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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Welcome to Canada's newest information network servicing the realm of Disc Athletics. I am pleased to announce that I've been receiving a positive response from everyone I've talked to across Canada and around the world. The reason I've started this organization is that Canada has no formal representation in the Disc world and with the recent formation of the W.F.D.F. (World Flying Disc Federation) it is of vital importance that Canada is properly represented.

Through the years Canada has been one of the strongest forces in the international scene and its competitors have always put out that extra effort in all Disc sports competitions. Canadian players, performers, and participants continually add their names to those of the best in the world in all Disc sports events all over this continent and overseas.

While being the medium for this country's talent abroad, DisCanada will concurrently strive to promote and improve the quality of Disc sport within Canada. The organization will represent Canada's Disc enthusiasts as a unified voice when seeking corporate sponsorship, Government Funding, Media coverage etc. etc.

I strongly believe that DisCanada is a positive step toward developing the recognition and support that Disc sport in this country needs and deserves. As disc in other parts of the world is being formally recognized as legitimate competitive sporting activity, Canada should not be left behind. I am looking forward to a successful year as president and encourage all non-members who feel DisCanada is moving in the right direction to join to add your voice to those already committed to seeing Disc rise to become the most popular and often played sports in the nation alright! Lacrosse, watch out.

Christopher Lowcock

Christopher Lowcock
President



AIR MAIL.

1985 EUROPEAN EVENTS

This calendar appears courtesy the U.K.F.D.A. (United Kindom Flying Disc Association). The calendar recently appeared in their first edition of their newsletter "SPUN OUT". While some of the dates are past they have been included to show a typical disc season overseas. More information concerning European Events will follow in the Air Mail column next issue.

1985 EUROPEAN CALENDAR

Paris Ultimate Tournament
6, 7, 8 April

Easter E.G.F.
Eastbourne Golf and Guts
13, 14 April

Essex Disc Golf Open
4 May

Brussels Ultimate Cup
Ultimate Tournament
16 - 19 May

International Club Ultimate Tournament
Sportplatz In der Aher, Rotenburg 50km
East of Bremen, Germany
25, 26, 27 May

Hampden Park Golf and DDC open
20, 21 July

European Flying Disc Federation
Individual Championships '85 incorporating UKFDA Individual Championships.
28 July - 3 August

World Flying Disc Golf Championships '85, Helsingborg, Sweden - Contact Oz, UKFDA, Golf
13 - 18 August

Tiger Hill Classic
14, 15 September

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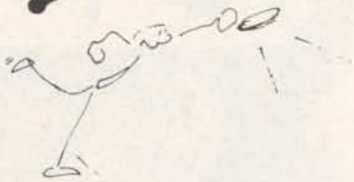
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ULTIMATE



ULTIMATE FRISBEE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

Canadian ultimate made its European debut last September when the nine member "Canadian National Team" travelled to Luzern, Switzerland to compete in the 2nd International Ultimate Tournament. The team consisted of seven members of the Montreal Mc Gill University team plus Chris Lowcock and Alex Hughes of Toronto. The team fared well considering their small number. Finishing seventh out of the field of fourteen countries. Other newcomers to the tournament included such exotic entries as Japan, Denmark and the Netherlands. Canada's most impressive victory was over the U.K. team who eventually finished in fourth place.

The Canadian's exploits on the field were matched by their leisure - time antics. Playing three games a day the boys still managed to party late into the night with the other players and the locals. UPA (Ultimate Players Association) president Brian Murphy recently described the Canadians as "the darlings of the Tournament" in the UPA newsletter. This dubious distinction is substantiated by the fact that a certain Luzern Bartender has since travelled overseas and decided to become a Canadian. Welcome M.T.

The setting for the games and fun couldn't have been more ideal. Beautiful Luzern, a tourist town situated on the lake Zugerxyzabdzee offered entertainment and distraction in typically efficient and genuinely perfect Swiss style. Mount Pilatus towering in the background created that "Fairytale back-drop for the long tosses" that ultimate players dream about. The tournament itself was run well by Stefan and Thomas Kron of the Luzern team with the exception of the bomb shelters provided as accomodation. (You can't be too carefull in Europe.) Well done Kron

brothers. Thanks also goes to Irwin Toy of Canada for their generous supply of Discs, Hackey Sacks and T-shirts for trading with the other players. The next Worlds will be held in England in 1986. We'll keep you posted.

