

Disc Player

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Lots to Look Forward to in '92

Disc lovers in the southwest and around the world have high hopes for 1992 as a landmark year in the development of disc sports. Players in the know expect '92 to be a year of breakthroughs, records and new optimism. Here are a few things to look for in the new year:

The "new" PDGA. After a year of tremendous turmoil, the Professional Disc Golf Association seems to be ready to make big moves forward. In the last twelve months, the PDGA has had four commissioners, including one whose term lasted only 22 hours.

But a recent meeting of major promoters and policy makers in Detroit may have provided a new direction for the PDGA. Look for the PDGA to have a new constitution, a major membership drive, and a commitment to developing Disc Golf at all levels.

The "Pro Tour, Inc." Another thing to come out of the meeting in Detroit was the announcement of the formation of a new business, the PTI, to help promote Disc Golf at the professional level. The PTI will be a privately funded corporation that will sponsor the PDGA's top tournaments and actively seek national sponsorship for professional events.

In 1992 the PTI expects to assist about 10 PDGA events by providing equipment, manpower, and cash, as well as expertise in marketing and tournament direction.

World's Biggest. The World's Biggest Disc Golf Tournament on May 9, 1992 will have over 20,000 people playing Disc Golf on the same day. Clubs and promoters around the world are getting behind the WBDGT in bigger numbers than expected, and hopes are high that the event will attract thousands of new Disc Golfers and create a new level of public awareness.

The latest development in the WBDGT story is the agreement by promoters to use the event as a way to increase PDGA membership. An international contest to sign up new members should result in a doubling of the PDGA's active numbers. The PDGA has agreed to use its resources to help the WBDGT in return.

Ingleside Course Opens

Texas' newest Disc Golf course is a 9-holer installed last month in Ingleside's Live Oak Park. The course is the result of the efforts of Park Board member Norman Fleeman, who wanted to bring the sport to his small town across the bay from Corpus Christi.

"We wanted some healthy recreation for our kids, and we wanted to give our park users something to do," Fleeman says. "We're also really interested in getting people to come down to Ingleside for some great tournaments."

The holes on the new course average just under 300 feet, but the tight fairways and often windy conditions create a real test for top players. The course's most memorable hole is hole #5, which dares players to go over the top of a row of trees to hit a narrow fairway lined with thick trees and brush. The first mini-tournament in Ingleside was held Saturday, December 7th.

National Doubles Returns

The second annual PDGA National Doubles Championships will take place this Spring at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, TX. Last year's event was the biggest on the PDGA tour and was a favorite of players around the country, with a total purse of over \$10,000.

This year's tournament is still part of the Round Rock Sportsfest, though it may be taking place a few weeks later in the season. Promoters hope to hold the pro event after the time changes in early April in order to have daylight longer. Last year's tournament ran into the dark on the first day of competition.

In the Bag

Gene "Biff" Barfield of Carrollton, TX has been one of our region's top players for many years, with tournament wins including the 1990 Circular Skies Over Victoria. In 1991 he moved into the Master division (for players 35 and older), and was a top competitor, most recently winning the Veterans Park Open in Arlington.

Biff, who is largely responsible for bringing Disc Golf to Carrollton, is known for his distance off the tee, especially when he throws one of his monster rollers. But he is, perhaps, better known for his very consistent putting. Recently he opened up his bag for us.

Biff prefers a **Barracuda** for drives over 320 feet. He carries a 185gm Barracuda in his bag as well as a spare, just in case. For long hyzer (right to left) shots, he prefers a 180gm **Roc**. (As we go to press, Biff says he may be looking to replace his Barracudas with the new **Viper**.)

He also carries an old style **Roc**, 175gm, for approach shots, and an original Innova **Eagle** for special situations (the Eagle is out of production). Every once in a while he'll pull out his 180gm old style **Cobra**, too.

For rollers, Biff prefers a **Stingray**. He carries two heavy ones, one of which is pretty beat up and turns over faster. Finally, his trusty putter is an old DGA **Gumble** which he's had for years.

Biff says that "it's really important to be considerate of other players and other park users to make the sport bigger than it is. Everyone has a responsibility and an accountability." His best advice for new players: "Stay with it."



