seasons to accomplish this. So, we take the mathematical ratings of all the players in a division and average them together. Your singles winning percentage is then measured against this number, giving us your season's rating. Then we take into account your past performance.

#### **Past Performance**

We take into account your performance over as many of the past seasons as we can. Currently, we only have stats for the Fall 2008, Spring 2009 and the 2009 Singles Tournament to start the rating system. These, will of course expand as we continue to include future performance into the system.

#### **So what all does this mean?**

Your rating is actually a numeric value that is translated into a 2 character rating. For example, my actual numeric rating, as of this season, is 7.127, which, in the dart geek dictionary, is translated to a B1. 16.000 and above translates into an AA1, the highest possible rating. Some of the best players in our league have actual numeric ratings above 20. More to the point, if you play 10 singles games and win 5, your season rating is equal to the average rating in your division. If you win all 10, your season rating is twice that division average. Logically then, if you're a C player playing in a division dominated by B shooters, a .500 record will work to improve your rating. However, if you are a high B player in a division dominated by C shooters, even winning 100% of your matches won't do much to increase your ranking. You move up by beating people that challenge you, not wiping the floor with those that don't.

#### **Other Factors**

We also intend to include other factors such as winning a singles tournament, qualifying for an ADO spot or maybe winning one of the divisional shoots that we may potentially hold. For example, let's say that you hold a ranking of A, but you win an ADO Regional Qualifier, which would mean that you beat many of the highest ranking people in the region. This win will play into your ranking of A going up to AA. Overall, the system is pretty accurate, as the Board of Directors has reviewed the starting rankings and all agree that it safely justifies the rankings of our current members. We also agree that it could be better, as we could base your rating in part by tracking PPD (points per dart) average. This is far and away the most accurate means of rating individual ability; it is also the most difficult and time consuming. Find me a captain who is willing to sit and track PPD for all of their players each week. This would require the recording of every dart thrown for their team each week. The ranking system is definitely in its infancy and will continue to get more and more accurate as more data is collected from the future leagues. I'm sure that some of you may still have questions or comments, so please feel free to contact me in the event that you do.

Happy shooting!  
Nick Beam

## **BOARD PROFILE—NEW SPECIAL EVENTS DIR.**

Hello, my name is Jason Pitzer and I am the new Special Events Director. Some background information about me, I started playing darts with my parent's at the Horse Brass before I turned 21. I joined their team some time after in about 1998 or 1999. I played with my parents for several seasons and then moved on to several other teams. For the past 4 years I have been with the Slack Ass Bastards. For the past two years, I have been the team captain and have won sportsman many times. We won B division once, came in second in A division once, and won A division twice, including last season. For the past year, I wanted to volunteer for the PADA and made some inquiries to former Board members. I read something in the Elephants Tale about how the Board needed new Directors to continue the PADA so I stepped up and encouraged my fiance Sarah to join the Board. I hope to bring enthusiasm for darts and a fresh approach to the Board of Directors. I love darts and hope to run many cool special events. If anyone has any ideas about shoots, venues, raffles, or other ideas regarding special events please contact me.

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## **DART HOUSES**

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### *North –*

**IrishTown Bar & Grill**  
(360) 253-1479  
11600 SE Mill Plain, Vancouver

**The Lair**  
(360) 694-5742  
6718 E. 4th Plain Blvd, Vancouver

**Kenton Club**  
285-3718  
2025 N Kilpatrick St., Portland

### *Westside –*

**O'Brien's**  
640-8561  
2020 NE Cornell, Hillsboro

**Lucky Lab NW**  
517-4352  
1945 NW Quimby

**Ballad Town Billiards**  
357-1111  
2036 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove

**Life of Riley**  
224-1680  
300 NW 10th, Portland

**Silver Dollar Pizza**  
227-1103  
501 NW 21st, Portland

**Cheers NW**  
222-3416  
1502 NW 19th, Portland

**Blitz Pearl**  
222-2229  
110 NE 10th, Portland

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## PORTLAND SINGLES LEAGUE—SUMMER 2009

I had a great experience this summer that opened my eyes to something new to me in Portland darts: the world of organizing. I helped Andy Campbell and Christina Oakley put together and run the Singles League we did at the A&L this summer.

