A Little Bit of our History

Sunday 30th March 1958 saw the inaugural meeting of the Illawarra District Ladies Darts Association (IDLDA).

Mr J Ross, President Wollongong Workers Club, Dart Club and Mr Bill Rymer, President Illawarra Darts Association, with numerous ladies interested in forming a ladies darts association, convened a meeting to decide to form the Illawarra District Ladies Darts Association (IDLDA).

It was decided the IDLDA teams consisted of 8 players to be played on Thursday.

On Sunday 27th April 1958 a meeting was called to elect a committee and discuss a format. The first IDLDA Committee was elected, as follows:

PRESIDENT - Vi Rudkin.
SECRETARY/TREASURER - C Holms.
PUBLICITY OFFICER - Mrs Mitchell.
REGISTRAR - N Wisbey.

Also discussed and decided on, were the general rules.

On 18th May 1958 a meeting was called to decide on the final format and to conduct the first IDLDA draw comprising of 17 teams:

- Woonona Hotel - Thirroul Leagues Club - Woonona RSL - Freidelles Social Darts Club
- Tattersalls Hotel - Oxford Hotel - Illawarra Leagues Club Bulli Workers No. 1
- Northern Suburbs Leagues No. 1 - Illawarra Hotel - Western Suburbs Leagues Club
- Northern Suburbs Leagues No. 2 - Figtree Hotel - Wollongong Workers Sunstars
- Bulli Workers No. 2 - Open Hearth Hotel - Wollongong Workers Goldstars

The teams would be divided into 2 sections (by draw of the hat).

- Games would consist of: 1 x Eights (1001), 2 x Fours (501), 8 x Singles (201)

Mr Bill Rymer arranged for the donation of the BENSON SHIELD.

Registration was 10/- (shillings) a team with 1/- (shilling) per player a week.

This format continued until 1960

In 1961 The Singles became 301.

1962 the Fours were replaced with Doubles at 501.

In 1964 the Fours returned.

Games played were: 2 x Fours (801) 4 x Doubles (501) 8 x Singles (301)

In 1979 the IDLDA amalgamated with the IDDA (Illawarra District Darts Association) to form the IDA (Illawarra Darts Association) but operating under its own committee.

In 1980 saw the Fours play 801, Doubles play 601, Singles play 501.

Other grades were introduced: 1980 B Grade, 1986 C Grade, 1990 D Grade, 1995 E Grade. Sadly E Grade was Discontinued in 1999.