

USSDA SPRING UPDATE

by Chuck Hudson

Last week the calendar told us it was now springtime, in some places it may not quite feel that way yet. The Virginia Beach Dart Classic kicked off the new season with a full schedule of USSDA, CDC, WDF and ADO events. This popular tournament always draw a large crowd the the Tidewater area and this year was no different. The staff here always does such a good job and the event runs as smoothly as any tournament in the country.

This was the first time the Target-USSDA 501 Military National Championship was held here and we had our largest turnout to date. Even after a couple of people pulled out at the last minute we ended up with 36 players. Jimmie Jones (USAF) successfully defended his 2023 title by topping Stephin Foreman (USMC) in the Finals. Paula Bushey was so helpful for this event and arranged for Crystal Buntz to sing the National Anthem before we started, it produced a special moment for all those involved. Crystal started singing beautifully but became a little emotional and choked up a bit, that's when everyone started signing with her and we finished the anthem together. There was goosebumps and some tears shed which underlined how special this event is to the players involved.



New events are being added so please check out the website calendar page, but as of now the following Spring events are scheduled.

<https://www.unitedstatesdarts.com/ussda-calendar.html>

APRIL

13 - THE BLUE RIDGE OPEN - INMAN, SC
14 - 501 CHALLENGER SERIES - INMAN, SC
20-21 - MARGIE O'DONOGHUE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT - SPRING HILL, FL

MAY

5 - PLAGUE DARTS CITY STOP #2 - CONYERS, GA

JUNE

1 - EDDIE MORALES MEMORIAL - ORLANDO, FL
21-23 - CHERRY BOMB INTERNATIONAL - BOCA RATON, FL
21 - TARGET-USSDA CRICKET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - BOCA RATON, FL
22 - TARGET-USSDA YOUTH 501 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - BOCA RATON, FL
28 - USSDA 501 CHALLENGER SERIES - HIXSON, TN
28-30 - FIRECRACKER 2024 - HIXSON, TN