

DARTS BC
PROVINCIAL YOUTH PROGRAM
YOUTH DIRECTOR'S QUARTERLY UPDATE NOVEMBER 1, 2008



TEAM BC 2008

Back L to R: Scott MacKenzie (Coach), Helen MacKenzie (B.C. Youth Director/Coach), Dustin Inskip, Dan Garreck, Bryce Book, Dwight Book (Coach)

Front L to R: Jared Brown, Josephine Legare, Alycia Hope, Kandice MacKenzie, Jade Portman, Connor Book



As B.C.'s Youth Director I am very pleased to report a great start to the 2008-2009 Youth Dart Program in B.C. 2008 was really a rebuilding year for our Provincial Team, with only 4 returning members from the previous year. With all of the 9 players from Team BC 2008 returning for the upcoming season we have a great foundation to build from.

The youth programs start their season in October each year and I am encouraged to report the development of several new youth programs in our province. We now have identified active youth players in Kamloops, Victoria, Nanaimo (welcome back!), Penticton, Fernie, Elkford, Rosland, Surrey and a keen interest in coaches from Chilliwak.

Congratulations to Barb Csinos and Kim Bate for getting Victoria's youth program started. They report great progress with over 12 youth members currently participating in their youth program. We are very positive with the support that the new youth program coordinators/coaches have shown to our Provincial Dart Program. Youth members will be obtaining their memberships with Darts BC and the NDFC. This is truly how we will sustain the sport on a provincial and national level. There is strength in numbers and we encourage all of the dart entities in B.C. to join the new Society and provincial body registered as Darts BC.

Youth players Kandice MacKenzie & Bryce Book traveled from (Kamloops), and along with Alycia Hope, Matt Legare and Josephine Legare (Victoria) competed in the Victoria Open hosted in September of this year. Alycia & Bryce both got into the semi-finals in their events claiming some of the weekend tournament's purse. As always, sportsmanship, a lot of laughter and a competitive nature was evident among the youth participants. Thank you to those adult players who are pairing up with the youth players in the doubles events. It is all good learning and great darts are being thrown. A great mixed doubles showing from Alycia Hope and Todd Elliott at this shoot, congratulations!

Cudos and a big thank you go out to Todd Strickland and his team for putting on a great, well run, tournament! A special thank you to Bill Hammond and Sandra Hope for billeting the Kamloops youth players and coaches, your hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The Kamloops Youth Program is again strong in numbers this year with over 20 players in the program. We are pleased that we now have 3 graduating youth members who have played in the adult leagues here in Kamloops. Chris Worthington was one of our graduates this past year and he is now a regular player in the Kamloops Mixed Dart League. All the best Chris!

Kamloops would like to welcome Alycia Hope from the Victoria league who has just moved up to Kamloops and has joined our league of players. Alycia, along with Bryce Book and Dustin Inskip will be among the graduates of this year's youth program at the end of the season, but let's not get ahead of ourselves.....

The Kamloops Open Tournament hosted in October was another successful event for Darts in B.C., and again was very well attended. Thank you to all those traveling dart players who are making the efforts to attend these shoots.

Congratulations to our youth players Kandice MacKenzie, Alycia Hope, Bryce Book and Jared Brown for the great darts shown at the Kamloops Open. Again, our youth players competed well, making it off their sheets and moving into knock out / semi-final rounds. These youths offered strong competition and I do believe that Bryce Book, not surprisingly, took home a piece of the purse! Alycia Hope and Kandice MacKenzie are to be commended for their great efforts throughout the weekend but especially in the Ladies Singles event – great competitive skills and sportsmanship was shown. Congratulations ladies!

Thank you to Dean Martin and his group of organizers for hosting such a successful, well run, shoot and to the Moose Hall for their hospitality during the event. Helen & Scott MacKenzie, who shared their home with many coastal / okanagan and island travelers say it made the experience even that much more fun and the miles between cities quickly disappeared. The darters were great house guests and are welcome back any time. Many new friendships were developed this weekend due to the sport of darts and the spirit that comes with the game.

I would like to acknowledge the new executive members of Darts B.C. and thank them for their participation at these two shoots. It was great to see you out playing in the tournaments. Many of you will have noticed Denise Peacock (membership director / treasurer), I would like to thank Denise for traveling to both of these tournaments to help facilitate opportunities for dart players in B.C. to renew their memberships with the provincial program. Registrations continue to come in, THANK YOU for your support B.C. darters!

I would also like to thank John Gibson, Donna Krumm, Jim Fenwick and Sharon Williams for their generous donations of gently used trophies for the provincial youth program.

Darts B.C. Upcoming Provincial Events 2008 – 2009 Season

Details to follow in January 2009 Update

British Columbia Youth Dart Provincial Playdowns

March 13 – 15, 2009

Kamloops, B.C.

Canadian National Youth Dart Competition

May 14 – 17, 2009

Ste. Hyacinthe, Quebec



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