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Just Rappin'

John Houck, Editor

Is Disc Golf going places? Let me tell you what happened to me last week. It's holiday rush time at UPS, so they have extra people working in there. I was greeted at the door by a woman who wanted to make sure my slip was filled out correctly.

"What's in here? 'Golf discs?' What are those?" I explained to her that they were special discs we use for "Frisbee Golf," at which point she muttered something about learning something new every day at her job.

But then the guy in line ahead of me says, "You sell discs? Cool." He told me he played at Bartholomew Park, and I told him he needed to mark May 9th on his calendar, but that the tournament might not be happening at Bartholomew, because the course might be out for repairs.

So the guy in front of him turns around and says, "Really? They're taking Bartholomew out? I love that course."

Wow. What are the odds, I'm wondering, of getting in line behind two guys who play Disc Golf — two guys I've never even seen! Then I get up to have my package weighed, and the young woman at the scale says, "Did you say that they closed the Bartholomew course?" She plays Disc Golf, too!

This experience is getting more and more common in Austin, and it will be in other towns, too.

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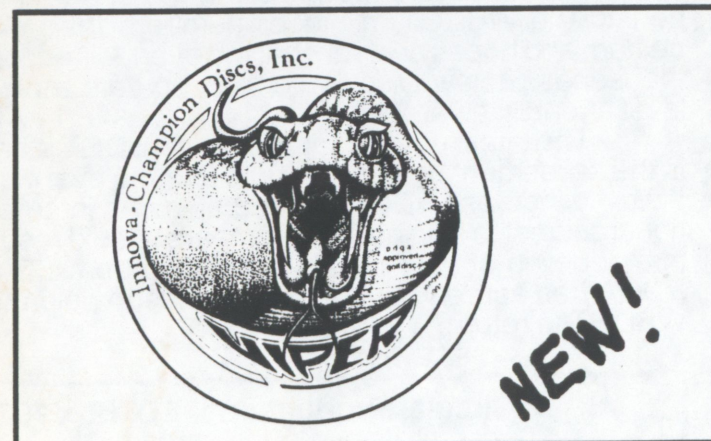
Last month I was very fortunate to have been involved in the landmark meeting in Detroit. Mr. Can Am Fish himself, Duane Utech, took it upon himself to bring together most of the country's top regional promoters, idea people, and political leaders, including PDGA Commissioner Kathy Bramlage and #001 Ed Headrick.

The Professional Disc Golf Association has had a pretty rough year, and many of the promoters, as well as plenty of players, were losing faith. In fact, there had been some pretty serious talk of starting a new organization outside the PDGA.

In short, here's what happened: we all agreed to throw our support behind the PDGA, and came up with the framework of a new constitution. On top of that we all agreed to support the creation of a new corporation to sponsor existing PDGA tournaments and to actively seek national sponsorship for Disc Golf events.

The best thing about the meeting, to me, was that everyone had an open mind, everyone knew how to listen, and everyone had good ideas. We set a very high standard of cooperation and created great cause for hope.

Thanks again for reading, and thanks for your patience as this business gets out of control from time to time. Best wishes for a Hein Holiday and a Rappy New Year.



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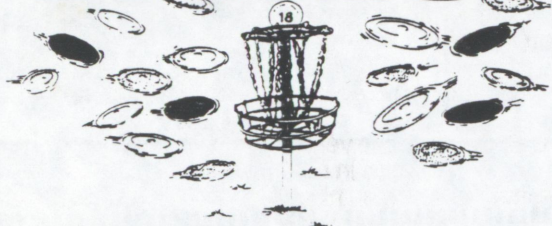
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Pro	Golf	Dis	MTA	Fre	DDCT	Tot
1st John Powell	22	24	24	15	22	107
2nd Eric Marx	21	20	22	8	22	93
3rd Carlos Arizpe	16.5	12	21	15	24	88.5
4th John Stewart	14.5	23	8	18	20	83.5
5th Ken Bache	18	10	17	15	20	80
6th John Ruvalcaba	16.5	18	23	3	15	75.5
7th Scott Michaelson	19.5	17	19	3	15	75.5
8th John Houck	—	11	11	24	24	70
9th James McCaine	24	19	9	3	15	70
10th Robby Hendrick	23	16	15	12	00	66
11th Jim Davis	8	21	18	10	7	64
12th Judah Moser	19.5	14	7	8	15	63.5