PRESENT: ULTIMATE SURVEY

Ultimate will be going strong in various locations in 1985.

Toronto will be playing every Wednesday at 6.00 pm at Kew Beach. Anyone is welcome to come down and join in. There is usually a little Guts and HackySack to break the intensity. So come on down! Teams will be formed after a month or so of play. Two games will be held each Wednesday. At the end of the season in September play-offs will commence to determine the summer league champion. Contact Ken Westerfield (416) 694-3950 for information. The only difficulty to date which has arisen is a dilemma over which bar to attend after the games.

Vancouver ultimate is happening Wednesday and Sunday afternoons by the youth hostile. Contact Steve Madigan at 604-738-3449 or Ross Lapper at 604-876-7924. In Victoria contact Scott Lewis 604-592-7748.

The McGill University team recently participated in U.P.A. College sectionals in Burlington, Vermont. McGill playing without its captain Paul Stern, captain-elect Jeff Thompson and Willie "the weapon" Herndon managed for the first time to advance to the regionals of the competition. They took place in Amherst Mass. the next weekend where McGill was eliminated with 1-2 record. The high winds were a definite factor in the team's poor showing, as captain Stern stated "when its windy we go windsurfing instead of practising" Sure! Good Luck next year McGill!

DisCanada Ottawa rep. Marcus Brady a Luzern veteran, has formed the Capital Punishment Ultimate team. Capital Punishment has been in existence since the fall and have played McGill twice in exhibition games. The last encounter was Ottawa's first recorded game of Snow Ultimate. The game was played after the social highlight of the spring, Marcus' Spring Disc bash which featured all the 190 proof alcohol you could drink with proceeds going to Amnesty International. The snow provided an excellent surface for the contest

offering reasonable traction in cleats and smooth sliding for the big "Doobs" (Dives).

"Two Practices" will be held each week Tuesday's and Thursday's 5:30-7:30 p.m. beside the bike path off Riverside Drive across from Riverside Hospital and Sunday afternoons 4-6 p.m. behind experimental farm observatory Carling and Maple Avenues. Three teams have been organized so far for the Sunday games and Marcus is looking for home players. Marcus also has 10 "all-stars" who will travel and hereby formally challenge any team to a game.

Rumour has it that the Ottawa club is planning a game to be played on Parliament Hill. "Go long, Brian! Go for the bomb". Details at 6. Contact either Marcus Brady (613) 731-6203 or Brian Guthrie (613) 235-6426.



Jeff Thompson evades Dutch defender

NOT TO DISC-TANT FUTURE.

A Canadian contingent will be participating in the Santa Cruz "worlds" this summer. The invitational tournament offers high-calibre play with the winners of each of the 5 regions fielding teams. This is supplemented by foreign entries. Japan has participated in the tournament on several occasions.

There are no Ultimate tournaments planned in Eastern Canada although Ottawa or St. Thomas may come up with something. Come on, St. Thomas! Contact me, Dante Anderson 416-947-9722 for more details.

DISK ORIENTATIONS

GUTS!



- Every issue we will be bringing you the latest news concerning Guts Frisbee. With insights into the game from the best players in the world to help improve your Guts game. Everything from new throwing techniques to individual and team strategy will fill this column.
- The first Guts dates for the new season have been confirmed. June 1 & 2 Hurricanes Guts Tourney Toronto Ontario. July 6 & 7 'The 29th annual Stroh's International Frisbee Tournament' Houghton, Michigan. August 10 & 11 'The U.S. Nationals' Marquette Michigan. August 30,31 & Sept. 1 'The Labatt's Worlds Guts Frisbee Championships' Toronto, Ontario. More info concerning tourney dates in upcoming issues.
- The 1985 Guts season promises to be a very exciting one. With the support and money of Glen Mc Pherson at Labatt's Ontario Breweries, there has been unprecedented growth of Guts play in the Southern Ontario region. With the availability of a gym, (thanks to Chris Lowcock) practice continued throughout the winter. At least four new teams were formed during the winter Guts break. They being , Tramps Guts Frisbee team lead by some venerable scrapper's - Ian Morrison, Lary Voight and Micheal Popadivk. A team called 'catch 21' with plenty of spunk, lead by Gus Weinhart and followed with the young arms of John Blakely, Warren Young, Michael Sullivan and Frank 'the crank' Logash. White line lead by Chris Lowcock and Paul 'close the door' Manners with support from Dante Anderson, Alex Hughes and Edgar Wedig. Also com-

