NORTHERN IRLAND COMPRIS DARTS ASSOCATION

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Introduction

I Would Like To Take This Opportunity To Introduce You To The Northern Ireland Compris Darts Association (Nicda) We Are A Non-Profitable Organization That Promotes A Game Of Darts For Players With Physical And Mental Disabilities.

We Have 2 Sections:
Classic Players
Amputees, Wheelchairs, Sever Spinal Injuries

Compris Players
Ptsd, Depression, Deafness, Sight Loss, Learning Difficulties (Autism, Adhd)

Any Player That Has The State Funded Pip/Dla, Blue Badge Or Has A Doctor's Letter Declaring They Are A Player That Fits The Classic Criteria Can Join Our Organization.

At The End Of February 2019, I Was Asked By The World Disablity Darts Association (Wdda) Founder Russ Strobel And Now Ceo Ted Mcmillan & Ex English Coordinator Ian Vincent If I Would Take On The Responsibility Of Running An International Disability Dart Team Out Of Northern Ireland, I Seriously Thought About It For 24 Hrs And Then Excepted The Position.

Here Is The Start Of The Nicda & My Story (Tracey Kerr Coordinator & Founder) First Of All I Wouldn't Call Myself A Dart Player But My Talents Laid Behind The Scene As I 1st Got Involved With Darts Were I Assisted In Running A Darts Team Out Of The Antrim District Dart League (Addl) After 6yrs Doing That I Then Went On To Be The League Secretary, Press Officer, Competition Coordinator As Well As The Multi-Media Organizer (Facebook, Whats App) After Doing This Post, To Which I Still Hold Today. I Also Went On To Volunteer At The Northern Ireland Darts Orginzation (Nido) Where I Helped With Registrations, Scorings, And The Occasional Marking Of The Board, Again It's A Position I Still Uphold.

These people & players from the ADDL & NIDO gave me the push, support, and advice that I needed, to take on this position and 3 yrs down the line I couldn't be prouder and happier with the players that play in the NICDA they are an amazing bunch of Men & Ladies.

Achievements

World cup 2021 Scotland NICDA Team A 4th place
Andy Fordham Memorial cup 2021 Scotland Eddie Mullan beaten finalist

1st WDDA MATCH PLAY Thornaby 2022 Classic player Thomas Deuchar beaten semifinalist, Compris player Christopher McClements beaten semifinalist, Ladies Betty Barr beaten semifinalist.

We were honored by Neil 'The Duffman' Duff who excepted or proposal to be our ambassador in 2021 – 2022 he is a very charitable man and was very generous in his support of our wee team. The team was so proud of the massive win that Neil achieved in the legendary Lakeside where he won the WDF World Championship in 2022 he is an amazing man & player.

Teams

The teams hope for the future is to, at least have 1 Classic, 1 Compris, Men's, Ladies & Youth teams in each of the 6 counties, the support I have from the ADDL & NIDO is surreal and the NIDO & NICDA are hopefully going to be recognized by the Northern Ireland Sports Council, where Darts in Northern Ireland will finally get the recognition that it deserves. This means both organizations will be bringing over international players, financial income into Northern Ireland and a worldwide recognition to our sponsors as we will be using live streaming. The NICDA needs continued support and if you think that you or your business could give us a one of financial backings or help us on a yearly bases it would be very much appreciated, please feel free to get in touch with myself Tracey Kerr mob no: 07925175826 or email: nicda2020@hotmail.com for any further information.

Players

NAME: Christopher McClements

NICKNAME: Chipper

DARTS: 27gm

TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Area 5/Area 7,Halfway house, Hillsborough, NICDA

ACHIEVEMENTS: Semi-finalist WDDA 4 Nations,
Quarter-finalists WDDA PDC Match play

NAME: Derek Ward

NICKNAME: Wardy

DARTS: Purist PHS 2 Unicorn 24gm

TEAMS PLAYED FOR: GERS Larne League, NICDA

ACHIEVEMENTS: 2018 Ballyclare league Player of the year as well as going unbeaten in all League and team cups and matches.

