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Dear Captain's:

As you may (or, may not be) aware of, the Canadian Youth National Darts Championship has concluded in Gander, NL. The youth members representing Team Alberta had a commanding performance this year, bringing home the Gold Medals in both the Canada Cup and Nodor Cup which, given the competition, is a feat in itself.

The youth members from Medicine Hat (& Redcliff) brought home the following medals:

Abbigale Hatter- Bronze Medal, Junior Female Singles

Dawson Murschell- Silver Medal, Junior Male Singles

Abbigale Hatter / Matyna Gutfreund- Gold Medal, Junior Female Doubles

Dawson Murschell / Robert Cloherty- Silver Medal, Junior Male Doubles

Abbigal Hatter / Robert Cloherty- Bronze Medal, Junior Mixed Doubles

In addition to the medals above, another qualifying event was held for the Winmau World Masters being held in Hull England in October 2010 where the best in the world will vie for the title of champion. From Redcliff, Abbigale Hatter qualified for the World Masters and will be the only person from Canada representing the youth females. For any darter that wants to develop their competitive skills, this is an incredible opportunity and one that can not be overlooked if it is at all possible. With Abbigale, anyone who has ever seen her throw a dart, knows that she has as perfect of a stance and throw as can be. Her poise on the line is beyond phenomenal and quite honestly, I believe that she has as good of a chance (if not better) to defeat her competitors.

As we all know, a journey to the UK is very costly. Between Peggy Smith and I, we have decided to create an account and raise funds to get Abbigale and her mom/ dad to the World Masters. Checking out airfares and accomodations, we are looking at approximately \$7000. Our goal is to raise as much as possible to enable the Hatter's to go, have fun, REPRESENT CANADA, but do so without having to worry about eating or anything like that.

AS SUCH, I AM PUTTING A CHALLENGE OUT TO ALL TEAMS OF THE MEDICINE HAT DART LEAGUE...

I challenge each of you to see how much you can raise to assist sending Abbigale and her parent(s) to England for the World Masters. I have a special indivual prize for each of the participants on the team that raised the most money. It isn't fancy, but I assure you, you will like the prize and you cannot get these anywhere else. Who knows, next year maybe we'll be sending another youth member from the Medicine Hat area and doing this again? The point to keep in mind is that we should do what we can to assist the youth members in circumstances like this.

Please note, that the final day that any monies can be received by Peggy or I will be Wednesday, 15 September 2010. I have attached the sponsorship letter, which contains more info on the World Masters as well as contact information. As indicated on the sponsorship sheet, you may pay by etier cash or cheque (made payable to "Abbiglale Hatter World Masters". Thank you for supporting Abbigale and the opportunities that may be bestowed upon the youth players.

Regards,

Dean Lawson
President, MHDL



Fundraising for Local Youth to Attend the 2010 Winmau World Masters Dart Championship

In 1974, the Winmau World Masters was created. It is one of the longest running and by far the most prestigious professional dart tournament. The World Masters began even before the World Professional Championship. Winmau dartboard manufacturer has sponsored this tournament for over 30 years. Of the televised major events and the second largest tournament on the British Darts Organization (BDO) circuit, this remains the tournament with the most sought after title. Currently, there are four events available to vie for the title of "World Master" (men's singles; ladies singles; youth boy's singles; and, youth girl's singles). These champions compete against the best in the world for the honour of top spot.

The 2010 Winmau World Masters will be in Hull, England from 28-31 October and, the only way to get to the World Masters is to qualify at a national level. Recently, at the Canadian Youth National Championships, one local girl qualified for this special event. Redcliff resident Abbigale Hatter, 15, challenged and beat the best within the country to earn the right to compete at the World Masters. Currently ranked #1 in Alberta and #2 in Canada for the under 16 category, Abbigale is the only youth female in Canada allowed to participate. Also ranked in the top 16 on the adult ranking list, with top four finishes in the last two adult provincially and nationally ranked tournaments, Abbigale remains a contender amongst the best. While playing against the top 24 players in the world, Abbigale will be striving to bring home the gold medal and with the current form she is displaying, this is a real possibility. By enabling Abbigale the opportunity to represent this great nation, this may further entice future budding stars away from video games and other non-mainstream sports.

One of the greatest challenges facing youth athletes and sports in general is funding. As most of us are aware, youth competitions do not offer any form of financial reward or incentives, just trophies and titles. This obviously makes participation difficult for both the athlete and the parents alike. So, how is it that we may enable the athlete the opportunity to participate in these events? With very limited funding through provincial and national sport organizations, we must turn to the community in the hopes of gaining assistance through fundraising to assist the athletes. The sport of darts is no exception.

The greatest challenge will be to raise enough funds to enable Abbigale to participate in the most prestigious tournament of her dart career. With flights and accommodations costing approximately \$7000, it is our goal to do what we can to assist her. We have opened a trust account where all funds raised will be deposited. Our ultimate goal is to raise all necessary funds which ensure that the local youth will be able to make the journey and represent our community and Canada.

As a prospective sponsor, we are setting up four levels of sponsorship, any of which is greatly appreciated:

1. Bronze- donations of \$10 or more,
2. Silver- donations of \$25 or more,
3. Gold- donations of \$50 or more, and
4. Platinum- donations of \$100 or more.

Please make all cheques payable to "Abbigale Hatter World Masters". A receipt is available to all contributors and all funds raised will be carefully recorded and monitored for accounting purposes. The disbursement of funds will be done in time for the tournament.



For more information on the World Masters, please contact:

1. Bill Hatter at 403-548-2939 or email at tnthatter@telus.net or
2. Dean Lawson at 403-527-0847 or email at deano2@shaw.ca

For all contributions, please contact:

1. Dean Lawson at 403-527-0847 or email at deano2@shaw.ca or
2. Peggy Smith at 403-488-6861 or email at drtlvr@hotmail.com

A complete list of results and contributors will be posted on the Medicine Hat Dart League (MHDL) website and in the Bullseye News at the conclusion of the tournament.

With your support, this dream for Abbigale will become a reality, but only because of your generosity. On behalf of Abbigale Hatter, we sincerely thank you for your contribution enabling her this once in a lifetime opportunity to travel to England and show the world just what she, and we Canadians, are made of. Please ensure that all contributions are given to Dean or Peggy no later than Wednesday, 15 September 2010.

We sincerely thank you for your support!

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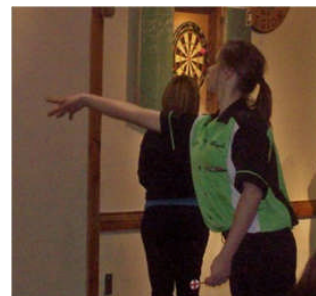
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