



# The Emerald Flight

## DARTING NEWS FROM THE ECDO

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### WELCOME TO THE EMERALD FLIGHT!

Hey there, dart enthusiasts! Here's a fun fact: way back in the day, when The ECDO was an up-and-coming dart league, we had our very own newsletter. The Bullsheets was masterminded by one of the ECDO founders, the legendary Sher Bird. The first issue made its grand debut in January 1982, and it was a total game-changer!

Well, guess what? We're bringing that spirit back! We're super excited to announce the launch of our monthly newsletter, The Emerald Flight. But this isn't just any newsletter - it's your one-stop shop for all things ECDO!

Curious about what's inside? The Emerald Flight will be brimming with news that you, the ECDO members, will find both useful and entertaining. Here's a sneak peek of what you can look forward to:

- 'Upcoming Events': Your personal planner for all the darting adventures you won't want to miss!
- 'Reminders': From registration deadlines to tournament dates, we've got your back. You'll never miss a beat!
- 'ECDO Board News': Stay in the know with the latest updates and decisions from your ECDO board. We're all in this together, after all!
- 'Spotlight': Get to know your fellow members and our awesome bar sponsors.

### WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- **Welcome!**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Meet the Member: Glen Huff**
- **Board happenings**



### Reminders

- Complete any outstanding summer doubles matches before Finals on 8/30.
- Pull a team together and register for Fall Season. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

But here's the best part: this newsletter is all about you, our ECDO family. We want to hear from you! What do you want to read about each month? Got any comments, suggestions, or even articles you'd like to share? We're all ears! Send your thoughts our way at [publicity@seattledarts.com](mailto:publicity@seattledarts.com)

# Upcoming Events

## ADVANCED SINGLES LEAGUE SUMMER FINAL

Emerald City Darting Organization * Summer 2023							
June				July			
5	12	19	26	10	17	24	31
August 7 (Championship)							

**August 7 | 7:30 pm | The Hidden Door, Shoreline**

The top 8 players in the season standings will be playing for the season championship on August 7th @ The Hidden Door in Shoreline. Also at stake is sponsorship to the ADO Cricket national championship qualifier. Interested in playing Advanced Singles? Check out more on the [Advanced Singles Web page](#).

## ECDO BOARD MEETING

**August 8 | 7 pm | Eagles #1,8201 Lake City Way NE**

The ECDO Board meets monthly, normally the first Tuesday of each month. To accommodate schedules, this month's meeting was pushed to the second Tuesday. All members are welcome to attend.



Team	Matches Played	Legs Won	Legs Lost	Win %
Hungry Lions	6	55	23	.705
The Lion Tamers	5	47	18	.723
Us and Them	5	45	20	.692
The MediocreBulls	6	45	33	.577
Dart Bags	5	35	30	.538
Salmon Bay Shooters	5	30	35	.462
Dart Vaders	6	35	43	.449
Three Dead Bunnies	6	32	46	.410
ROBO	4	18	34	.346

## SUMMER DOUBLES FINAL

**August 30 | 7 pm | Location TBD**

We're down to the final three weeks of the Summer Doubles regular season. The top two teams will face off in the finals on August 30. As it stands, The Hungry Lions and The Lion Tamers are leading the pack, but with several matches still to go, anything could happen! Keep track of all the Summer Doubles action and updates at the [ECDO summer doubles page](#).

## FALL SEASON

**September 6 - B League | September 7 - A League**

Fall Season is just around the corner! It's time to gather your teammates, find a pub, and get registered. Need more info? Don't hesitate to reach out to your [league rep](#) or the [competition secretary](#). They're here to help! Looking for a pub? Check out the [ECDO pub page](#).



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Glen Huff

### How did you get started with darts?

I started playing darts while in Bellingham WWU in 1982/1983. Bought my first set of brass darts at a Diving shop that had 2 sets of darts, and some darts supplies. The Student Lounge had a coiled paper dartboard on the wall and I found a used book on darts that explained setup and games to play. Asked the Student lounge to rehang the dartboard at correct height and put piece of tape on floor for where to stand and then began going there after class to practice.

After graduating WWU in 1984, I moved back down to Seattle and lived with my parents while I worked temp jobs till hired by Alaska Airlines in 1989. Discovered pub tournaments and darts league in 1984.



### What is your most memorable dart match or moments?

A few:

Hitting 180 at Eastlake zoo 1996 against John Pelan. I lost the game. Bob Ross was chalking. When I realized I hit 180 next several darts were off the board.

Hitting 157 outshot at Guardsman in late 1980s. T19,T20,D20.. was so surprised I did it I fell over laughing. Was not hurt.

World Champion Eric Bristow MBE chalked my darts games at North American Open and retrieved my darts from the board for me, and spent time chatting with me after my games.

