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AN INTERVIEW WITH MIKE BURDETT

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We recently sat down with North Oakland Darting Association's outgoing president, Mike Burdett.

Mike is N.O.D.A.'s longest serving president, and he agreed to take a few minutes to talk to us about his term, and darts in general.

Mike how long have you been President? "The first go around was four one year terms, then two years later I was re-elected for four more one year terms and I had been on the board for three years before I was elected President the first time."



Do you think your successor, Sandi DeFelice, will do a good job? "Oh yeah! She knows how everything is to be done, and Joe Martin keeps us in line."

Over all, do you think your terms were good? "My first term, the League grew to our highest mem-

bership, then things changed. Due to the influx of soft tip darts, and League members moving out of the area, and the tougher drinking laws, have all been factors.

Is there room for soft-tip-shooters in a steel tip League? "Absolutely!" "Absolutely!" "Even though they are the same games, and the same principles in shooting the darts, they are different when it comes to the weight of the darts, the game strategies, and the scoring strategies."

How would a soft-tip-shooter go about joining a steel tip league? "They could go to our website, www.noda-darts.com. Then find a bar with a steel tip board in it and ask the bar tender."

What are the benefits of being in a steel tip League? "Take it from a guy who was bad at math, it will improve your math skills. You learn the history of the way darts was played before soft tip. The fact that you could use a heavier dart and different tips would improve your dart skills."

"Something else to consider, that steel tip Leagues, for the most part are non-profit organizations, and the League players run the Leagues.

How does the future of steel tips look to you? "The future doesn't look as bad as it use to, because

membership is on the rise.

What about Tournaments? "We just participated in the Motor City Challenge Inter-League Tournament. The Tournament is a way to bring shooters from different Leagues to compete with other players of the same skill levels. By bringing multiple Leagues together, I believe that this will bring more people into steel tip Leagues."

What is your favorite memory of your presidency? "My favorite memory is when we ran our first Jerry Donnelly Tournament. It was the first of four Tournaments we ran. The excitement of setting up the Tournament, working with the hotel, and having it being a success, and the Tournament only cost the League a grand total of \$250.00. Also it was a time when a number of volunteers came together to pull this off. That was probably my biggest accomplishment. The success of those tournaments, caused the League to change the by-laws, so I could be re-elected for more than one consecutive term."

"I think the most important thing I'll take with me after all is said and done, is the amount of friends I have made through darts."

Thanks again Mike, for making a little time for us. Good Luck, and shoot well.

The more you practice the better you'll get!

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