

The Betty Miles Ladies league comprising of eight Ladies teams across Canvey Island held their annual Presentation Evening on May 17th at the Smallgains Hall Canvey Island. Awards were presented by John Weller General Secretary of the Essex County Darts Organisation and British Darts Organisation Merchandising Director to a well attended league membership with only 10 men attending.

Ninety one year old Joan Burrows and eighty eight year old Joan Dawson playing for the Distaff Club Canvey Island have proved age is no barrier when it comes to playing darts. They have been crowned this seasons Pairs Champions beating their younger opponents from the Rugby Club. The league comprises of the 8 teams- Royal British Legion, Canvey Club, Distaff Club, Island Yacht Club, Kings Corner Club, Leigh Beck Ladies, Island Rugby Club and the Smallgains "A".

The couple both live locally in the same road and took up darts after becoming widowed and have never looked back. They also help with their clubs fund raising events for local charities. The Distaff Club has its own website where it explains that it is a ladies only club (not politically correct these days) and the title means the female side of the family, it has been established for more than 50 years and is very much part of the local community.

Photo - Joan Dawson 88- John Weller-Joan Burrows 91 and Distaff Chairperson Lin Mara