ing onto the scene is the new 'Beaches' team lead by none other than Bob Blakely & Ken Westerfield. With Jim Lim, Doug Corea, Pat 'I only play guts for the violence' Chartrand, Steward Godfrey, Wayne Daniels and other assorted beach personalities filling in as the old bodies wear out.

- Rumors abound that "The Pulplike Particles" may be making an appearance on the 1985 tournament scene. In their only tournament entry prior to 1985 they finished a very respectable 7th at the 1978 world championships. A team that has redefined the word practice.
- If you live near the Toronto area you'll be happy to hear that Hurricanes (963 Bloor St. West at Dovercourt) (that Estonian - Frisbee bar) is now open. Their house specialties are mussels & clams. You can walk in during any televised "Blue Jay" game and observe the "Pulplike Particle" practice.
- There will be a package tour going to the I.F.T. July 5 - 9 this year. The trip will be made on a specially designed bus, that includes a video screen, video equipment (for your own enjoyment), and fully stocked bar. There is only room for 29 passengers so if you wish to go book early. Contact Mike Popadivk at 767-2290
- In short... there may be a merger of two Toronto Guts teams before long... Billy 'The train' Bigoski of "The Cupola Bandits" - Detroit - has suffered a broken foot over the winter... Joe Bradey of "Team Labatt's" is being married May 24th... Look for the 'Cupola Bandits' - Detroit - to add one perhaps two new players this season... Guts practices have moved outdoors every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Etobicoke Centennial Park.



THE JUMBO JUG named after Jon Davis (I.F.T.) emblematic of the world champions.

FREESTYLE



In the upcoming issues we will report on festivals, touring teams, individuals and tournaments in Canada. Coverage includes European, American, Canadian and World activities. See calendars and magazine for details.



GOLF!

Below is a summary of Canadian Disc Golf courses. We have included only pole and post courses. Feel free to contact the course pros for information about their courses and their towns if you're just passing through. We are trying to compile a list of popular object courses in the country. If you have the details about your favourite course send them along to us and we'll include them in the next issue. NB Members should look at the PDGA tour listings for the year, included with this newsletter. In future editions we will be reporting on all golf happenings from around the world. Stay tuned.

GOLF COURSES IN CANADA

See calendar and magazine for details

Courses	Parks & Area	Holes condition	Contacts	Phone
Toronto, Ontario	Wards Island	18 pole hole	Bob Blakely	(416) 533-3521
Etobicoke, Ontario	Centennial Park	18 pole hole	Phil Palumbo	(416) 626-8515
St. Thomas, Ont.	Barrie Park	18 pole hole, Mach II	Bob Harris	(519) 631-5998
Vancouver, B.C.	Queen Elizabeth Park	9 pole hole, Mach II	Ross Lapper	(604) 876-7924
Tsawwassen, B.C.	Winskill Park	9 pole hole	Ross Lapper	(604) 876-7924
North Pender, B.C.	North Pender Island	18 post hole course	Ross Lapper	(604) 876-7924
Alert Bay, B.C.	Alert Bay	new home-made 18 pole hole and 12" cement tees	Ross Lapper	(604) 876-7924

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Canadian Footbag in Switzerland



Wayne "Velcro Head" Daniels has agreed to act as DisCanada liason with the elusive and mysterious Mr. Footbag. Mr. Footbag will answer any correspondence and/or inquiries sent to him from DisCanada.

