

The Rest of the Story

DARTS on CAPE COD



Our local expert on "The Cape" guides us through the top spots and championship taverns and clubs in the Cape Cod Dart League.



The Champions With The Wooden Plaques
Frank Morgan & Don Conway



The Runner Ups Jason Pillsbury & Matt Baker.

We start our tour in Orleans at the Orleans Bowling Center located at 191MA 6A just off exit 12. Here you'll find **Big Dog's BBQ**, an amazing bar with great food, staff & cold craft beer on tap. This is the home to Riptides, a long standing dart team featuring one of the matriarchs of the CCDL, the legendary Jean Ehret. The bar is outfitted with just a one board set up but there is a roomy viewing area. With candlepin lanes, an array of video games and chicken & waffles... what else is needed!

Going up Cape on the curve in Harwich on Rte. 28 we come to the infamous **Land Ho**. Land Ho's Nature Boys are an up and coming new team who have climbed the ranks to become the current A div champions. The bar has plenty of seating, a great view and local musical talent. With trivia on

Wednesday nights to go along with darts this is a great family spot for dinner and a little local flavor. Land Ho hosts the annual Movember cricket dart tournament, raising money for testicular cancer studies. Make sure you visit to have one of best stuffed Quahogs on the cape.

Taking the historic back roads we come to **Oliver's Restaurant & Planck's Tavern** at 960 Rte. 6A. Former C Division champions, Oliver's Twisted, meet here to fling the

tungsten on Wednesday league nights. Trivia, Karaoke and awesome live entertainment fill the days and nights when no darts are played. An amazing place for either a romantic or family dinner, the bar is also great for the late night crowd and features a full menu. A small dining area becomes the dart



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room on Wednesday nights with food available and a plush viewing area.

Heading back to Rte. 28 we stop at 668, **Captain Parker's**, right along Parker's River. We welcome another new C Division team, Yes Dear Sorry Dear, who ran through to win the last regular season but fell just short of a championship. Captain Parker's is known for their award winning "chowdahh," huge bar and amazing selection of beers served by some of the Cape's best! One of our longest standing CCDL sponsors they are always open to hosting dart teams and helping out in the community.

Just up the road we come to **Tavern 731**, home to a powerhouse A Division team, Dart Vaders and the B Division's Russ's Angels (yes, Russ is one really lucky guy!!). Boasting two dart boards surrounded by team & individual hardware, The Tavern has (in my humble opinion) the most amazing boneless buffalo wings around and a great bar & kitchen staff to keep everyone full, hydrated and very happy! Three pool tables along with an awesome trophy cabinet to show off their equally impressive pool championships make this a pub sport hot spot all year long.

Our final stop is 11 Barnstable Rd., Hyannis, just off Main St called **The 19th Hole**, which sponsors one of the longest standing teams in the history of the CCDL, the Ace Holes, and a group of young guns called the Fred's. The 19th is affectionately known as a top "dive bar" in the area and is equipped with dual sets of dart boards and pool tables. With a bar from one end to the other and an old style juke box this is a place to enjoy a beer & steamed hot dog! This founding sponsor of our league is one of the best starts for a "Main Street Hyannis Pub Crawl" guaranteed to please.

Our Raffle Crew Steve Maguire, Debbie Connors & Jen Eldridge (My Bride!!)

THE CARLSON FAMILY

The greatest part of being part of the Cape community is how we all come together when one of our own is in need. Leigh Carlson wife of long time CCDL player Paul Carlson was in a very bad car accident and spent several months in the



hospital in Boston. She has been moved to a rehabilitation center in Plymouth Ma which is much closer for Paul to travel back and forth. Leigh has been making very good progress but still has a long road ahead. While Leigh concentrates on getting better Paul has been raising his young son Patrick, working when he can and going back and forth to see and help his wife as much as possible.

The CCDL along with the Yarmouth Moose Lodge, where Paul is an officer and leader, put on a brown bag raffle & Luck Of The Draw benefit. The sponsors of the league along with many other local businesses were extremely generous in their donations. The Moose Lodge provided appetizers, finger foods and pizza along with keeping everyone hydrated! The Women Of The Moose made tasty treats for a bake sale and late night LOD snacks that were a big hit.

This gives us the chance to be like Aflac and help out the Carlson's with the many uncovered expenses. 100% of the \$5000 raised was given to Paul's family to help with what it could. These are the times we realize how regular people do incredible things that impact people forever and show the next generation how to live and love. If you would like to donate to the Carlson Family's cause, please XXX.

Thank you to all who have helped and to publications like Tavern Players who take their time and resources to get the word out and promote these people, businesses and events around New England. Thank you for your time and let's all enjoy and keep pub sports growing.

- Darren Eldridge

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