

# Disc Player

## SOUTHWEST NEWSLETTER

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### BUD LIGHT SPONSORS VICTORIA EVENTS

Del Papa Distributing, distributors of Bud Light beer, will be back as lead sponsor of the Victoria National Flying Disc Championships April 8-9. The event features competition in Disc Golf, Freestyle, and Canine, plus live music by some of south Texas' hottest bands.

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Bud Light will also sponsor the Circular Skies Tour event in Victoria. That event, which features \$1,000 Playoff, has a guaranteed first place prize of \$500 in the pro division.

Other sponsors are KPLV-FM and Victoria Parks and Rec.

### LIGHTNING BASKET APPROVED

Steve Howle of Lightning discs has announced that Lightning's new Cable Catcher basket has been approved for championship play by the Professional Disc Golf Association.

### SHREVEPORT PDGA DATE CHANGED

The PDGA Tour event in Shreveport has been moved to April 29-30, one week later than originally scheduled. Kenny Williams reports that he has been working with the city on improvements to the Clyde-Fant course.

The city is also installing permanent sleeves in two other parks, giving them the ability to move the baskets for tournaments.

### WICHITA COURSE MOVES

The 18-hole course in Wichita's Riverside Park is finally being moved after much public debate.

Wichita will now have two 9-hole courses, at Oak Park and Herman Hill Park.

### COCA-COLA TO SPONSOR AQUA FEST

Austin Aqua Festival officials have announced that Coca-Cola will be the lead sponsor of the 2nd annual Beach Party Weekend at Zilker Park. Flying disc events at the Beach Party are Disc Golf, Freestyle, and Canine. Other events include beach volleyball, sand castle building, and arm wrestling. Several thousand spectators are expected.

Circular Productions has announced that the Aqua Fest event will be the amateur division championships of the Circular Skies Tour. The winners of the Advanced, Amateur, Amateur Women, and Junior divisions from the first three tour events (Athens, Carrollton, Victoria) will be invited to the Final Four Playoffs with the winners of the Aqua Fest tournament.

Prizes for the winner-take-all playoffs have not been announced. There will be pro division competition at Aqua Fest, which is also sponsored by B-93 FM and Channel 7 TV. The event is August 5-6.

### INNOVA GOES IN-HOUSE

Innova-Champion Discs, Inc. this month purchased molding equipment to manufacture their own discs. Tim Selinske of Innova says that the company was not happy with some of the discs produced by their previous molder.

"We wanted to insure the quality of our discs," Selinske said. "We've already seen big improvements in the shape, color, durability, and flight of the discs we've run. We're very excited."

## JUST RAPPIN'

-John Houck, Editor

People who play disc sports are pretty interesting as a group. They come from different backgrounds and have different goals in life, but there is a definite bond that keeps them together, so that there's nothing startling about seeing the yuppie and the hippie and the hippie-turned-yuppie playing golf with the yuppie-turned-hippie.

One of the most fascinating possessions of this group is their vast wealth of misinformation. Anyone who heard that the Waterloo golf tournament had been cancelled is familiar with the type of rumor that starts innocently (and accurately) enough, but winds up making the transmutation from a lamb into a lion.

Some things you hear out there may be part or mostly true, but some are just idle statements of nonsense. In order to help you sort through it all, here are

some popular rumors and their truth factors (on a scale of 1 to 10):

1. "Ultimate players go to tournaments for the parties rather than for the competition." (Rating: 9. This one is basically true.)

2. "Four-time World Canine Champion Ashley Whippet is alive and living in a Las Vegas motel." (Rating: 5. Elvis is alive and living in Las Vegas, not Ashley).

3. "Yeah, I know this guy who's really good. He goes to tournaments and stuff...he won the Worlds." (Rating: 2. Whoever tells you this does know a guy.)

4. "Some woman threw farther than one of the pros at the State Championships." (Rating: 4. Tami threw farther than half the pros.)

5. "Some guy at a golf tournament won a playoff with an ace that stuck in the side of the basket." (Rating: 10. Congratulations, Jeff.)

6. Rumor #1 is 90% true. (Rating: 1. Or so I'm told.)

Remember: too many rumors causes ear tumors or cancer or something.

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#### HUGHES TAKES TUMBLEWEED

Jeff Homburg reports that the inaugural Tumble Weed Open in Tuscon was a success, with 34 players competing at Santa Cruz River Park.

