

***Branch 135 - 2009 / 2010 Youth Dart League  
Zone F District Tournament Results***

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Tyke Members: Rachelle Budney, Shannon Perry, Johnathon Godfrey. Junior Members: Maddison Archer, Alandra Godfrey, Mark Morris, Melissa Heaton, Nathan Cracknell, Kayla Budney, Ashley Perry, Tony Perry, Randi-Lee Mount. Senior Member: David Conklin - Coaches: Lee Perry, Melanie Archer, Glenn Cracknell, Teresa Allen, Stan Archer.

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On April 24, 2010, Melanie Archer and Lee Perry along with a few parents and supporters travelled to Cobourg Legion Br. # 133 for the Zone 'F' District Youth Dart Tournament. The youth dart program at Beaverton Br. # 135 is new this year but we have a steady attendance of between 8-15 young people including 1 senior member. As this was their first tournament experience there was a lot of nervous excitement. Tony Perry had attended last years tournament in Brechin, playing for the Bobcaygeon squad and brought home a bronze medal for their effort.

Once play got underway the players began to settle into a more relaxed rhythm. This was evidenced by the fact that many of our youth scored some personal high scores during match play.



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The two junior teams played very well in each of their respective divisions, but came up just short of qualifying for the medal round. The Beaverton # 1 team consisted of Maddison Archer, Tony Perry, Melissa Heaton and Mark Morris played in division # 1 finishing 3rd. with only the top 2 teams advancing to the play-offs. In division # 2 the Beaverton # 2 team included Ashley Perry, Kayla Budney, Alandra Godfrey and Nathan Cracknell also placed out of the play-offs. Doubles was also hard fought by our 4, 2 member teams consistently challenging for the double out to finish. Mark and Tony teamed up together and lost a close play-off game against Cobourg to miss advancing to the medals.

In the singles group we had 4 members competing in 4 separate divisions, all played very well but were unable to qualify for the medal round. Our 2 remaining players of the day were Johnathon Godfrey (junior) and David Conklin (senior), played with the Bobcaygeon Legion squad as they were short 1 player in each age group.

Johnathon Godfrey competing with the Bobcaygeon junior team finished at the top of their division putting them into the medal round, they ended the day in third with a bronze medal around their neck.

In single competition Johnathon represented Bobcaygeon well by finishing his division in a 3 way tie with Cobourg and Brechin. During his division play-off Johnathon's outstanding consistent play kept him in the medal hunt until the Cobourg player made a good finish.

In the senior division David and his team finished 2nd for Bobcaygeon. David and his doubles partner James then went on to win the doubles section. This qualifies David and the Bobcaygeon team to compete in the Provincial Youth Dart Tournament on May 15 in Burlington.

Overall, everyone including the parents and supporters had an enjoyable day, the kids had a lot of fun and came home from this new experience maybe a little exhausted but with a new friend or two.

I would like to thank the Legion, Beaverton Br. # 135 for their support in this program. The kids are already thinking and planning for next year's event as they witnessed that the top placing teams have years of experience in playing together in this kind of event.

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