Pro Women	Golf	Dis	MTA	Fre	DDCT	Tot
1st Becky Woodruff	3	2	3	—	—	8
2nd Felecia Baumgartner	2	3	2	—	—	7
3rd Diane Margulies	1	1	1	—	—	3

Master	Golf	Dis	MTA	Fre	DDCT	Tot
1st Mark Warren	2	3	4	4	4	17
2nd Randy Fain	3	4	2	2	4	15
3rd Dave McKinney	4	2	3	2	2	13
4th Jim Baumann	—	1	1	4	2	8

Advanced	Golf	Dis	MTA	Fre	DDCT	Tot
1st John McClure	5	19	20	21	21	86
2nd Glenn Hardesty	21	17	10	18	14	80
3rd Paul Rosprim	6.5	16	15	21	21	79.5
4th Tony Ware	16	15	18	19	10	78
5th Greg Brooks	14	21	5	18	14	72
6th Kyle Norrid	16	8	17	16	14	71
7th Ian Hense	20	12	13	13	10	68

8th Troy Lowery	18	10	14	6	19	67
9th Shannon Fosdick	19	20	7	13	6	65
10th Lloyd Serna	16	4	12	16	6	54

Amateur	Golf	Dis	MTA	Fre	DDCT	Tot
1st Jeff Moore	18	19	19	20	20	96
2nd Glenn Wissen	14.5	17	18	20	20	89.5
3rd Warren Hart	14.5	18	17	16	18	83.5
4th Tim Clark	16	20	20	9	14	79
5th Paul Detrick	19	13	11	9	16	68
6th Tse-Ming Yang	10.5	12	16	9	14	61.5
7th Dave Tayloe	12.5	6	8	16	18	60.5
8th Rick Chavarria	8.5	10	14	9	16	57.5
9th Lawrence Serna	4	7	15	18	—	57
10th Michael Castaneda	12.5	14	8	18	—	52.5

Amateur Women	Golf	Dis	MTA	Fre	DDCT	Tot
1st Pinky McGinnis	1	1	1	1	—	4

Novice	Golf	Dis	MTA	Free	DDCT	Tot
1st Brandon Matlock	16	17	15	17	—	65
2nd Chris Handley	14.5	14	17	12	—	57.5
3rd Rob Trook	14.5	11	10	17	—	52.5
4th Mike Ware	7.5	16	14	12	—	49.5
5th Jim Avery	12.5	15	9	7	—	43.5
6th John Hills	11	9	6.5	12	—	38.5
7th Jim Mozola	9	6	8	15	—	38
8th Scott Campsie	2.5	8	12	12	—	34.5

Novice Women	Golf	Dis	MTA	Fre	DDCT	Tot
1st Melody Moon	2	1	2	2	—	7
2nd Imelda Shields	1	2	1	2	—	6

1991 Veterans Park Open

Pro/Open	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Payout
1st Craig Leyva	52	49	55	49	205	\$300
2nd Alvin Dale	56	52	55	51	214	\$175
3rd Scott Michaelson	53	54	55	54	216	\$115
4th Mitch McClellan	55	53	55	56	219	\$85
5th James McCaine	56	55	55	54	220	\$50
6th Bill West	55	57	55	55	222	\$25

Master	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Payout
1st Gene Barfield	59	55	55	53	222	\$260
2nd Kenneth Edwards	61	58	56	53	228	\$150
3rd Glenn Hale	57	59	55	63	234	\$100
4th Michael Tremble	65	58	59	61	243	\$70
5th Steve Gaichutt	59	64	60	63	246	\$40

Women	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Payout
1st Paula Eckwardy	65	75	69	69	278	\$45

Advanced	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1st Rob Chandler	56	55	59	55	225
2nd Mickey Scott	58	60	53	58	229
3rd Doug Williams	58	64	56	59	237

Amateur	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1st Jock Tarrer	64	65	66	65	260
2nd Glenn Schleigher	64	69	64	65	262
3rd James Clopton	66	67	71	69	273

Novice	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1st Jack Morrow	63	67	68	68	266
2nd Chuck Dratwick	70	69	64	67	270
3rd Shawn Finnegan	77	68	66	66	277

Junior	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1st Caleb Ward	107	108	108	98	421

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