Mike Hughes took first place in the Open Pro division, followed by Dan Ginnelly. Laura Rose won the Pro Women's and Dave Shircore the Amateur. Homburg ran the event and finished 5th, adding Tuscon to the list of cities in which he has promoted Disc Golf.

#### WHITLOCK WINS COLONY/PLANO

Glen Whitlock of Vancouver took first at the PDGA event at the Colony and Plano courses in a close one over Shreveport's Kenny Williams. Paula Eckiwady won the Pro Women's and Larry Mann won the Master's. See results in the April Disc Player.

#### DGA ANNOUNCES NEW LINE

The Disc Golf Association has just released its line of 5 new Golf discs. Fans of the old Midnight Flyers may be happy to know that the new line also sports numbers on the of the discs.

The concept is to have discs that feel the same but fly slightly differently, like golf clubs. The discs, numbered 1 through 5, are very similar to Stingrays, but become less stable as the numbers get higher.

The discs are designed primarily for new players, but experienced players may very well be interested in the unique flight (or roller) paths of the driver and the line of the Putter.

#### LOUISIANA GETS TRIPLE CROWN

This year the Louisiana State Golf Championships will be spread out over three events and three courses. In order to win the state title in '89, a player must attend PDGA tournaments in Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans.

Organizer Richard Harris says

that the player with the lowest cumulative score will win a big trophy and the title in each division. In order to be declared state champion of Louisiana, however, you must be a resident.

#### WHAM-O TO SPONSOR CIRCULAR TOUR

Wham-O Manufacturing has agreed to be a supporting sponsor of each of the four stops on the Circular Skies Tour this year.

Dan Roddick, Director of Sports Promotions, says "it really is an amazing" concept, and "it's a pleasure just to watch it" grow.

#### CENTEX DRAWS 19 TEAMS

14 men's teams and 5 women's teams competed in the annual Centex Ultimate tournament in Austin February 25-26. The Stray Cows of Lawrence, KS defeated the Austin women's team in one final, while Houston downed the Austin Snakes in the other.

Bad weather forced postponement of the final of the Savage Seven tournament the following weekend. Stay tuned for results.

#### FOOTBAG EVENTS SCHEDULED

Houston will be the site of the 1989 Southern Regional Footbag Championships April 14-16, while Dallas hosts a doubles footbag net tournament April 29-30. For more information call Tim Vozar at 713/561-8055 or Scott Cleere at 214/321-4010.

#### AUSTIN GETS NEW COURSE

The City of Austin has given initial approval to a new Disc Golf course along Shoal Creek. Most of the course, which was designed by Austin golfer Kevin Roberts, is just west of Lamar and south of 24th.

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This month Disc Player begins printing an extra sheet of news for subscribers only. Thanks for your continued support.

## CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 25 **PONCA CITY PDGA** Ponca City, OK  
 25-26 **BIG FUN #18** Zilker/Walnut Creek Parks  
 SAT 10:30 Novice, Amateur, Junior, all women  
 12:30 Advanced, Pro  
 2:30 Novice, Amateur Doubles  
 4:30 Advanced, Pro Doubles  
 SUN Same schedule at Walnut Creek Park  
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### APRIL

- 1 **CHANDLER PARK PDGA** Tulsa, OK  
 1 **HILL COUNTRY MINI** Bartholomew Park/Austin, TX  
 Bill West 512/444-0293  
 2 **ALMOST APRIL FOOL'S MINI** San Antonio, TX  
 Andy Maldonado 512/349-9910  
 8-9 **VICTORIA NATIONALS** Victoria, TX  
 SAT 10:00 All divisions 22 holes  
 2:00 All divisions 22 holes  
 5:00 Doubles  
 SUN 11:00 All divisions 22 holes  
 2:00 Random/Mixed Freestyle  
 Canine Prelims  
 3:00 Live Music  
 4:00 Pairs, Co-op Freestyle  
 Canine Finals  
 SUNDAY TIMES APPROXIMATE  
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 15-16 **BRUNER PDGA** Lake Highlands North/Dallas  
 FRI 5:00 Registration  
 SAT 9:30 (APPROX) First Round  
 Pro, Pro Women, and Master competition only  
 Bill Sumrall 214/613-3843  
 22-23 **BIG FUN #19 AT ZILKER** Austin, TX  
 Circular Productions 512/459-3322  
 29-30 **SHREVEPORT PDGA**  
 Kenny Williams 318/688-9813  
 29-30 **TOPEKA OPEN** Topeka, KS  
 30 **ALMOST MAY DAY MINI** San Antonio, TX  
 Andy Madonado 512/349-9910

