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## OASIS/HCDA 13th Annual Dart Tournament April 28-30

Charity Event to Benefit Local Women's Shelter

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From Stockholm to Sydney, from Liverpool to Lubbock, throwing darts in the pub is a tradition that spans the globe and has been taking place for generations. There's nothing quite as satisfying as toeing the line, taking aim, and nailing a bulls-eye.

Well, nothing, that is, except for helping out one's community while competing in a dart tournament at the same time.

The High Country Dart Association's (HCDA) 13th Annual OASIS Charity Dart Tournament is set for Friday-Sunday, April 28-30 at Geno's Sports Lounge at the High Country in on Hwy 105 in Boone. The HCDA is now accepting competing teams and sponsors for the event.

The event begins on Friday, April 28th with team registration starting at 7 p.m. The tournament begins at 8 p.m. with an entry fee of \$5 per person. The payout on Friday's tournament is based on the number of entries. Saturday's event begins with registration at 4 p.m. and the tournament will begin at 5 p.m. The payout on Saturday is \$500 guaranteed.

The High Country Inn is offering special room rates for participants in the HCDA Charity Dart Tournament.

Monies raised from the dart tournament will help OASIS (Opposing Abuse with Service, Information and Shelter) with its ongoing projects.

"As you may know, OASIS, Inc. is a non-profit agency providing assistance to victims of domestic violence, rape, and sexual abuse," said Jennifer Herman, executive director of OASIS. "We offer crisis intervention, medical legal, and financial referral and advocacy.

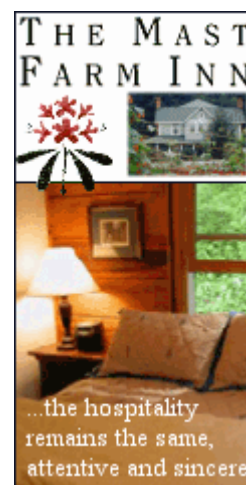
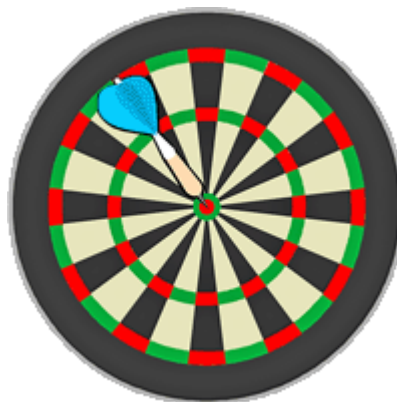
"Our shelter provides temporary housing for those victims in need. We also provide community education in which we speak to schools, churches, clubs and organizations."

OASIS has been serving the High Country since 1978.

In the 12 previous years of the Charity Dart Tournament, the HCDA has raised over \$20,000 for OASIS, including over \$3,000 per year each of the last three years.

All businesses that donate to or participate in the dart tournament will be listed in a special half page ad in The Mountain Times. The ad will be in an edition of The Mountain Times after the dart tournament.

All donations are tax deductible and receipts are available for tax purposes. HCDA treasurer Tanna Baumgardner expressed a desire for local businesses to get involved with this charity event. She stated that larger ticket items donated to the event would be a great way for merchants to avoid inventory taxes and that smaller items such as T-shirts and clearance items would be eligible for tax write-offs.



Businesses and individuals giving a cash donation of \$20 or more will help sponsor the 2007 Free OASIS Weekend giveaway.

"This is a new program that we are having to attract more darters in the state as well as a way for businesses to participate," said Baumgardner. "The prize consists of two nights free in the hotel for next year's tournament, all of the tournament fees covered, and \$50 spending money to help cover incidentals. In exchange, the businesses that participate in the is program get additional advertisers in darters' rooms as well as on location."

Businesses can also sign up for a \$100 board sponsorship. In return, the business gets the dartboard and backing board after the tournament.

For more information, visit the HCDA website at [www.hcdadartinfo.com](http://www.hcdadartinfo.com) or the OASIS website at [www.oasisinc.org](http://www.oasisinc.org).

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