

# LA MIRADA DISC SPORTS

July -  
September  
1992

## Fort Collins Hosts 1992 U.S. Open

After a one-year hiatus, the U.S. Open took place this summer in Fort Collins, Colorado on July 20 - 26. This year's tournament, run by Bill Wright of The Wright Life with help from Wham-O, was the first to have been held outside of La Mirada. (Last year's tournament in Santa Cruz was officially the World Flying Disc Federation championships, an amateur event.)

The field of approximately 130 players was treated to weather quite different from the standard smoggy heat of L.A. -- warm with scattered clouds and clear air, broken up by mid-afternoon showers. Though it rained at some point during every day of the tournament, only twice did it force a delay in competition. Most of the preliminary rounds and some of the finals were held at the beautiful and green Colorado State University campus. Sunday's finals were held at Central Park, a local recreation area.

The La Mirada Disc Club was very well represented, with the following members in attendance : Beth Verish, Tita Martinez, Sam Ferrans, Blair Paulsen, Leonard Muise, Rick Shaffer (staff), Jon Freedman, Bob Verish, Cliff Towne, Aimee Reiner, Arthur Coddington, and Conrad Damon. Wow! The club was also well represented in the finals, with the following members making the top four in at least one event : Beth (golf - 3rd, DDC - 3rd, SCF - 4th), Tita (golf - 2nd, DDC - 3rd, distance - 4th), Sam (golf - 2nd, distance - 3rd), Blair (accuracy - 4th), Aimee (SCF - 3rd), and Conrad (accuracy - 1st, DDC - 3rd). Congratulations! Results are below.

## La Mirada Cup Looms

This October will mark the return of a major disc golf tournament to La Mirada : The La Mirada Cup will be held on consecutive weekends, with the amateurs and juniors playing on October 10-11, and the pros on October 17-18. While Conrad was in Detroit for the PDGA Championships, he gave out entry forms. Interest among travelling players seems to be healthy.

The club is still seeking sponsors. There are three levels of sponsorship : Title Sponsor (\$630 - name in title, logo on tournament shirts and discs, tee sign, etc.), Supporting Sponsor (\$150 - logo on T-shirts, tee sign, etc.) and Tee Sign Sponsor (\$30 - display space at tee). If you have any contacts or know of someone who may be interested, have them call (818) 500 - 5159 during the day.

Onsite volunteers would also be appreciated for help with running the tournament, with setup and breakdown, for officiating, etc. If you're interested, let Conrad know when you're available, what you'd prefer to do, and to what extent you'd like to be involved.

## **New Members**

The La Mirada Disc Club would like to extend its thanks and welcome to the following new members :

Don Daynes  
Glenn Bard  
Tom Barrett  
Dennis Gordon  
Aimee Reiner  
Rick Rothstein  
Arthur Coddington  
Jeffrey Brown  
Gil Brown Disc Golf Course Back in Shape

## **New Baskets**

Two of the baskets on the disc golf course that had been disabled by vandalism or theft are back in place. The shaft of #12 had been broken during the spring. While it was being repaired by the county, the putting basket (with a severely damaged tray) took its place. Tom Pitchford attached a locking collar to #12, and the club bought a new tray for the putting basket from Innova. The course is now restored to its full setup with 28 fully functional baskets (27 holes plus the practice basket near tee #1).

## **DDC Still Going Strong**

Thursday evening DDC continues to meet regularly more than a year and a half after its beginning in January 1991. My guess is that it has met over 80% of the Thursdays since then. It takes place between the upper tennis courts and the swimming pool. Usually we have Bill, Joseph, and Mary Uhlarik, Conrad, and one or two miscellaneous players. On August 6 we had the pleasure of playing with a Japanese player named Biafra, who was here on vacation with his wife Miko. After telling Biafra briefly about the U.S. Open overall tournament in Fort Collins, I asked him what his favorite event is. His reply came quickly : "DDC." It's good to see that such a great game has a strong international appeal.

## **Climo Three-peats in Detroit**

In Phoenix two years ago he pinned his Cobra on the 430' 17th hole in the finals to eke out a narrow victory. Last year in Dayton he entered the semifinals at Kitty Hawk Country Club a few strokes down and absolutely tore the course up, shooting -12 and -13 to coast to a comfortable victory for his second consecutive world championship. This August in Detroit there was no need for eleventh-hour heroics : Florida's Ken Climo calmly led from start to finish, mounting a lead that varied between five and nine strokes. So far the 90's belong to Climo. The only question now is how long his dominance will continue, since there is no shortage of outstanding players who have the ability and the desire to end it.

