



Team Ontario 2009 Results

The Player's:

*Junior Females - Carrie Hayhurst (Brantford)
Oceanna Emms (Barrie)*

*Junior Males - Taylor Polley (Cobourg)
Christopher Yen (Toronto)*

*Senior Females - Sarah Hayhurst (Brantford)
Natasha Petersen (Toronto)*

*Senior Males - Mike Holt (Brantford)
Wesley Thomson (Waterloo)*

First I would like to start off by saying what a wonderful job the organizers for this year's Nationals did. The venue is one of the best we have been to as well as the hotel where it was held. The hotel is beautiful inside and the staff very friendly. Our meal at the banquet was enjoyed by all. Donald Smith, Maggie Leblanc & helpers did an awesome job putting it together in Ste Hyacinthe, Quebec this year.

Every year seeing the excitement of the player's has to be one of the best parts of the Nationals. The pride they show entering the Dart Hall with bag pipes playing and dressed in their Provincial Dart Shirts is unbelievable the first morning of play as opening ceremonies begin. Each province enters with the first player carrying their provincial flags as Carol Collett (NDFC Youth Director) calls us out one at a time into the hall. It is overwhelming and still brings a tear to my eyes as we walk in as Team Ontario.

It is amazing to watch the player's bonding over the next few days and seeing how the directors & chaperones form lasting friendships. As directors we all work together ensuring things run as smooth as possible and when there are problems we work as a team remembering this is for

the player's. The player's are there to do their best, have fun and make new friends across Canada & they do. The program runs very smoothly and that is mainly because of the fact we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful lady running it - Carol Collett. The love of what she does shows throughout the time we are there & she is an amazing lady.

The Results:

We started out on Friday morning with 8 players hyped and ready to go. We ended with fantastic results - 1st in both the Jr. & Sr. Female Doubles and Jnt 3rd in both the Jr. & Sr. Male Doubles. Not only did this bring an incredible amount of points towards the Canada Cup but it also meant that every player on our team would be receiving an award.

Saturday ended with another day of great results as the players competed throughout the day in their singles events - In the Jr. Female division Oceanna & Carrie fought to become the National Champion with Oceanna defeating Carrie and claiming the title. What a match it was. Christopher claimed Jnt 3rd in the Jr. Male division as did Natasha for the Sr. Females & Mike played an awesome match against Joslain Bourque of New Brunswick claiming 2nd in the Sr. Male division. Thanks to how well all the players did throughout the day we again accumulated many points towards our goal of bringing home the Canada Cup.

Saturday night was the Bursary Shoot with Oceanna & Sarah winning 2nd place in their divisions, Christopher claimed 1st place after defeating his brother Nick and Mike Holt once again was defeated by Joslain in the finals but it was a fantastic match to watch.

Sunday morning we saw very tired player's entering the venue to compete for the Nodor Cup against British Columbia but they gave their all and took their defeat with grace. It was time to remind them of how well they had already done & getting them hyped again which did not take long as we had to prepare for the Mixed Doubles event. They lost graciously and marked the next round for many of the BC players after a few pictures were taken by Allyn & spectators. Mixed Doubles went

extremely well with Carrie & Taylor facing off against Oceanna & Christopher in the finals and claiming 1st place in the Jr. Division. Final Results for the Canada Cup was Ontario 1st with 96 points & Alberta 2nd with 70 points.

For more information and complete results visit the NDJC web-site.

A special thanks to Tim Venn who not only helps inspire the team, marks for the players, calls matches on stage & helps me where help is needed along with Paul Allardyce & Allyn Ward. There is so much that needs to be done to ensure everything runs smoothly and without them it would not be possible. Not only does Allyn help in any way he can but he also takes all the pictures for us which is greatly appreciated. Paul marks for the players plus chaperones & not to mention is a major help keeping me calm & mellow throughout the time we are there. They are an intricate part of why we do so well along with “elephant power”.

I thank all of the parents for your support throughout the Nationals and for letting us be “parents” to the players for 4 days as they were all such a pleasure to have on the team. It makes such a difference when the parents understand why we do things the way we do and supports us in our endeavour to ensure the players bond & have fun as well which clearly shows it works.....

Carol Collett & Kip Morrish a job well done again and to all the players across Canada you are all winners and remarkable. Thanks for making our job as directors so easy.

To all the players leaving our wonderful program, good luck in your future endeavours & keep on darting.

Marjorie Allardyce - Darts Ontario Youth Director