

* CAPITAL'S 2012 PUMA OPEN *

Held at the

UPPER HUTT COSMOPOLITAN CLUB



The Beehive

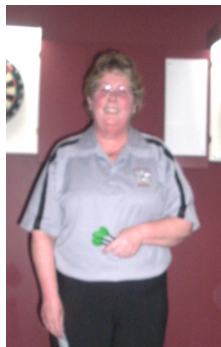
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The Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club in Wellington played host to the Capital's 2012 PUMA OPEN, on Saturday the 12th of May which seen great entries from the girl's and the Guy's from most parts of the country, with some of our good friends even making there way across the ditch from Australia to compete, which is really great to see.

Both the Men's and Ladies qualifying section play got under way at 1.00clock, with a number of games showing signs that the winner's of this years PUMA Open Tournament were going to earn this title.

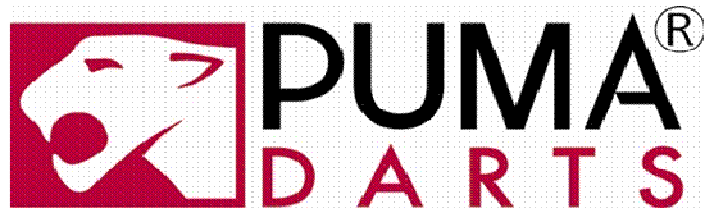
The Ladies knockout round was shaping up to be a battle of who is who at the top of the Clubs NZ & DPNZ ranking's. The experience and consistence in the final of Christine Hay of Wellington, really did not show or give her opposition Selina Baker-Clemas also of wellington no chance to get into the game defeating her (5) five zip.

Quarter finals were just about an all Wellington affair, with only two exceptions Peggy Wikiara of Auckland & Jane Harrington of Christchurch. Selina played Paea Thompson, with Christine playing Megan Smith. Both semi's were very short game's also with Selina defeating Meta Reid 4 - 1 and Christine defeating her last years National Team mate Jane Harrington of Christchurch also 4 - 1.



Christine Hay





This years Men's section of the Capital PUMA Open tournament had class player's of all ages entered from all over, and to put them into category's as I would say Past, Present and Future, it's the only sport in the world I know that all three can compete on the same level, I say this from past experience because on any given day a player with the games capability's, and experience will show the way.

The standard of Darts shown by some players was simply outstanding, I would even go as far to say at times it was up to exhibition standard's, when you have a player like Wayne Carey having a day on it make's for good viewing and watching, after saying that, his quarter, semi and final opposition were all class too.

Wayne Carey's quarter final against Shane Tichowitsch of Australia seen both players set a very high standard, with Wayne defeating Shane 4 - 2, his semi final seen him play his good friend Mark McGrath who he also beat 4 - 2 to make the final.

Peter Hunt was also moving through the other side of the field with his own high standard, although Peter's quarter final against Rob Szabo of Wellington was no walk over it ended up 4 - 3. Peter's semi final game seen him play a young up and coming player in Craig Ross of Christchurch, Peter defeated Craig 4 - zip, this set up a final with two old adversaries.

The final result seemed to be a bit one sided, but if you were there that was as far from the truth as you could get, the game went dart for dart every leg with Wayne just edging Peters score which gave him first look at the peg, up until the last leg when Wayne pegged out with a 104 finish to take out the title.



Wayne Carey

