

PETER HUNT EXHIBITION
Friday 8th January 2004 - 8:00 p.m. 'til Midnight

A very entertaining evening was had when Peter Hunt, the 'Kiwi', visited the Bentley Village Hall for an exhibition of top darts.

The evening kicked off with a chance for 12 players to have a leg of 701 against Peter. A nervous start from Peter very nearly gave his first opponent David Phillips a win, David having 7 darts at doubles. However Peter checked out and grew in confidence as opponent after opponent fell by the wayside amongst some very heavy barracking from a section of the female supporters, which Peter enjoyed. The atmosphere was electric with Peter winning all 12 games. The other 11 losing players were: Ron Bruce; Paul Sedge, Linda Bruce, Trevor Townsend, Darren Blackwood, Mark McGrath (180), Ray Wood, Lynne Wood, Alan Crown, Scott Reeve, James Thompson.

A 9-dart challenge took place during the break with 21 players trying to score as many points as possible in 9-darts. David Phillips with a score of 266 won the cash prize. Other Scores: Alan Crown 249; Steve Atkins 241; Ron Bruce 206; James Thompson 198; Trevor Townsend 193; Mark McGrath 190; Paul Sedge 185; Phil Noller 171; Darren Blackwood 165; Andrew Westcott 156; Linda Bruce 151; Lynne Wood 143; Keith Bover 141; Peter Wiffen 125; Brenda Sedge 121; Shirley Clarke 94; Ray Wood 92; Helen Bover 90; Corine Ince 75; Reg Atkins 73.

Another 12 players were selected, and Peter continued where he left off, winning with more 180's, many, many 140's and his highest checkout of the night was a 156. The players that played him were: Brenda Sedge, Mandy Ely, Phil Noller, Steve Atkins, Corine Ince, Reg Atkins, Keith Bover, Helen Bover, Shirley Clarke, Andrew Westcott and Peter Wiffen, Andy Pallas withdrew.

However the highlight of the evening was the Match-play Challenge game between Peter and the Ingatestone Singles Champion Mark McGrath. The standard was very high, as good if not better than some World Championship games I've witnessed this week. Mark took the first leg, Peter took the next then Mark pulled away if some high scoring and a 161 checkout to lead 3-1. Peter pulled level for Mark only to produce some superb scores to restore a 2-leg cushion once again. However, Peter being the true professional he is dug deep to level the match once again, with 100 game shot. Therefore in the sudden death decider, Mark won the middle both started well, both players missed darts at doubles before Mark won the 6-5 with a double 7. A truly great game for the supporters, the tension in the final leg had one & all cheering and wooing, and a standing ovation for both players seemed to last forever, what a game of darts.

Peter thoroughly enjoyed the evening and thanked everyone for their participation, support and generosity in a night that he said "he will never forget". He feels if he's made 40 new friends. We look forward to Peter coming back in the future, and good luck for 2004.