

PDC US Open

THE £126,000 US Open will be staged at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut from 18-20 May 2007.

The tournament is open to both PDPA members and non-members resident in North America, giving the top US and Canadian-based stars the chance to take on Phil Taylor and World Champion Raymond van Barneveld.

North American players have two entry options; entering straight into the main draw for the tournament, or attempting to battle through the Friday Night Madness Qualifiers on 18 May.

PDPA members will be placed straight into the main draw, with the knockout event beginning on Saturday 19 May and culminating in the final on Sunday.

"The Las Vegas Desert Classic is established as a major tournament in the USA, but it is great to be able to offer such a big event on the East Coast," said PDC Chairman Barry Hearn.

"The World Series of Darts in 2006 was a massive success and saw 2,000 Americans attempting to qualify, and we hope that a significant number of those will have the desire to rise to the challenge once more this May.

"Of course, we expect players like John Kuczynski, Ray Carver, Darin Young and Bill Davis to be there on Sunday competing for the main prize. They have all benefitted from competing on the PDC circuit and are the flag-bearers for all ambitious American darters."

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates 18-20 May 2007

Venue Mohegan Sun Casino, Connecticut

Format

All Times EST

Best of five sets, best of three sets per leg throughout

Friday 18 May - Ballroom

5pm-6.30pm - Registration for Friday Night Madness - Ballroom

7pm-10pm - Friday Night Madness, maximum 320 players on 32 boards.

10.15pm - Any qualification ties to be played off. The number of qualifiers required will be the figure required to lift the first round participation to 160 players.

Saturday 19 May - Salons

1pm-2.15pm - Registration for US Open

2.30pm - Round One

3.15pm (approx) - Round Two

4.45pm (approx) - Round Three

5.30pm (approx) - Round Four

6.15pm (approx) - Round Five (last 16)

Selected games will be played in the Cabaret Theatre throughout the afternoon, and screened on television.

Sunday 20th May 2007 - Cabaret Theatre

1.30pm - Doors Open

2.30pm-5.00pm - Quarter-Finals

5.00pm-6.15pm - Semi-Finals

6.45pm (approx) - Final

Entry PDPA Members can enter the US Open main draw for £65/\$125
Non-PDPA Members Resident in North America can enter the US Open main draw for \$145
Players Resident in North America can enter the Friday Night Madness Qualifier for \$40. Please note that a minimum of 16 qualifiers will go through from Friday Night Madness.

Entry Methods PDPA Members should enter via www.planetdarts.tv or by calling the main PDC office on 08712 501 180.

Non-PDPA members in North America can enter via Bulls-Eye News on 1-800-688-3278 or 1-218-365-7655. Entry can be faxed to 1-218-365-7437. Online entry via www.bullseyenews.com.

Entry Deadlines Friday Night Madness: 8pm (EST) Monday 14 May
US Open (main draw) 4pm BST Thursday 10 May
8pm (EST) Thursday 10 May

PRIZE FUND BREAKDOWN

Winner	£12,500
Runner-Up	£7,500
3-4 th	£5,000
5-8 th	£4,000
9-16 th	£3,000
17-32 nd	£1,500
33-64 th	£1,000
Total:	£126,000