Mr. Footbag
c/o DisCanada
99 Doncaster Ave.
Thornhill, Ont.
L3T 1L6

See the list below for upcoming W.F.A. (World Footbag Association) events. Also see Irwin's ad for more information from around the nation.

July 5, 6, 7, 1985
Willits Invitational Footbag
Freestyle Tournament
Willits, California
(Pre-Registration Only)
Contact: Steve Blough
(707) 459-6006

August 3, 4, 5, 1985
WFA National Footbag Training Camp
Instructors Certification
Boulder, Colorado
Contact: WFA Offices (303) 278-9797

August 6, 1985
WFA Player Advisory Board Meeting
Boulder, Colorado
Contact: WFA Offices (303) 278-9797

August 7 - 11, 1985
WFA National Footbag
Championships
Boulder, Colorado
Contact: WFA Offices (303) 278-9797

DISKPOSITIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disc sports should really fly high this year. Both promotors and sponsors have lined up an impressive series of demos, tours and tournaments that should rejuvenate this "most gentlemanly of sports", (sexist?). Pros will finally take home some regular paychecks while bringing new players out of the closet. The Masters tourney on labour day weekend promises to be nothing less than spectacular. Let us use this years events as a springboard into a national organization to prevent public interest from waning . . . remember how the Orange Crush rolling roadshow lost its' fizz? The time is right for the birth of DisCanada!

The need for organization is sorely evident. The excellent crowd support drawn annually by the Canadian Open tends to shy away from our local events. It was thought that as Canadians brought their skills up to world class standards, public support would blossom accordingly. That did not happen although we now have top contenders in every discipline. DisCanada may provide us with enough spin to keep discs in the air through open communication, effective public relations and incentive programs.

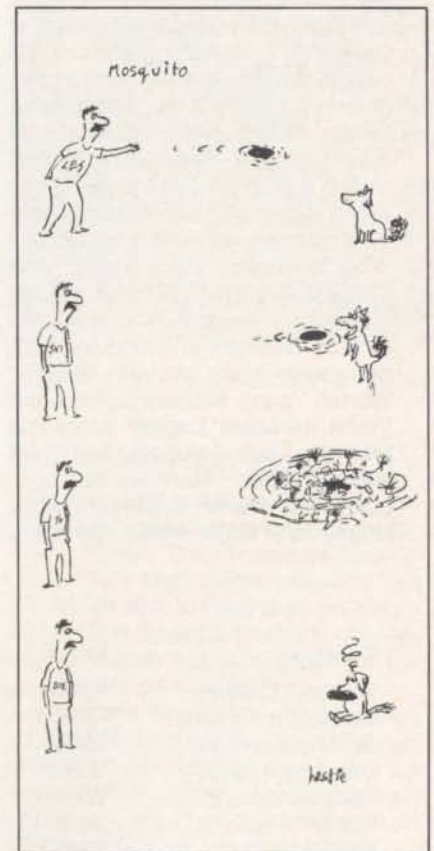
It is crucial that we locate amateurs, pros and novices across the country and bring them together under the same umbrella. Where is the west coast? Jim Brown, Dr. Bill King and the rest of the Kosmic Katastrophy kids used to set the standards of play while publishing some very classy fanzines. Nor can we forget two-time world junior champ Jean Luc Forest of Winnipeg, the dynamic duo of Bill Eisenhauer and Alex MacMillan in Nova Scotia or the Mysterious Montreal McGill ultimate squad. Using this newsletter, we make these voices heard and thus encourage other disc flippers living in sparsely populated areas to organize on a local level.

A few suggestions - the first going to the organizers of DisCanada. Simplify your membership drive by dropping the references to "term charter, charter membership and future increases." You can ask for more money when you merit

it. Take surveys and hold referendums to make yourself accountable to your members. Work with tournament directors and sponsors to arrange for continued discounts on entrance fees or plastic . . . etc, etc, etc. The final suggestion goes out to anyone reading this newsletter. Sign up for DisCanada and make your voice heard.

Yours truly,

Mr. Par K. Ball
In the Beach,
Trawna.



NOVEL DISPOSAL

DISK HIGHS

One of the advantages of being an incurable disc fanatic is the stock pile of excess plastic one tends to accumulate and subsequently tries to rid oneself of in novel and unique ways.