It was a bit of effort on the part of us all, but I felt it was very rewarding in the responses we received. I think we had a healthy balance of fun and also some great competition for a lot of people. We had five divisions of 6 people (well, one of the divisions only had 5), and despite the tight groupings, they largely worked out really well and offered good challenges. If PADA were to do something similar to this, we could use this as a benchmark for the grouping of players in divisions next time around as well, to make any minor adjustments to the placement that may be necessary. Here was what we ended up with:

### Blue Division –

Andy Campbell  
Jim Pope  
Allen Nutter  
Chris Ricci  
Jake Scott  
Scott Dozark

### Green Division –

Wayne Cree  
Jeff Lisenbee  
Randy Slipher  
Greg Haggan  
Laraine Hinsen  
Thomas Schuesterl

### Red Division –

Warren Weaver  
Clay Carney  
Bill Mittelstendt  
Tom Anderson  
Chris Pfenninger  
Nils Nelson

In the **Blue** division, Allen Nutter pulled ahead of Scotty Dozark the last final week of the season. He also went on to win the divisional playoff by first defeating Chris Ricci, then Andy Campbell after Andy pulled off an upset of sorts by taking out Scotty.

In the **Green** division Jeff Lisenbee had a strong season and then carried it into the playoffs to win the division. He defeated Greg Haggan in the first round, and then Wayne Cree in the finals after Wayne beat Randy Slipher.

In the **Red** division, there were a few consistent performers, with Nils Nelson pulling off the win here. He beat Warren Weaver in a good final match up – these are two soft-tip players who had some great skills on the steel-tip board. Bill Mittelstendt and Tom Anderson rounded out the playoff competitors in the Red division.

### White Division –

Troy Painter  
Tony Kim  
Isaac Rochester  
Nick Beam  
Sam Kimpton  
Dave New

### Yellow Division –

Christina Oakley  
Tammie Campbell  
Adam Sorenson  
Shawn Hallbrook

We had some great competition and close matches through most of our short season. A few surprises in the playoffs as well and here is a little recap:

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## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### September

9/6—Jim Cosentino

9/7—Mo Bachman

9/8—Perry Horton  
Julene Hall

9/9—Casey Foley

9/11—Greg Ross

9/12—Mike Timmons

9/13—Jeff Lisenbee

9/16—Kristel Bush

9/18—Ally Linfoot  
Don Durst

9/20—Sarah Bain

9/21—Christina Oakley  
Kim Still

9/23—Paul Simon

9/26—Will Foord

9/28—Terry Allen

9/30—Rob Bomstead  
Bridget Canniff

*Editor's note regarding birthdays: If we did not list your birthday along with other members when it came by, we probably don't have it. If for any reason you do not want your b-day posted, just let us know!!!*

## SEEKING NEW DART HOUSES

As we try to expand our league presence in the Portland area, the pastime of darts is on the rise! We have added a number of dart houses to our list here, and additions and changes will be coming to the website shortly. If you know of an establishment with dart boards that we do not list, please let us know!! Cheers!

-Isaac Rochester  
communications@portlandareadarts.com

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The **White** division saw Tony Kim not lose a match all season, and he edged out Troy Painter for the top spot in the standings. Tony beat Nick Beam in the playoffs and lost a close final to Isaac Rochester after Isaac barely squeaked by Troy in the first round.

The **Yellow** division saw more soft-tip regulars pick up some steel-tip in competition. Adam Sorenson outlasted his competition here defeating Shawn Hallbrook in the final. Tammie Campbell and Heather Merrell both lost in the first round after having great wins during the season.

It was an overall great experience, and something I'd absolutely love to participate in or help organize again. Thanks and congrats to all participants and winners!!!

## NEW RAFFLE GAME— "HOT SHOTS"

This is a PADA raffle game. Watch for it at the next monthly PADA event!!!

