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CLEVELAND CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF DARTING

Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame to Induct First Class

CLEVELAND, OH ([CDC Newswire](#)) -- The Cleveland Darter Club, one of the oldest and largest dart clubs in the country, will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year with the opening of the new Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame on August 29, 2009 at the Harbor Inn in the Flats.

The birth of organized steel-tip darts in the Cleveland occurred in 1969 when four individuals, Steve Farkas, Ernie Peto, Jim Wolan and the late Tom 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, often credited as the oldest bar in Cleveland, played host to many dart matches in those early years.

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.

The Cleveland Darter Club today has over 700 active members with approximately 100 dart teams playing in its weeknight dart leagues throughout the year at pubs all over the Cleveland area.

In honor of those early pioneers of darts in Cleveland, The Cleveland Darter Club has announced the establishment of the first ever Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame. The first annual Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame Tournament and Induction Ceremony will be held on August 28-29, 2009 at the Harbor Inn at 1219 Main Avenue, Cleveland (west bank of the Flats).

The initial class will include Farkas, Peto, Wolan, Yurcich and Andracchio. Subsequent classes will be announced annually and honored at future Cleveland Dart Hall of Fame Tournaments.

The tournament and Hall of Fame induction ceremony are free and open to the public. Entry fees will be charged per event for those wishing to participate in the dart tournament. The first event will be blind draw doubles at 7:30 pm on Friday night. This will be followed by an open singles event. There will also be events all day on Saturday. A \$10 fee will be charged for an all-you-can eat buffet on Saturday. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies will begin at approximately 6 pm.

For more information, contact Cleveland Darter Club president Jeff Inman at President@darter.org or (216) 577-4168. Additional information can also be found at the Club's web page at www.darter.org.