### MAY

- 6-7 **BARTHOLOMEW PDGA** Austin, TX  
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 13-14 **CIRCULAR SKIES AMATEUR** Athens, TX  
 13-14 **RIVER FESTIVAL PDGA** Wichita, KS  
 20-21 **CIRCULAR SKIES PDGA** Athens, TX  
 27-28 **11TH NORMAN PRO-AM PDGA** Norman, OK  
 27-28 **BIG FUN #20 AT ZILKER** Austin, TX  
**Always call first; dates may change.**

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## IN THE BAG

*Mitch McClellan of Norman, Oklahoma has emerged as one of the world's top Disc Golfers. He has won four of his last six tournaments, including the Brownwood Open.*

Mitch prefers a stable driver, and he wouldn't go anywhere without his favorite red Innova Hammers. He has three -- a new one for overstable shots, a used one for straight shots, and an older one for turnover shots and rollers. They're all about 173 grams.

For long turnover shots in less wind, Mitch uses two old 176 gram Rocs. He also carries two 179 gram Stingrays for long air shots and long rollers. For approach shots he uses a 180 gram Aero, a 185 gram 71 Mold, or a 176 gram 71 Mold, depending on the wind. He has two "gumby" DGA Kitty Hawks for putting.

Mitch's advice to beginners: "Stick with it, have a good time, and smile. It'll work out in the long run. Good and bad days are part of the sport."

# **PARK PETE OPEN AT WATERLOO**

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| <u>Pro</u>                   |     |
| 1st Scott Cook               | 164 |
| 2nd Jim Markov               | 167 |
| 3rd Eric Marx                | 167 |
| 4th Bill Burns               | 169 |
| 5th Mike Kennedy             | 169 |
| 6th Gary Harris              | 175 |
| Gary Landry                  | 175 |
| 8th Bill West                | 176 |
| 9th Sam Grizzaffi            | 177 |
| <u>Master</u>                |     |
| 1st Hoser Williams           | 178 |
| 2nd Dennis Helms             | 183 |
| 3rd Larry Mann               | 185 |
| 4th Steve Howle              | 185 |
| <u>Pro Women</u>             |     |
| 1st Kelly Rubes              | 195 |
| 2nd Carole Hill              | 200 |
| <u>Advanced</u>              |     |
| 1st Dave Huffstutler         | 174 |
| 2nd Danny Waldron            | 188 |
| 3rd John Bacon               | 190 |
| 4th Rick Walker              | 191 |
| <u>Amateur</u>               |     |
| 1st Andrew Dean              | 178 |
| 2nd Gordon Kelley            | 184 |
| 3rd Paul Weden               | 186 |
| 4th Mike Shawn               | 187 |
| 5th John Ruvalcaba           | 188 |
| 6th Rick Mohler              | 190 |
| Steve Hughes                 | 190 |
| <u>Amateur Women</u>         |     |
| 1st Terri DiFuccia           | 169 |
| 2nd Cathleen Bishop          | 177 |
| <u>Novice</u>                |     |
| 1st Ron Giles                | 147 |
| 2nd John Bird                | 149 |
| TOTAL COMPETITORS: 134       |     |
| TOTAL CASH & PRIZES: \$1,917 |     |

# **SNOWBALL CLASSIC PDGA**

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| <u>Pro</u>                   |     |
| 1st Clint McClellan          | 94  |
| 2nd Sam Grizzaffi            | 94  |
| 3rd Jack Wilson              | 94  |
| 4th Biff Barfield            | 94  |
| 5th Mitch McClellan          | 95  |
| 6th Alvin Dale               | 96  |
| 7th Brad Stone               | 98  |
| 8th Brent Edwards            | 99  |
| 9th Joe Laughlin             | 100 |
| 10th Darren McCracken        | 103 |
| Ricky Richardson             | 103 |
| <u>Master</u>                |     |
| 1st David Fawks              | 105 |
| 2nd Ron Bear                 | 110 |
| 3rd Phil Hudgins             | 110 |
| 4th Mike Padgett             | 112 |
| Buddy Tunnall                | 112 |
| R L Styles                   | 112 |
| <u>Pro Women</u>             |     |
| 1st Paula Eckiwady           | 115 |
| 2nd Keri Metcalf             | 124 |
| 3rd Ann King                 | 127 |
| 4th Anne Rogers              | 129 |
| <u>Amateur</u>               |     |
| 1st Rick Braught             | 101 |
| 2nd Mickey Glass             | 104 |
| 3rd John Offenburger         | 104 |
| 4th Kent Johnson             | 107 |
| <u>Novice</u>                |     |
| 1st Mike Miller              | 117 |
| 2nd Mike Gibson              | 118 |
| <u>Junior</u>                |     |
| 1st Mike Sayre               | 102 |
| 2nd Robert Knight            | 115 |
| 3rd Jeremy Martin            | 127 |
| 4th Ron Giles                | 127 |
| TOTAL COMPETITORS: 76        |     |
| SINGLES PRIZE MONEY: \$1,040 |     |