After squeezing discs into garburators, placing them under the wheels of oncoming trains, melting them on stove elements and splitting them on trees on Toronto island, I decided that a new approach to disc disposal was called for. After much deliberation, I decided it could be fun to **throw** discs off of big things, high things, giant things — maybe even into other galaxies.

I threw a disc off the garage roof into the neighbors yard. It wasn't that much fun, besides he called the police. Something was wrong. I needed a coach and I needed the best.

I called Bob Blakely, who had trained in high-altitude disc disposal in Banff. Bob agreed to take me on. He proceeded to demonstrate all the essentials of this most gentlemanly of disc pursuits. Cocked eye, firm wrist snap, cigarette protruding from the corner of the mouth, orange socks and that leg coming up in the back for counter-rotation to keep you from following the plastic off into space. After a few practice tosses off the Scarborough Bluffs I thought I had it. I was ready for the big time.

"Can you handle it?" said Bob.

"I think so" I replied. The next day I left for South America with a bag full of discs.

A few months later I found myself on the peak of 17,900 foot La Ploma in the Chilean cordillera. The Andes were very high here with peaks up to 22,000 feet. The view was fantastic — snow, ice and rock as far as the eye could see. I stared off across the valley towards Argentina. My three Chilean companions watched me as I reached into my pack.

"What are you doing, amigo?" Alexis asked.

"I'm on a mission from God" I replied, pulling out a 165 g lid (personally autographed by coach Blakely).

Everything was ready, Pedro assured me he knew how to work the camera. Nichi kissed my disc for good luck. I surveyed the line of trajectory, stood back and released. The white disc virtually disappeared as it soared out over the vastness. We all held our breath as it descended into Argentina territory. It

finally ran out of spin at about 15,000 feet and tilted, dropping vertically to the glacier below. It had been in the air for almost 45 seconds. Pedro had only managed to capture my foot on film, but otherwise my first major disposal was a success.

That was August 15, 1982, and it was the establishment of a South American altitude record. The world record was virtually unbeatable. On October 24, 1981, Dr. Chris Pizzo of San Diego, California threw a disc off the 29,028 ft. peak of Mt. Everest into China. Not being that desperate to get rid of another disc, I decided to conquer North America next.

Mount McKinley and Mt. Logan are too cold but North America's third highest peak is an extinct volcano on the Mexican plateau. This sounded tropical enough, so off I went armed with numerous Canadian Golf Association 71 molds. Visions of palm trees and pina colodas danced in my head. This was going to be real fun. A friend and I woke up in a stone hut on the flanks of the volcano Orizaba. It was 4 a.m. December 10, 1983, a cold sun dawned on the foot of the glacier as we set off for the summit. When we reached the glacier, we changed into heavy climbing gear — crampons, ice-axes, etc.

"Where's the rope?" I asked.

"I thought you had the rope," said Merl.

"Oh, boy". Some tropical vacation.

Hours later, freezing cold, altitude headaches, and nausea aside we arrived at the 18,870 foot summit. Taking off our packs on the crater rim, I searched for my now traditionally autograph-by-B. Blakely disc. Merl manned the camera this time so I had room for a little showmanship I quickly perpetrated the world highest frisbee delay and body roll. Anything else would have been pushing it with a crampons on. Turning to the task at hand, I fired the little yellow devil out over the massive crater. A thermal from the smoking vent caught it and shot it straight up into the cobalt sky. It disappeared from sight only to tumble down into view about a minute later. It vanished into the crater, another potential fossil for some poor geologist of the future to agonize over.

Spec tacular. This could turn into an expensive habit - I have a lot of discs to get rid of.