Cost \$1 per ticket, you can buy as many tickets as you want.  
Ticket holders put their name on the back of the ticket.  
At the end of the night, just before playoffs, a raffle ticket will be drawn.

If a person is not present, we will re-draw for a new name until a winner is present.

A number 1-20 will be drawn.

After the Winner and the Number are picked, the winner has 3 darts to hit between 1-3 triples on the number.

- 1 Triple = 1/3 the pot
- 2 Triples = 2/3 the pot
- 3 Triples = The whole pot

The remaining money, and tickets with people's names, will go into the next blind draw raffle. People who want their tickets to count again must show up at the next blind draw to get another shot at winning with their previous tickets. Once the total pot is won, all tickets are terminated and the game will restart at the next draw.

- \* New tickets can be purchased at the next blind draw.
- \* PADA will Add \$20 if the pot is below \$20.

## PADA Executives- Board of Directors

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**Special Events Director**—Jason Pitzer  
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**Secretary/Treasurer**—Sarah Bain  
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**Communications Director**—Isaac  
Rochester  
communications@portlandareadarts.com

### Board Members—

Andy Campbell  
Wayne Storer

*Please feel free to contact the board with any questions, feedback or concerns regarding the **Portland Area Dart Association**.*

## BOARD PROFILE—NEW TREASURER/SECRETARY

My name is Sarah Bain and I am the new Secretary/ Treasurer for the Portland Area Dart Association. I play on C league for the Multiple Scoregasms. We are a cool team and have been playing together for three seasons now. I live with my fiancé Jason Pitzer and our team captain, Robert Wolfe. Jason wanted to join the PADA board and thought it would be something fun we could do together. We are really enjoying meeting new people and being involved with the PADA.

I ran for Secretary/ Treasurer because I felt that I could bring my skills to the Dart Board and continue to make the PADA a cool organization. I recently graduated from the University of Oregon with my Juris Doctorate and have a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Portland State. After working as an administrative assistant in various positions over the past ten years, I believe I have the organizational skills to make a good Secretary/Treasurer. When I am not playing darts, I teach skiing and like to snowboard, go camping, hiking, garden, ride my dirt bike, and spend time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to fall league starting this month!

- Sarah Bain  
controller@portlandareadarts.com

## Next Issue—

- Fall League report
- Featured "Dart House of the Month"
- More profiles of new board members
- Recaps of PADA events

And much more!!!

## GAME OF THE MONTH

### Catch 40

**The Game** – This is a game developed by John Part, and quite probably my favorite practice game ever. You can play it with more than one person as competition, or just sharing in your practice experience. It turned my '01 game around and began improving it immediately as it focuses on your finishes in the game.

**The Scoring** – You will shoot at each out from 61 to 100 in order(40 outs gives this game its name). You can take up to six darts to take that number out before moving on to the next number. Finishing with two darts awards you 3 points, three darts awards you 2 points, and if you take the shot out in four, five or six darts, you still get 1 point. The only exception to this is 99 which awards you 3 points for finishing in three darts (there is no two dart finish).

#### Sample game –

I begin with 0 points. I am throwing first at 61, hitting a 15, 14 and hitting a 16 missing D16 for the out. I now have 3 darts to take out 16 for 1 point. I miss with three darts and move on to 62 out, still with 0 points. I hit a T10 and then D16 with two darts awarding me 3 points!! I now move on to 63 out, hitting a 19, 9 and 3 to leave myself 32 with three darts left at it. I hit it on my fifth dart awarding me one more point. I know move on to shoot at the 64 out and I have a total of 4 points to build on, etc.

This game will really drill your outshots into your head and it will become mechanical when you're at the oche in no time at all.

A side-note: PADA has a sub-forum on the sewa-darts.com forum. They have a way to enter scores for practice games once you register a username, and this is one of the games it tracks. I great way to monitor your own personal bests or see how you compare with friends and rivals!

## FOR SALE

**\$50 Dart Boards** - The PADA has many slightly used dart boards for sale. These boards have only been used in PADA events such as the Oregon Open. Please contact any PADA Board Member or Associate in the event that you are interested.



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