

International Frisbee—Escape for Eggheads of Game

12th Annual Team Competition Covers Three Days of Events

CALUMET — The Frisbee world's most prized possession, the Julius T. Nachazel Trophy, is the reward presented to the team with the hottest of most shots in Guts Frisbee competition at the 12th annual International Frisbee Association championships in Eagle Harbor's Ye Olde Ballyard this weekend. International Frisbee Day Sunday is so proclaimed by Gov. William G. Milliken. Events begin in Copper Harbor on July 4 and circulate to Calumet and Eagle Harbor on July 5 and 6.

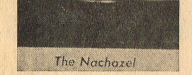
Rumor has it that last year's winners, the California Masters who captured the coveted galvanized tomato can cup, don't want to give it up. But collaborators Ed Crowley and Genle-

carried it off—competitively. Especially lively Frisbees have been specially made for this tournament. They will be given away throughout the day to participants and others who can badger the spirited plastic pie-in type platters that sail through the air with the greatest of ease, sometimes making their mark in the midsection of an auto tire frequently used as target.

Specialty Guests

Hundreds of thousands of people participate in Frisbee. It is estimated that the numbers are now pushing 28,000 internationally. Many hundreds of card carrying members bearing special Frisbee monikers will join the Ballyard bombastics. Included will be widely known No. 20 Thor Anderson, Gary, Ind., Boots and Jake Healy and Richard Warden, many from the Michigan Tech campus and others from Kansas. There is a long list of other keen competitors who wish to remain anonymous until their presence can be announced by the ballistics expert at the gate.

Steady Ed Headrick, captain of the champion California Masters, has learned his men face a stiff competition this year from the Keweenaw Liberation Front Swedetown Sweathogs, captained by John Slinging and backed up by Librarian John Davis.



The Nachazel

Another contingent, known as the Hollywood, Calif., All-Stars, reserved Frisbee sporting space and sleeping accommodations. While many are the rumors concerning the number of celebrities in this group, it is known that Robert Mitchum's son is a member of the All-Stars and has captained the Frisbee team.

"Beloved Director" Harvey J. Kukuk, legendary Frisbee figure who is shy to the point of near invisibility, however, he can be photographed July 6 returning to north country nature as executive director of International Frisbee Association headquarters. Last year he was crowned in too many green Keweenaw blueberries and was unable to supervise the championship competition from the field. This year he might as well stick to fresh air and fresh water. Two more Copper Country commodities also being promoted.

Originated Here

The Frisbee competition originated on the Eagle Harbor

beach 12 years ago and when it outgrew the beach, it moved to the Ballyard. Toda Gordie Norton of Kennett Public Relations Associates, which promotes Frisbee, said the IFA has 20 chapters and about 28,000 members. "Steady Ed" Headrick, when asked why IFA decided to hold its international championships in Eagle Harbor said, "I guess it was selected because of its awesomeness from reality. It has a permanent population...maybe 100 during its season."

The Frisbee movement is characterized by its remoteness from reality—a true escape, just as the prize is a cockeyed cup, it is noted. Actually, the promoters call it a sport with eggheads — egghead IFAsers joining in the most splendid spoof of organized sports.

Several events are conducted in the championships. There is the accuracy throw, a distance throw, and the main event—Guts Frisbee. In the latter, two five-man teams stand 15 yards apart and fling a Frisbee back and forth as hard as they can, the object being to make the other team miss a throw.

Julius T. Nachazel, by the way, for whom the cup is named, is a retired Michigan Tech professor and veteran Army aviator from Houghton who disappeared right at the time of the first Eagle Harbor tournament. One story has it that he vanished while out looking for a Frisbee—one of the overthrows. He still stands six feet plus, full of competition.

Added to this year's attractions will be a fleet of power boats paddling in from Portage Lake, some 75 miles away, on way "around the horn" to the Copper Harbor marina, which is about four miles from the Eagle Harbor Ballyard.

Routine to Follow

"The schedule of events goes something like this," say Crowley and Boggio.

Those who think kicks off in Copper Harbor on Friday, July 4, with a Kiddies Parade with floats and all day entertainment for children, together with the whole day program as presented by the Copper Harbor Improvement Association. Fireworks will climax the evening activities.

