

LA MIRADA DISC SPORTS

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WORLD'S BIGGEST A BIG DAY FOR LA MIRADA

Underneath a grey canopy of clouds which threatened drizzle throughout the day, La Mirada drew 143 disc golfers old and new to play in the first worldwide disc golf tournament ever held, the World's Biggest Disc Golf Tournament. Held on Saturday, May 9 at over two hundred courses in more than a dozen countries, the WBDGT was intended by promoter John Houck to increase the exposure of the sport in a friendly, supportive environment. That's exactly what happened on Saturday.

(Good going, John. Despite the work and the anxiety, I'm more than glad to have been a part of it and I am looking forward to next year.)

The positive attitudes of both the newcomers and the regular players was extremely encouraging. By 7:00 a.m. two players that I was meeting for the first time had showed up early to warm up; instead of going out to practice immediately they helped me set up the tables and the banner. Tim Biffle, the heart and most of the hands of course maintenance, arrived at 7:30 to move some baskets and help put up signs. Also arriving early with offers to help were Dennis Gordon and Kay; her help with the distribution of the packages kept the check-in process on this side of chaos.

With few exceptions the players too were patient and supportive, despite occasional delays and miscues and the fact that all hundred packages were gone by 10:30. One encouraging sign was that about 3/4 of the fifty or so unregistered players who walked up after there were no more packages chose to sign up and wait for them. (The last batch hit the mail on 5/19.) Obviously, the lack of pressure to perform and the generous package went a long way toward keeping everyone relaxed and happy.

The presence of a large group of barbecue lovers loosely associated with Wham-O was a special treat. A spontaneous game of ultimate even broke out in mid-afternoon.

I learned a lot running this thing, most of all that it was worth all the trouble. If you have any comments or suggestions, let me know. See you (and your friends) next year!

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SPRING OVERALL ON MAY 30

Look out, another one-day five-event overall tournament is coming your way on Saturday, May 30! Whether you aspire to unseat Scott Stokely or Mary Uhlarik as king and queen of the one-day overalls, or you just want to see what you can do, now's the time. The five events, in order, will be : golf, distance, MTA, accuracy, and double disc court. Formats, respectively, will be : 18 holes, five throws, five throws, one round of 28 throws, and equitable pairings. Believe me, it's a full day.

Entry fees and prizes will be as before : Plaques will be awarded to the top finishers in the men's and women's divisions, and to the player voted Best Newcomer. Event winners will choose prizes "grab bag" fashion from an assortment of discs, shirts, and some et cetera. Entry fee for non-members is \$15; for club members it's \$10.

LA MIRADA CUP

Now that the World's Biggest has come and gone, the other major golf event at La Mirada looms on the horizon : the La Mirada Cup. A major competitive full-format disc golf tournament, the La Mirada Cup will be held on October 15-18. An ad announcing the tournament has already appeared in the recent Discovering The World catalog, and one will be appearing in the next issue of Disc Golf World News. The schedule is : amateurs and juniors on Thursday, doubles on Friday, and pro divisions on Saturday and Sunday. Get the word out.

Any help would, of course, be greatly appreciated, especially if you have previous experience in running tournaments or if you have potential sponsorship contacts.

If you'd like to get involved, give me a call and we can work on matching what needs to be done with what you'd like to do. Besides general clerical, publicity, and set-up work, I'll be looking for people to fill a few positions. I'd like to delegate as much of the actual tournament-directing as I can; if you or someone you know would like to run any of the portions of the tournament (amateur, junior, doubles, open pro, masters, women), let me know. I'd also like to try to arrange a charity ball golf / disc golf challenge at the golf course across the street during the week.

World's Biggest Stats

Number of players : 143
Number of packages originally ordered : 100, on 4/22
Number pre-registered by 4/22 : 15
Number pre-registered by 5/8 : 52
Number of walk-ups : 91
Number playing in their first tournament : 69
Best round : -10 by Sam Ferrans
Grand totals for the global tournament are being compiled.

Thanks

Tim Biffle
Kay
Leon
Ken Hopper
Wham-O
RG's