Until Ken, only one person - Harold Duvall - had won the PDGA Chamionship twice, in 1982 and 1985, and no one had mounted a serious threat to repeat. This year the only threat to Ken came from a charging "Crazy" John Brooks, who shot two course records to come within five strokes with 27 holes left to play. Brooks' comeback ran into a wall at the treacherous Addison Oaks course in the semifinals, where he shot 56 to Climo's 53.

Following the finals tournament director Duane Utech put on a \$1000 skins match for the top four players, who were Climo, Brooks, Steve Valencia, and Canadian Jeff Malton. Each of the five skins holes was worth \$200. If there was a tie for best score on a hole, the money carried over. Long putts on the third hole by Brooks and Valencia and a tie on the fourth hole made the last hole worth the entire \$1000, with the rule that closest to the pin would win in case of a tie. Hole #5 required about a 380' throw to be made that would carry through a twenty-foot wide gap in some willow trees and fly over a small estuary onto a peninsula where the basket was placed. Only Climo and Valencia made it onto the peninsula. After Climo sank his 30-footer, Valencia was faced with an all-or-nothing 22-foot putt for \$1000..... Oh well, maybe next time. Steve's putt barely reached the basket, striking the lower part of the tray; Climo's deuce, the only one on the hole, took the jackpot.

A Japanese sponsor, Hero Kobo, put up an all-expenses-paid entry into next year's Japan Open for the player with the most birdies in the tournament. Guess who? 1993 will be Ken's first chance to make his dominance international.

The Women's Division is also showing signs of a dominant player at the World's : Elaine King. After some wide-open competition that saw four leaders in as many days, Elaine shot a scorching -7 at the River Bends East course to take the lead for good. This makes two in a row for Elaine, who won handily in Dayton last year.

The Masters' Division is becoming increasingly competitive as many of the outstanding players who began when the sport was still young have turned 35 within the last few years. And it will only get tougher as time goes on. In about five years, the grandmasters' division will be getting pretty tough. This year there were plenty of seasoned veterans in the masters such as David Greenwell, Snapper Pierson, and Steve Slasor. That's a tough open field to play in. It took someone with considerable success as an open player to beat them: Eric Marx of Austin, Texas, who finished second in the open division in 1985 and 1991, added to his string of strong performances at the championships by taking the masters' division this year. His score would have put him around fifth in the open division.

The bad news for the Grandmasters' Division this year was that Tom Monroe has turned 45. Tom led by a comfortable margin throughout the tourney. Coming in second for the third time in a row was Mike "Hoser" Williams, who sang a short ditty at the awards lamenting that fact.

In the Senior Grandmasters' Division, a familiar duo exchanged the lead throughout the week : Paul Harris and Ralph Williamson. Paul led through the first part of the tournament, but Ralph hung tight and passed him near the end for the victory.

## 1992 U.S. Open Results

### Distance

- Men  
1. Jack Cooksey  
2. Scott Stokely  
3. Sam Ferrans  
4. Randy Lahm

- Women  
Amy Bekken  
Anni Kreml  
Rhode Johanssen  
Beth Verish

### Golf

- Men  
John Schiller  
Sam Ferrans  
Jim Oates  
John Brooks
- Women  
Anni Kreml  
Tita Martinez  
Beth Verish  
Rhode Johanssen

### Accuracy

1. Conrad Damon  
2. Pete Fust  
3. Harvey Brandt  
4. Blair Paulsen  
John Schiller

- Rhode Johanssen  
Judy Robbins  
Amy Bekken  
g. Rose  
Anni Kreml

### Discathon

- Mark Enright  
Harvey Brandt  
Snapper Pierson  
Pete Fust
- Amy Bekken  
Rhode Johanssen  
Anni Kreml  
Judy Robbins

### Self-Caught Flight

1. Mike Reid  
2. Randy Lahm  
3. Harvey Brandt  
4. Andy Lemann
- Amy Bekken  
Anni Kreml  
Aimee Reiner  
Beth Verish

### Double Disc Court

- Pierson/LeBeau  
Schmal/Pellicane  
Herrick/Selinske  
Damon/McInnis
- Kreml/Harris  
Bekken/Porter  
Verish/Martinez  
Robbins/Kakimoto