Les Lowcock

HAPPENINGS

SUMMARY OF CANADIAN DISC EVENTS

May 25-26, 1985

8th Annual Western Canadian Flying Disc Championships.
Freestyle, Golf & Show
Queen Elizabeth Park
Vancouver, B.C.
Ross Lapper 604-876-7924

May 25-26, 1985

Disc Golf Challenge
Ward's Island, Toronto Islands
Toronto, Ontario
Ken Westerfield 416-694-3950
Bob Blakely 416-533-3521

June 1-2, 1985

Hurricane's Gut's Open
Christie Pitts (Bloor & Christie)
Toronto, Ontario
Peter Turcaj 416-621-9183

June 1-2, 1985

St. Thomas Disc Sports Grand Opening
Tourney
Golf, Distance
Barrie Park
St. Thomas, Ontario
Kerry MacDonald 519-633-2482

June 30, July 1, 1985

Golf, Distance
Barrie Park
St. Thomas, Ontario
Kerry MacDonald 519-633-2482

July 6-7, 1985

1st Annual Toronto Flying Disc Open
Golf, M.T.A., Distance
Centennial Park
Etobicoke, Ontario
Phil Palumbo 416-626-8515

July 13-14, 1985

Golf, Distance
Barrie Park
St. Thomas, Ontario
Kerry MacDonald 519-633-2482

August 10-11, 1985

Canadian Open
Freestyle, Golf, B.S. Pairs, MTA
Toronto Islands
Toronto, Ontario
Ken Westerfield 416-694-3950

August 30-31, September 1, 1985

Labatt's Worlds Guts Frisbee
Championships
Toronto, Ontario
Peter Turcaj 416-621-9183

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Ken Westerfield; tales from a legend by Les Lowcock

To anyone who doesn't know him, Ken Westerfield is tall, tanned, athletic and curiously, always seems to have a frisbee in his hand. To those who do know him, Ken is a perpetual fixture of the Toronto Disc scene. His friends call him 'the legend'; half - jokingly, half - respectfully - but always loudly (especially in public). Ken usually smiles, the corners of his eyes wrinkling slightly where the effects of squinting into the sun after countless discs shows 'Yeah, right' he says while complaining that the chicken wings aren't hot enough. Yet, there does seem to be substance to this theory of legendarianism. Ken is the best at distance, tops at golf, a tough ultimate competitor and a freestyle innovator. He consistently excels in guts, DDC, MTA and any other event that happens to materialize. The list of national and international titles he holds is more than impressive. His direct influence on the evolution of disc sports is evident at every level; overall play, individual manoeuvres, tournament structure; organization and judging criteria. Ken is a frisbee player, a serious professional - but he's also a sweetheart. As an example, his two main hobbies are making money and lending it to friends, not necessarily in that order. DisKraze recently talked to Ken to find out what made "the legend" a legend.

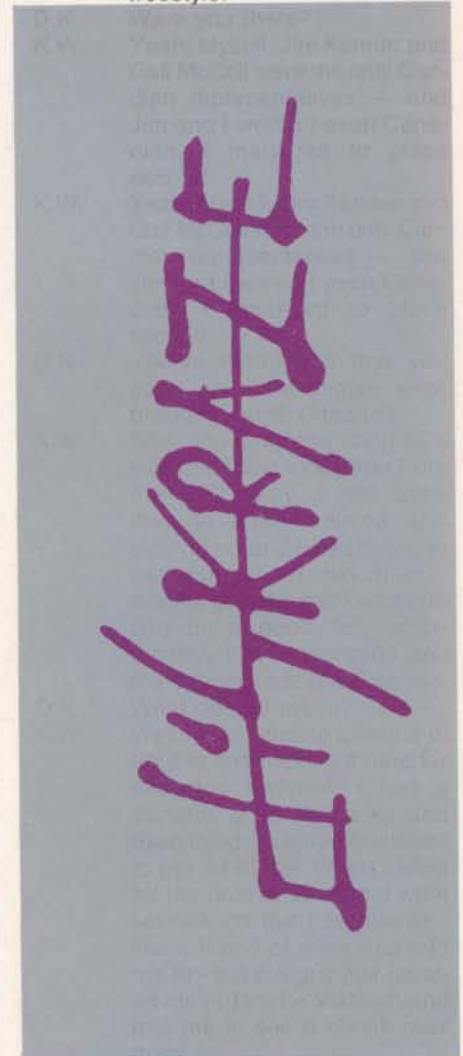
- D.K. How long have you been at it Ken?
 K.W. These chicken wings?—Oh, you mean frisbee. Well, uh 20 years, I started playing in Michigan with Jim Kenner whom I grew up with. The only competition back then was the IFT guts tourney in Marquette.
 D.K. You've been involved with tournaments around here since their inception. What were the earliest competitions like?
 K.W. The first competition was at the C.N.E. in 1973. Jim and I

