

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2009

To all members of the PDL.

At the Ithaki Amusement Centre, Coral Bay on Wednesday November 1st 2006, I chaired a meeting with a handful of friends and from that point the Pafos Darts League was formed. Who would have predicted the rapid growth or the achievements made by this league within 2 years and 7 months? In this short period of time we have gained over 400 playing members within 28 teams and 3 divisions. We have attracted the ex-world champion John Lowe to Pafos to perform an exhibition for us which has led to our reputation spreading to the UK and being acknowledged by other professional darts players.

This season we held our first Pafos Darts League Open Competition and through sponsorship and funds we have acquired all the equipment used at that event and other knockout competitions. All this equipment can now be used for years to come or possibly hired out to generate revenue for the league. With regard to our sponsors we have to thank Steve Claxton for his generosity with the Open and MSE Anastasiou Ltd for all the trophies they donated.

We now have a structure here in Pafos which allows people of any standard to play darts and progress to the highest level by representing the Cyprus National Team. We need to congratulate any member who has achieved this and to acknowledge the fact that Lorraine McCormick, Amanda Sanderson, Tony Croxford and Mick Saggs have been selected to represent Cyprus recently.

I would also like to congratulate the Team Knockout Cup Winners, the Individual Competition Winners and of course the League Champions.

All in all, we have had another successful season.

On a sad note, we are sorry to have lost Chris Mills who died recently. Chris served the committee well gaining us much publicity and generally raising the profile of all sports in Pafos. He will be sadly missed.

Whilst on the subject of the committee, I would like to remind everyone that the job they do is not easy and at times thankless. I would like to thank all the people who have worked on the committee whilst I have been Chairman and would ask you all to be respectful and appreciative to those who give up their time to serve the league in the future.

At this point I would like to announce that when I step down tonight I will not be standing for re-election as Chairman or any other position on the committee.

I have achieved what I set out to do by forming the league and now wish to hand over the reins to someone else. I am sure I will be leaving the league in good hands and that any improvements or modifications to its continued success will be made tonight at this meeting and in future by the newly elected committee.

Finally, I would like to wish the league every success in the future.

Bernard.