

2017 BDO WORLD TROPHY

The British Darts Organisation are delighted to announce the details regarding the fourth edition of the BDO World Trophy. The 2017 event will once again feature 32 men and 16 ladies. It will be staged from Friday 26th to Monday 29th May in the Vale of Glamorgan on the South Coast of Wales at the Memo Arts Centre, Barry.

The top 16 players from the men's BDO invitational table will be seeded in the first-round draw. Darryl Fitton dazzled his way to the title last year and will return to defend his trophy as the number 7 seed. Sitting on top of the BDO world rankings is the reigning Winmau World Master and Lakeside World Champion Glen Durrant, with his sights no doubt set on a triple crown of current major BDO titles. Mark McGeeney will arrive as the No.2 seed, having already won the Dutch Open, HAL Open and German Open in 2017. Jamie Hughes is seeded 3 and has reached the semi-finals in each of the previous four BDO major events. 2014 BDO World Trophy finalist Ross Montgomery and the 2015 champion Geert de Vos also return, as do three former Lakeside World Champions, Scott Waites, Scott Mitchell and Martin Adams.

A trio of Dutch seeds will also be heading to Wales, Lakeside World Championship finalist Danny Noppert is seeded 6 and is joined by WDF World Cup Pairs champions Wesley Harms and Richard Veenstra. Along with Lithuania's Darius Labanauskas who reached the quarter finals last year. There's sure to be plenty for the Welsh to cheer amongst the seeds with 2016 semi-finalist Dean Reynolds, the BDO International Open champion Nick Kenny and legendary captain of Wales, the former Winmau World Masters champion Martin Phillips.

- 1 – Glen Durrant (Eng)
- 2 – Mark McGeeney (Eng)
- 3 – Jamie Hughes (Eng)
- 4 – Scott Mitchell (Eng)
- 5 – Dean Reynolds (Wal)
- 6 – Danny Noppert (Ned)
- 7 – Darryl Fitton (Eng)
- 8 – Wesley Harms (Ned)
- 9 – Ross Montgomery (Sco)
- 10 – Scott Waites (Eng)
- 11 – Darius Labanauskas (Lit)
- 12 – Martin Phillips (Wal)
- 13 – Martin Adams (Eng)
- 14 – Nick Kenny (Wal)
- 15 – Geert de Vos (Bel)
- 16 – Richard Veenstra (Ned)

The seeds will be joined in the first round by 9 regional qualifiers from around the world. British Isles qualifier Cameron Menzies has been in fine form of late, having won both British Open and Scottish Open titles. Canada's David Cameron will be the only regional qualifier to have competed in all four BDO World Trophy tournaments and there will be a notable debut for Eastern European qualifier Ümit Uygunsözlü, who will be the first Turkish player ever to play upon the stage of a major darts tournament.

The 4 highest ranked players from the main BDO table (not already qualified) have also been invited to take part. They include a fourth Welshman, the reigning WDF World Cup Singles champion Jim Williams and a fifth BDO World Champion, back in the world's top 20 for the first time since winning the Lakeside title in 2004, Andy Fordham.

- 17 – Wouter Vaes (Ned)
- 18 – Jim Williams (Wal)
- 19 – Brian Dawson (Eng)
- 20 – Andy Fordham (Eng)

- ASIA – Yuya Higuchi (Jpn)
- AUSTRALIA – Peter Machin (Aus)
- BALTIC & SCANDINAVIA – Dennis Nilsson (Swe)
- BRITISH ISLES – Cameron Menzies (Sco)
- CANADA – David Cameron (Can)
- EASTERN EUROPE – Ümit Uygunsozlu (Tur)
- NEW ZEALAND – Greg Moss (Nzl)
- USA – Joe Chaney (USA)
- WESTERN EUROPE – Willem Mandigers (Ned)

Defending ladies champion Lisa Ashton is seeded 2 and will be a woman on a mission to make it a hat trick of BDO World Trophy titles. It will be a welcome return to the oche for 2013 champion Anastasia Dobromyslova, following the birth of her baby boy in February. The BDO world number one and 2016 finalist Deta Hedman tops the list of seeds having won an unprecedented 20 ranking titles within the past 12 months.

A high-quality women's event is guaranteed with former Winmau World Masters champion Aileen de Graaf, recent Lakeside World Championship finalist Corrine Hammond, HAL Masters champion Lorraine Winstanley, WDF Europe Cup Singles winner Sharon Prins and the reigning Winmau World Masters champion Trina Gulliver completing the list of 8 seeded players.

- 1 – Deta Hedman (Eng)
- 2 – Lisa Ashton (Eng)
- 3 – Aileen de Graaf (Ned)
- 4 – Anastasia Dobromyslova (Rus)
- 5 – Corrine Hammond (Aus)
- 6 – Lorraine Winstanley (Eng)
- 7 – Trina Gulliver MBE (Eng)
- 8 – Sharon Prins (Ned)

Players ranked 9-14 in the women's BDO invitation table also qualify. They include twice semi-finalist Fallon Sherrock, debutant Sue Edwards and Wales' own Rhian Griffiths, who will hope to improve on her semi-final placing last year.

- 9 – Fallon Sherrock (Eng)
- 10 – Rhian Griffiths (Wal)
- 11 – Paula Jacklin (Eng)
- 12 – Anca Zijlstra (Ned)
- 13 – Rachel Brooks (Eng)
- 14 – Sue Edwards (Eng)

The full line up for the 2017 BDO World Trophy will be completed once the BDO qualifiers have taken place. 3 men and 2 women will win through the playoffs at Pontins Prestatyn on Friday 12th May, prior to the Welsh Open weekend. Further information regarding the qualifying event, as well as ticketing details will be made available shortly. The draw and full schedule will be confirmed following those qualifiers.