ran that and it was just guts and distance, but in 1974 we brought freestyle into it as well. The original format involved compulsory preliminaries for throwing types and accuracy and these scores were added to your freestyle marks. As a result of this format a lot of top U.S. players came up to check it out. It was kind of primitive; freestyle was still just T.V. commercial stuff; behind the back catches and kickups - you know.

- D.K. But it worked out.
 K.W. Well yeah, but we had to can the compulsory stuff because it was taking too long and then we went with just straight freestyle. These chicken wings aren't hot - I ordered suicide and these are mild. Anyway, the next year a handful of tournaments followed the 74 precedents. In Toronto the tournament moved from the C.N.E. to the island. Try one of these wings - so the 75 island tournament was the first to offer corporate sponsorship - Molson's - and therefore prize money. So it was really the oldest tournament next to the IFT and the oldest freestyle tournament.
 D.K. Ken, my eyes are watering and I only had one bite. So the Toronto tournament is the granddaddy of all freestyle tourneys—do you think this aspect should be played up more?
 K.W. Absolutely! Other people make claims but that was definitely the oldest.
 D.K. You did some work for Molson's before the tournament thing, right?
 K.W. Yeah right, I had approached Molson's about demo's and they immediately liked the idea so Jim and I became the Molson's frisbee team. We did college basketball games and stuff. It seemed kind of ludicrous, these long-haired hippies working for a big corporation, but they were selling beer. Before that we used to play in the Yonge St. mall and

ask for donations after the show. We used to get \$200.00 a night.

- D.K. That was great cash back then.
 K.W. Definitely. Anyway the corporate involvement was a good thing both for promotion of disc sports and tournament support. Wham-o didn't get seriously involved in competition until 1975 when they had the first WFC at the Rosebowl. It was just compulsory manoeuvres and stuff — no freestyle.



- D.K. Whew. Bad craziness - so you landed in Hogtown.
 K.W. Yeah. It was 1970. I'd been here before and really liked it. Jim came up a little later and

DISK FUNCTIONS



K.W. I was so into frisbee that I once took a bus to Berkeley just to see other players. The top U.S. players at the time were Victor Malafrente, Roger Barrett and Monica Lou.

D.K. What were they doing?

K.W. Different throws - a lot of flow, spin catches behind the back, kicking it up right off the throw and things. I learned a lot and exchanged some stuff like knee-traps that Jim and I were doing. I went back to T.O. and Jim and I worked on the moves I'd learned. Victor had also taught me the sidearm throw which we used for freestyle and distance.

D.K. Ah...the sidearm. That awesome throw that got you the still-intact world record in distance. How did you develop it's power?

K.W. I just kept throwing it and it would wobble out about 50 yds. then one day I threw it and it went 100 yds. without wavering.

D.K. When was that?

K.W. '72-73'. You know, there's supposed to be 18 wings in here and I only counted 15. I think I should get a free dozen — extra suicide.

D.K. Uh right. So when did you start winning with that throw?

K.W. Between '75 and 80. I set the world record in '78 or '79', probably '78'. It was outdoors and it was 552 feet. Victor has thrown 538 feet.

D.K. So you remember that throw well. Can you tell us about it?

K.W. Oh yeah. There was a real good wind. Distance wasn't

part of the tournament format but just for fun we wanted to try to beat the world record. The top 'D' throwers at the tourney were invited and just fooling around before we started, a few throws were out around 400'. So then we started and a few people threw, then it was my turn. It's strange, I waited and waited at the line, I wanted to feel that wind right behind me. The crowd started to mumble, the announcer was ragging at me to throw. I had no run-up at the time, so when the wind came up I just stepped up to the line and let it go. It was my first throw, all the top distance throwers in the world were standing around. The disc hit three inflections in it's flight and almost went completely out of view. The marker had to run like hell after it. As the disc rose out of sight people started screaming — I can still here it ringing in my ears. 2,000 people just screaming and screaming.