# **CAPITOL CITY OPEN B. ROUGE**

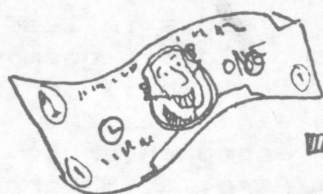
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|------------------------------|-----|
| <u>Pro</u>                   |     |
| 1st Clint McClellan          | 195 |
| 2nd Kenny Williams           | 198 |
| 3rd Richard Harris           | 214 |
| <u>Pro Women</u>             |     |
| 1st Cathleen Bishop          | 291 |
| <u>Advanced</u>              |     |
| 1st Chad LeBlanc             | 222 |
| 2nd Buddy Bentz              | 224 |
| TOTAL COMPETITORS: 14        |     |
| <b>BIG FUN #17 AT ZILKER</b> |     |
| <u>Novice</u>                |     |
| 1st David DuPont             | 62  |
| 2nd Eddie Gary               | 63  |
| 3rd Gary Turner              | 65  |
| 4th Kirk Jones               | 65  |
| <u>Amateur</u>               |     |
| 1st Gary Wende               | 57  |
| 2nd John Ruvalcaba           | 58  |
| 3rd Rich Summers             | 58  |
| 4th Steve Hughes             | 58  |
| <u>Amateur Women</u>         |     |
| 1st Laura Teague             | 68  |
| 2nd Alice Lockhart           | 72  |
| <u>Advanced</u>              |     |
| 1st Terry Hill               | 52  |
| 2nd Stu Farqu                | 54  |
| 3rd Dave Huffstutler         | 54  |
| <u>Pro</u>                   |     |
| 1st Larry Mann               | 49  |
| 2nd Gary Haris               | 50  |
| 3rd Mike Girolami            | 52  |
| SUNDAY WINNERS: Paul G'Sell, |     |
| Steve Hughes, Laura Rollins, |     |
| Gus Alaniz, Kelly Rubes,     |     |
| Leland Boland                |     |
| TOTAL COMPETITORS: 70        |     |
| TOTAL CASH & PRIZES: \$719   |     |

# **BROWNWOOD OPEN PDGA**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| <u>Pro</u>                      |     |
| 1st Mitch McClellan             | 216 |
| 2nd Gary Harris                 | 216 |
| 3rd Carl Rogers                 | 217 |
| 4th Nick Hart                   | 218 |
| 5th Eric Marx                   | 220 |
| 6th Billy Gambill               | 223 |
| 7th Scott Michaelson            | 223 |
| <u>Master</u>                   |     |
| 1st Larry Mann                  | 223 |
| 2nd Hoser Williams              | 228 |
| 3rd David Fawks                 | 232 |
| <u>Pro Women</u>                |     |
| 1st Tami Pellicane              |     |
| 2nd Anne Rogers                 |     |
| 3rd Joan Balogh                 |     |
| <u>Advanced</u>                 |     |
| 1st John Hovey                  | 249 |
| 2nd Chris Edmonds               | 256 |
| 3rd Gary Wende                  | 274 |
| <u>Amateur</u>                  |     |
| 1st Mike Mitchell               | 239 |
| 2nd Dane Bass                   | 242 |
| 3rd Ron Colwell                 | 243 |
| 4th Cato Allen                  | 245 |
| 5th Gordon Kelley               | 246 |
| 6th Paul Giles                  | 252 |
| <u>Amateur Women</u>            |     |
| 1st Cathleen Bishop             | 287 |
| 2nd Leslie Sweet                | 308 |
| 3rd Laura Rollins               | 331 |
| 4th Joy Waldron                 | 347 |
| TOTAL COMPETITORS: 49           |     |
| SINGLES CASH PRIZES: \$810      |     |
| <b>NEXT MONTH: COLONY/PLANO</b> |     |
| <b>PONCA CITY</b>               |     |
| <b>BIG FUN #18</b>              |     |
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