### What is your favorite...

#### Thing about playing darts?

Cameraderie and fun of getting together with friends for darts, beer, laughs, trying to improve my limited darts ability ..haha

#### Game or format?

301 double in / double out

### How do you prepare for a match?

Get to match early asap after off work. Eat dinner and have beer. Warm up on board. Make sure have spare flights & shafts in case of breakage. **Have fun win or lose.**





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT, CONT.

### Glen Huff



#### What's one thing you wish more people knew about playing darts?

Darts is for everyone regardless of height weight gender age ability - darts is for all to enjoy the game win or lose.

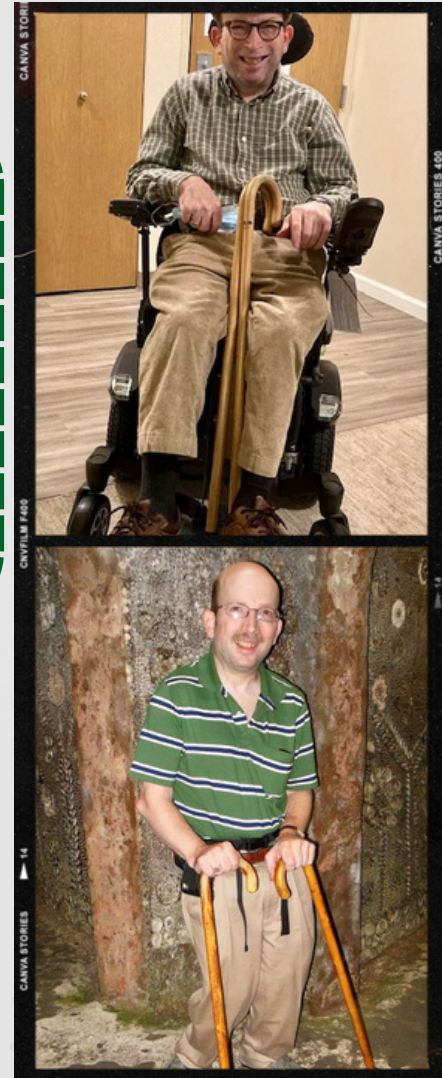
As worldwide Unicorn Darts Ambassador the late Barry Twomlow advised everyone he met in his 40+ years traveling the world promoting darts:

**"Darts begins and ends with a handshake"**

#### Who inspires you in darts? Who is your dart Hero?

I love darts and I have been able to make wonderful lifelong friendships through nearly 40 years of league play. I have been fortunate to meet so many of my darts heroes amongst them the late Eric Bristow MBE, and John Lowe MBE, Bobby George, Cliff Lazarenko, Dave Whitcombe, the late Jocky Wilson Phil Taylor, Dennis Priestley, and many others.

If a player of limited darting ability like myself can meet so many of my heroes / darts can open up so many wonderful experiences .



#### Do you have any advice for someone who's just starting out with darts?

- Try several sets of darts before you buy a set. Try friends' darts. Once you find a weight buy different length shafts - short, medium, long; different shape flights - pear, slim, kite, standard; and experiment with combos.
- Watch how darts enter the board with different combo flights & shafts- darts should enter board straight with dart flight not too far to right or left.
- Once you do find a combo that works, try and improve your mechanics of stance aim throw and grouping and rhythm. If you can afford it, buy one spare set of the same configuration in case of loss/breakage.
- *Collecting lots of darts can be fun, and expensive but won't improve your game.*
- Learn outshot combos - this will help you know options if you miss what you are aiming for and can sometimes save a dart rather than just going for 20s.

**"Start playing, keep playing, and enjoy the game!"**



# Board News

## Jeff Leonard steps in as VP

Jeff Leonard will assume the open Vice President position for the remainder of the year, while continuing in his role as membership secretary and ADO rep.

Thanks for all your dedication and service, Jeff!



Jeff Leonard



Paul Straub



## Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting of the ECDO will be held on Tuesday, August 8 @ The Eagles # 1 on Lake City Way. All members are welcome to attend.

Any member interested in the meeting agenda can reach out to the [ECDO Secretary](#) to request a copy beforehand.

## Meeting Minutes on Website

Every board meeting is meticulously documented through minutes, providing a comprehensive record of our discussions and decisions. These minutes are readily accessible on the [ECDO website](#) for anyone interested in our proceedings.

We are all deeply saddened by the recent loss of our dear friend and colleague, Paul Straub. As the Vice President of the ECDO, Paul was a true advocate for darts and his passion for the game was evident in everything he did. His absence leaves a void in our board and the broader dart community that will be keenly felt.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended Paul's memorial shoots. Your presence and support were a testament to the impact Paul had on us all. A memory book, created in his honor, can be found on the [ECDO website](#). We also invite you to view photos from the memorial shoot on our website and [Facebook page](#). These moments captured are a poignant reminder of Paul's enduring legacy in our community.