

A Raven, an Eagle, and a Chanesaw Oh My!

Ladies and Gentlemen!...the 41st Camellia Classic Dart Tournament was held this last weekend on February 10th through 12th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento, CA! It was another fantastic weekend with darters attending from all over the nation! Rumor has it everyone had a great time with good friends and AWESOME darts!

The weekend started off on a great note with Des Nolan and Wes Reeve taking the first title in the Modified Round Robin that saw a recent record 150 entries! During the second chance shoot, officially dubbed the “Black Widow ‘01”, Cassy Scantlen maintained the women’s dominance in a singles contest pitting men versus women.

Saturday was officially kicked off with the Youth Adult shoot for the 7-12 age division and the WDF ranked Youth singles for the 13-17 age division. Ryan Perry’s shoulders proved strong enough to carry the weight of his father Stan through to the championship, while on the other side of the room Tyler Burnett continued his dominance in the Youth darts world and took home the Singles title.

Mens Doubles 501 were next on the schedule where Chris White and Larry Butler beat Russ Lyzak and Danny Pace for the tag team Championship. For the Ladies, Stacey Pace and Jenn Lyzak beat Corrine Stockton and Cassy Scantlen in a grudge match! And WHOA! on Sunday for the Doubles Cricket, it was déjà vu where we saw the same matchups and same winners with Butler & White and Lyzak & Pace!

Continuing their morning run, Chris White and Larry Butler were joined by Emily Vandebos in taking the Mixed Triples 601 title !

It was now time for the BDO Ranked Singles 501 events and WOW! we had some great matches. Per the published rules, the top BDO ranked Men and Women were seeded in the straight single elimination knockout contest. Seven of the 8 seeded Men made it through to the end with Joe “Chanesaw” Chaney triumphing over Larry Butler in the best of 9 finals! For the lovely Ladies, three of the 4 seeds battled through with Stacey “Raven” Pace taking her third straight Women’s Singles 501 title at the Camellia Classic!

The final event on Saturday was the always fun Blind Draw Doubles Chicago shoot where 54 teams battled it out! Tyler Burnett and Dick Wescott beat Chili Peppers and James Barthelemy to become “the new tag team champions of the world!”

Sunday’s first event, Singles Cricket, seemed to come awful early the next day, but 84 Men and 32 Women definitely “woke up” to compete for the coveted title of Champion! For the Men, Larry “The Eagle” Butler prevailed over Patrick Kithi to take back his title from two years ago. And for the Women, well all I can write is....AWESOME, AWESOME, AWESOME!!! For the third year in a row, Stacey Pace continued her DOMINANCE at the Camellia Classic by once again sweeping the Women’s Singles events! The Camellia Classic staff has started what we hope to be an annual presentation of mugs for the Men’s and Women’s Singles event winners and an overall weekend MVP, Most Valuable Participant! With her Women’s Singles championships, a fantastic attitude, continued positive support of the Camellia Classic, an obvious love of and respect for the game of darts, and maybe a couple of tears.. Stacey Pace is this year’s MVP!! Thank you Stacey for just being freaking AWESOME!

Prior to the Doubles Cricket event, the annual Blind Draw Doubles 301, officially dubbed the “Salgy Shoot”, saw 52 teams scratch their way down to two by hitting a lot of doubles. In the end, AJ “The Legend Killer” Gladwill and Reu “Cruzer” De La Cruz defeated Des Nolan and Tone Rodriguez to take ownership of the coveted title.

We can’t possibly thank everyone enough for your continued support of the Camellia Classic! You people are simply AWESOME and we could not do this without you! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the different tournaments this year and definitely looking forward to seeing all of you back for Camellia Classic 42!

Let’s get ready to rumble....

Steve Moore