### Freestyle

1. Givens/Imperiale/Marron  
2. Dwork/Ryan/Oberhaus  
3. Burris/Conaway/Murphy  
4. Reid/Wright/Willet
- Bekken/McCarthy  
Yabe/Robbins  
Kruger/Daniels  
Kodani/Kakimoto

### Overall

1. Harvey Brandt  
2. Hartmut Wahrmann  
3. Snapper Pierson  
4. Jim Herrick  
5. John Schiller  
6. Sam Ferrans  
7. Randy Lahm  
8. Mike Reid  
9. Scott Stokely  
10. Mark Enright
- Amy Bekken  
Anni Kreml  
Rhode Johanssen  
Judy Robbins  
Chieko Kakimoto

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**July Monthly**

22 Players

|                    |       |       |    |         |
|--------------------|-------|-------|----|---------|
| 1. Dave Barrett    | 50/46 | 49/45 | 91 | \$45    |
| 2. Jason Roberts   | 52/46 | 53/47 | 93 | \$35    |
| 3. Bamba Rico      | 50/49 | 46/45 | 94 | \$27    |
| 4. Paul Walker     | 53/47 | 54/48 | 95 | \$21.50 |
| 4. Marcus Cisneros | 48    | 47    | 95 | \$21.50 |
| 6. J.R. Rico       | 50/48 | 50/48 | 96 | \$13    |
| 6. Victor Soto     | 53/49 | 51/47 | 96 | \$13    |

**August Monthly**

18 Players

|                    |       |       |    |      |
|--------------------|-------|-------|----|------|
| 1. Jason Coke      | 52/46 | 52/46 | 92 | \$45 |
| 2. Sam Ferrans     | 45    | 48    | 93 | \$30 |
| 3. Mike Keckler    | 48/47 | 48/47 | 94 | \$25 |
| 4. Marcus Cisneros | 45    | 50    | 95 | \$20 |
| 5. Frank Arroyo    | 46/45 | 53/52 | 97 | \$15 |
| 6. Amye Rosenthal  | 52/45 | 60/53 | 98 | \$10 |

Upcoming Tournaments

|               |                           |                  |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 9/5           | Huntington Beach Monthly  |                  |
| 9/12 - 9/13   | Crane Creek Open          | Rohnert Pk. CA   |
|               | Tom Ford                  | (707) 578 - 8158 |
| 9/12          | Whittier Monthly          |                  |
| 9/13          | La Mirada Monthly         |                  |
| 10/3 - 10/4   | Fault Line Classic (pros) | Santa Cruz, CA   |
|               | Marty Hapner              | (408) 423 - 0522 |
| 10/10 - 10/11 | La Mirada Cup (amateurs)  | La Mirada, CA    |
|               | Conrad Damon              | (818) 500 - 5159 |
| 10/17 - 10/18 | La Mirada Cup (pros)      | La Mirada, CA    |
|               | Conrad Damon              | (818) 500 - 5159 |
| 10/24 - 10/25 | Gold Pan Open             | Sacramento, CA   |
|               | Charlie Callahan          | (916) 626 - 3718 |

La Mirada Disc Club members receive a 10% in-store discount at :

Discovering The World  
6272 Beach Blvd.  
Buena Park, CA 90621  
(714) 522 - 2202

## Kids' Day Scheduled for Saturday, September 26

Due to the large number of younger players that have become involved in the club, the LMDC will have its first "Kids' Day" in order to help them sharpen their skills while they meet other kids their age who also enjoy flying disc sports.

It will be a free clinic that will introduce some of our developing players to the various events and games that are played. First there will some basic instruction on the fundamentals of throwing and catching, then there will be brief demonstrations on events such as disc golf, distance, accuracy, double disc court, accuracy, freestyle, and MTA. All this will take about an hour and a half. After the demonstrations are done, the kids are welcome to ask for further instruction on anything they like from any of the experienced players who will be present. No competition is planned.

Kids' Day will begin at 12:00 noon at La Mirada Regional Park. We will meet at the field which is beyond the outfield of the southeast softball diamond, near the pool and the racquetball courts. If you plan to attend, please let Conrad know through a post card or a phone call how big a group you are.

If the overall-type format for flying disc contests appeals to you, then this would be a good chance to get an idea of what takes place at an overall meet. In early November, the club will hold its fall one-day overall, featuring a minimum of five flying disc events. This time there will be a separate division for juniors.

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