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To all DFA Members and Friends.

I hope to send out an email to you all each month with updates on information coming out from the DFA on future developments, what's coming up and what available. The DFA will also send out with each email information from one of the questions that has been highlighted in the players survey during the Championships. The survey data has nearly been collated for the DFA to take in and act on.

DFA Grand Prix

The DFA Grand Prix was initiated in 2009 with the winners of the tour gaining an entry and airfare to compete in the Winmau World Masters in the U.K. The Grand Prix currently consists of seven events giving all players the chance to compete for BDO Invitational Points. Sadly halfway through the current year the BDO due to TV demands brought forward the dates for the Winmau World Masters to September thus cutting short the events available to complete this years Grand Prix. The DFA then decided to avoid this from happening again and amended the Grand Prix closing date to conclude following the Pacific Masters each year regardless of the date of the Winmau so that all players can plan accordingly in future years. The DFA is looking at increasing the number of events in 2010 hopefully having at least one Grand Prix event being played in each State. For those who have not heard the first Grand Prix winners this year were Carol Forwood and Anthony Fleet who both competed at the Winmau in Bridlington a week or so ago with out much luck. I 'm sure both will be back out on the circuit aiming at getting back to the Winmau and to Lakeside over the next twelve months.

2010 Grand Prix Dates set so far are:

October 17th & 18th – Australian Masters Weekend – Geelong

October 24th & 25th – Australian Sunshine State Classic - Brisbane

February 6th & 17th 2010 – West Coast Classic – Perth

April 3rd & 4th 2010 – Victorian Easter Open - Geelong

June 26th & 27th 2010 – Central Coast Australian Classic – Gosford

July 24th 2010 – Pacific Masters – Gosford

I have attached information for both the Australian Masters Weekend and Australian Sunshine State Classic to this email

DFA Website

For those of you that have visited the DFA WebPages you will no doubt have noticed two new banner/links that have appeared. The DFA will benefit directly from both these organisations and we ask for your support by visiting both the DartsE and www.dartsbet.com.au www.dartsbet.com.au is a partnership between the DFA and Betezy which offers our members and their friends the opportunity of placing a wager at the best odds available if you're interested in placing a bet on any sport including darts. If you're having a bet why not bet via the DFA and its partner Betezy.

A formal announcement will be made shortly but as members of our email distribution list you are the first to know of this historic arrangement. The DFA will benefit financially from this commercial partnership which means of course the profits from the venture go directly back into your sport rather than to the bookmaker!!

We would ask that you support us and in turn support our great sport by improving our financial sustainability.

DartE

Is a free online darts game that requires skill, the prizes are \$50,000 for the launch game and a further million dollar game is to be launched later this year. This is a **free** to enter game and a **free practice area** is available once you register as directed on the link from our webpage.

Again, with your support we will all benefit by raising money that will offset costs and improve our financial position which in turn means we can do more for you the dart player. Currently Australia is lagging behind in terms of sign-ups so please get behind the game and show the rest of the world that we are equally as good online as we are on the board.

Stay tuned for more important announcements in the coming weeks, we are entering an exciting period in Australian darts which will benefit every dart player!!!!

New Championships

The DFA is introducing two new Championships in 2010. This is a major step forward for the DFA and will hopefully result in every player at every level the opportunity of representing at the highest level. It will also provide a pathway to the elite level for those players wishing to progress to the highest level.

18-25's Australian Championships

The DFA is looking at developing our future talent with the introduction of the 18 to 25's age group Australian Championships for the first time in 2010. These Championships will be played in alternative years in April or May with the Arafura Games filling the gap in the other years. Hopefully these Championships will fill in the gap when junior players pass 18 years and move into senior ranks giving them opportunities to develop their game while trying to make the States senior team. More information will be coming out shortly on next years Championships, so if you are over 18 and under 25 years get in contact with your State body to see what is happening in your State to get to these Championships.

Graded Australian Championships

The DFA Graded Australian Championships will also be initiated in 2010, the introduction of the graded championships will make sure that all players of every level will have the chance to play for their state and participate alongside players of their own ability each year. There will be three levels working on averages determining which level you can compete in. An Australian team will also be named for each grade. More on these Championships coming shortly.

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