Saturday, July 5, Frisbees will take off of 8 a.m. for the Ku-



WARM UPS prior to IFA tournament time are part of the Frisbee show enjoyed by

spectators as well as competition participants. The accuracy toss is in full swing here

in the Eagle Harbor Ye Olde Ballyard, base of activity, this year on Sunday, July 6.

kuk Open Tournament at the Calumet Country Klub. The low medalist will receive a \$20 purse and his name will be inscribed on the beautiful H. J. Kukuk Memorial Trophy, a gilded 25 inch permanent revolving reward quite unlike its galvanized counterpart awarded in Frisbee. The runnerup will get a \$10 purse and prizes will be awarded all flights.

Two big dances are planned Saturday night in Calumet. The one at the Calumet Elks, a soft shoe shuffle, is being called the Prop Dance and another at the Armory is for the Jet Set, which will swing to a beat provided by the Telegraph Road group. Food and refreshments will be on hand and Frisbees autographed by Gov. Milliken will be given away.

The 12th annual tournament time is Noon on Sunday, July 6. At 12-01 p.m. Ye Olde Ballyard will be alive with action, with children's competition scheduled until 1 p.m. Then field events for adults begin. As the distance and accuracy events are in progress, teams will be registering for the main event of the day — Guts Frisbee which originated in Eagle Harbor. The competition, however, gets under way at 2 p.m. and hopefully by 6 p.m. presentation will be made of the Nachazel Trophy.

The Calumet Elks Club is in

Guts Frisbee . . .

EAGLE HARBOR — Guts Frisbee may be played by two or more people, grouped into two teams which face each other behind two parallel lines, 15 yards apart. Team members maintain extended arms' distance and a point is awarded against the bad catch. If either the thrower or catcher crosses into the space between the parallel lines during play, then his team forfeits point to opponent.

Each team's honor and gentlemanly gamesmanship as well as their skill are vital components in each contest. With self-refereeing, each player exhibits his Frisbee skill and his objectiveness in judging that skill. In general, bad throws and catches are to be declared so by those who make them. Two-handed and body catches can be best judged by the player involved. A player who has touched a flight, which is not subsequently caught, shall declare his contact. The thrower shall call his own high, wide and low flights. In all cases, however, should there arise an honest difference of opinion, the throw is to be taken over.

In order for a throw to be good it must be playable, in the air as it crossed the opponent's line, assuming an optimum effort on the opponent's part to catch it. In order for a catch to be good, the Frisbee after possible deflection and bobbling, must eventually be caught cleanly in one hand with any number of team members contributing their one hand. Once the Frisbee touches the ground behind the catcher's line on any good throw, the catch is considered bad and a point is awarded against the bad catch. If either the thrower or catcher crosses into the space between the parallel lines during play, then his team forfeits point to opponent.



THE SWEATHOGS

Fresh Local Team Will Challenge Frisbee Players

The KLF Swedetown Sweathogs (Keweenaw Liberation Front) promise to give 1968 Frisbee champions, the California Masters headed by Steady Ed Headrick, a hearty palatable type of platter play at the International Frisbee Association showdown on Sunday afternoon in the Eagle Harbor Ballyard.

Captained by Slinger Slinging, fresh from the jungles of deepest inner Guam, the team is composed of some classics who claim they belie the antics of other eggheads of the game. Slinging was brought to the attention of the Sweathogs scouting staff by Chief Orang O. Tang who tells of Slingers' ability to knock down enemy aircraft with discs fashioned from pressed, dried banana peels.

Then there is Typhoon T. Ed imported from Pappy's Pancake Palace in Grander Switch, Ark., where he gained fame from his accuracy in decking customers who hadn't paid their bills with stale buckwheat. Flamemouth Freddie Organ is a product of local fame. He gained experience throwing diz-

known for his double over under flutter flip with cheese and anchovies.

Another teammate, Whiplash Wally was imported from Lower Michigan because he keeps his catching hand and reflexes sharp by globbing on lightning bolts during thunder storms at the Chassell dump where he resides.

It was up to Jolly Joel Schluckbit to prove his point to make the team. Jolly is one of the real veterans of Frisbee and has developed the now famous JoJo off guard behind the back catch while ducking the many plates thrown by his wife each day.

Last but not least is team organizer and general manager, General Beaurgard Mafit. He counsels team members and aids in personal problems that may arise while adding to a few. He has been instrumental in aiding the members develop their own individual pouring down styles.

Their theme song, it is alleged, is Dough-Ray-Me-Dum-Dum.

First Cables

The first transoceanic cable was laid in 1866.

Few games lend themselves so readily to the operations of the card sharp as the game of

Roads Island entered the