

# CLEVELAND CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF DARTING

## Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame Established, First Class Inducted

CLEVELAND, OH ([CDC Newswire](#)) -- The Cleveland Darter Club, established in 1969, celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by establishing The Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame on August 29, 2009. The event occurred at the historic Harbor Inn where the Club inducted its first 5 Hall of Famers: the late Tom Yurcich, Steve Farkas, Ernie Peto, Jim Wolan, and Charlie “Chief” Andracchio.

The birth of organized, steel-tip darts in the Cleveland occurred in December of 1969 when four individuals, Farkas, Peto, Wolan and Yurcich formed The Cleveland Darter Club. Shortly after the formation of the Club, Charlie “Chief” Andracchio was named the first League president. The Harbor Inn played host to many dart matches in those early years and helped fund one of the nation’s first big money tournaments, the Cleveland Dart Extravaganza, back in 1972.

Cleveland is often credited for playing an integral part in the rapid growth in participation and popularity of the sport of darts in the U.S. during the 1970’s, and its continued promotion of the sport up through the present day. Today’s darters owe a great amount of gratitude to those early pioneers who helped promote and grow the sport of darts during those early years.

The Cleveland Darter Club today has over 750 active members with approximately 100 dart teams playing in its weeknight dart leagues throughout the year at pubs all over the Cleveland area.



*The Inaugural Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame Class, from left to right: Steve Farkas, Betty Yurcich (representing the late Tom Yurcich), Ernie Peto, Charlie “Chief” Andracchio, and Jim Wolan.*