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Old Village Inn dart fans to toss in dry tournament

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The boisterous, fun-loving members of the Wolverine Dart Association are at it again.

Last summer, while playing in the pub of its choice, the Redford Township-based group defeated the members of a British dart team, playing in the pub of its choice. The international event was handled through a transatlantic phone call.

This time one of their frightfully jolly press releases made a shocking announcement.

The Wolverine Dart Association will soon "smash a time-honored precedent by sponsoring a darting tournament without benefit of alcoholic beverage."

This revolutionary sporting activity will be carried out Feb. 18, 19 and 20 in the Livonia Mall.

Teams from Chatham and Windsor,

Ontario, will be among those planning to test their shooting eye and arms under the unusually dry conditions. Ohio darters will also be on the scene to say nothing of a group of Farmington tossers from the Old Village Inn. John Cowley is one of those on this team.

AMONG THOSE ready to hurl their pointed projectiles on behalf of the Wolverine group are Victor Melian, Jerry Donnelly and his wife Mary Jo, Steve Wedegen from Redford Township and Irene Carter from Livonia.

In its press release the Wolverines noted: "Traditionally a pub game, darting has historically enjoyed a close relationship with the consumption of enormous flagons of beer and ale or brown shots of warming whiskey."

"Rumor still persists that darting in Britain without beer is a felony."

The WDA added that the \$1,000 tour-

namment is being sponsored in part by the Stroh Brewing Co.

"Yes," reported their announcement philosophically, "Stroh's, too, is in the business of running a dry tournament."

"That's like Double-Bubble sponsoring a conference on dental cavities or the Detroit Chamber of Commerce advertising the delights of Chicago."

"We are violating every tradition in this match," sighed Jerry Donnelly apparently recalling the moist moments of the transatlantic contest with the intubing British. "It seems unnatural."

He expected serious competition from the Canadian teams who frequently travel to darting events and always pay their way through their winnings.

Donnelly noted that the Wolverine Darters would be on the scene at the mall part of Friday and most of Saturday and Sunday.



If you are going to play a British game such as darts and you can't drink booze, what can you do but order tea? With his pinkie on the pot, Wolverine

Dart Association member Steve Wedegen delays pouring tea until Victor Melian completes his throw. Standing by with an umbrella is Darlyn Teet.

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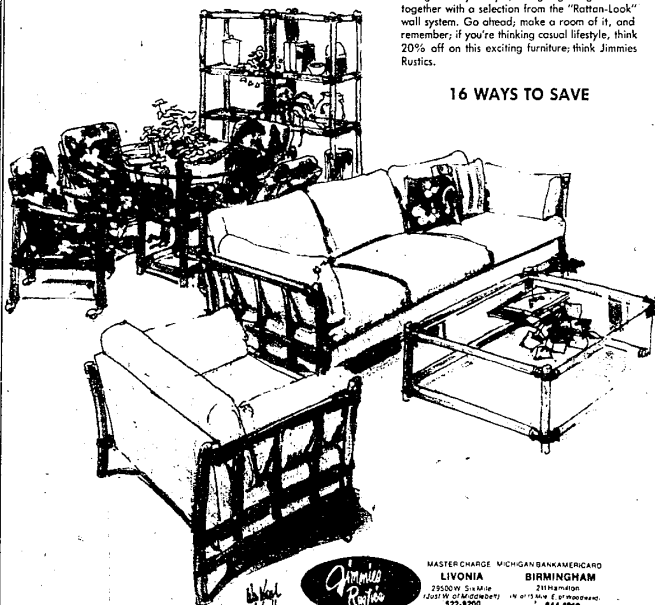
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