NAME: Eddie Mullan (Welfare Officer/Accommodations)

NICKNAME: Eagle Eyed Eddie

DARTS: Jocky Wilson Originals 23gm

TEAMS PLAYED FOR: NIDO, Local Lisburn League, Area 5, NICDA

ACHIEVEMENTS: Played in the Embassy & the World Masters 4 times,
Semi-finalist in the WDDA Individuals,
Semi-finalist in the WDDA PDC Match Play
and beaten Finalist in the Andy Fordham Memorial Cup.

NAME: Samuel Cowan (Treasurer)

NICKNAME: Jacko

DARTS: Durro Bristows 22gm

TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Dunsilly, McConnells Doagh, Shanogue House, Tweedies, The Galleon/The Anchor, Chimney Corner dart team, Area 2, Area 5 & NICDA

ACHIEVEMENTS: In my hay days I won the Guardian Cup for getting into the last 16 of the Guinness Masters and the Smithwicks Open there I had thrown top players from the BDO in those days. A party trick that I had was when I was on a double 16 I use to drop to my knees and hit it.

NAME: Martin Guy
NICKNAME: Martyg
DARTS: 21gm Originals
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Derriaghy Darts Team, NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: 4 Times Lisnagarvey League Individual Champion, 4 Times lisnagarvey League Champion of Champions

NAME: Thomas Deuchars
NICKNAME: The Duke
DARTS: 26gm Designer darts
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Cosy Bar, Area 4 Reds, Belfast District league
ACHIEVEMENTS: Reid Cup Winner, Last 8 League Individuals, Semi-Finalist WDDA PDC matchplay 2022, Winner Newtownards Pairs & winner of Donaghadee Pairs

NAME: Thomas Moore
NICKNAME: Big T
DARTS: Chizzy Harrow 26gm
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Dunsilly, Rugby Club,
Top of The Town & NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: Best darts played 3x 12 darters against fellow country man John Elder.

NAME: Tony Rimmer
NICKNAME: Titanium
DARTS: Phil Taylors Gen 8 26gm
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Area 4b, Area 2, Telford, M&R Mens A & NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: Area 4b Champions, Area 2 Champions, M&R Mens A Champions,
Last 32 Belgium Open, Telford Individuals Champion and played the pro circuit along side Martin Adams, Trina Guilliver and many more.

NAME: Betty Barr
NICKNAME: Betty boo
DARTS: N/A
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Area 3, Ballyclare Social Club, NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: I Always held my own and qualified into the quarter-finals of the WDDA PDC Match play.

NAME: Gail Mullan
NICKNAME: Gail Force
DARTS: Phil Taylor 23gm
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Local Team, Area 3, NIDO & NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: In the NIDO I played in 2 world cups 1 in Turkey and 1 in Holland. I also made it to the quarterfinals of the WDDA PDC Match play.

NAME: Kate Kane
NICKNAME: Kitty
DARTS: still figuring out the right one
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: I've always attended the darts but never thought of taking part, but the NICDA Ladies have made me feel very welcome and are going to train me up so watch this space.

NAME: Kelly Devlin
NICKNME: 10 pints
DARTS: Gary Anderson 27gm
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Ards Ladies, Bangor Men, Area 3, BBSC, Ballyclare arrows & NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: runner up Ards Ladies Individuals, Semi-finalist at Green Isle INDO competition & 1st Lady to be runner up in the Ballyclare pairs.

NAME: Moira McClements (Fundraiser)
NICKNAME: Wee Mo
DARTS: 27gm
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Bluebells Ladies, Halfway House Ladies, NICDA
ACHIEVEMENTS: To be asked to be the fundraiser for the NICDA.

Sponsorship

Seeking sponsorship, donations & fundraising is a nonstop process and this team all chips in. We have now just purchased merchandise to sell and try and make an income for the team all year round, (badges, keyrings, hats & polo shirts all with the team logo).

We have always done ourselves proud wherever we went and this year (2022) we are over the moon to be chosen to host the 4 nations (home Internationals) here in Northern Ireland on Thursday 30th March – Sunday 2nd April 2023 the event will be held in the Dunsilly Inn Hotel Antrim. This is a 1st for disability darts here and hopefully not the last.

We have to say we were humbled to have another get ambassador to take up our offer as young Josh Rock takes on the roll for 2022 -2023. Josh is on a PDC Tour and is excelling with every game he plays. Josh is also the nephew of one of our founder members/player the late Ken Thursby who sadly passed away at the start of 2022 and is still sorely missed by his team mates, family & friends.