D.K. So you'll tell your grandchildren about that.

K.W. Oh yeah. After the throw I just raised my hands up like Rocky and everybody ran up to me. It was one of the high points of my life.

D.K. What did you do next?

K.W. Well I could have thrown again but I refused because I mean, it was the whole thing right there - I couldn't beat it.

D.K. Let's jump back to freestyle for a minute. Where did the delay come from?

K.W. Well, there's a conflict about that - it was actually pretty wierd. At the A.F.D.O. in Rochester around '76, I was judging a freestyle pool and Freddy Haft did one in his routine. It blew us all away but Kerry Kolmar didn't do one in his routine, yet he's credited with inventing it.

D.K. What freestyle moves have you invented?

K.W. At the same tournament I introduced the front and back body rolls. The back roll was

called 'The Canadian Mind Blower' in an interview that I did with Dan Roddick for the first issue of Flying Disc Magazine.

D.K. Do disc players identify you with the Canadian disc scene or with frisbee in general?

K.W. Frisbee in general originally. In the earlier days there was a lot of travelling and I would just say I was from wherever it was cool to be from depending on where I was. Santa Cruz, Michigan, Toronto, Nogie's Creek - whatever was popular. Now, I play just as a Torontonian and that's where I'm from.

D.K. How would you describe the disc scene in Toronto?

K.W. Healthy. The numbers of participants in ultimate and golf increase every year. Look at the world class talent that developed here - Brian McElwain, Kevin Sparkman, Mike Sullivan - these guys are wizards at what they do. As you know, the tier of competitive talent on all fronts behind these guys is very large here. I can't mention all the names I'd like to. Also, the opportunities for frisbee players in this area are significantly more than in the states. Wham-o has always run their promotions on a different scale than here, using T.V. commercials and stuff, but Irwin Toy has sent people into the community at large, both independantly and in joint promotions. There is more done for frisbee players monetarily in the form of tours, publicity and sponsorship in Canada than in the U.S. - Irwin, Orange Crush, Lee Jeans, Dapper Dan, Freshie, Air Canada, Molson's, Labatt's, Mac's - I could go on, just ask Bob Blakely.

D.K. How did you meet Bob?

K.W. During the Great Canadian Race in 75 I think. It was a race of all sorts of different people doing wierd things from Toronto to Montreal. Some people golfed, skateboarded, canoed, landsailed, walked — you name it and it was happening.

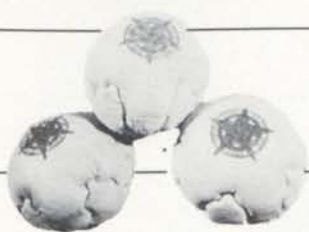
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- D.K. You of course, were playing frisbee.
- K.W. Naturally. Jim and I had a painted up V.W. bug courtesy of some campground craziness and we just threw through towns and stuff. Anyway, we get to Kingston and Bob was in the crowd. He came up and introduced himself, we threw for a while and then went out for dinner. Next day, Jim and I moved on.
- D.K. When was the next time you ran into Bob?
- K.W. I can't remember, maybe in T.O.
- D.K. I better interview him next.
- K.W. Yeah, right.
- D.K. Last question. The biggest money tournament in the history of Canada is happening Labor Day Weekend of this year, what else can we look forward to?
- K.W. Tons. That tournament is the Master's and there will be a minimum of \$7,000 plus prizes. Peter Turcaj, of guts fame, has been working really hard on putting this together, it will be hot - maybe 50 guts teams or more. Plus, the good old Canadian Open, August 10 & 11 at the Island in Toronto, always the highlight of the summer. Also this summer, Mac's is sponsoring Frisbee and Hacky Sack festivals in communities nation wide and Labatt's has got a Frisbee team together as well under Peter's leadership. There's also going to be a few golf tournaments on the Island, in Etobicoke and St. Thomas is getting their course in this spring.
- D.K. Sounds busy. What else do we need?
- K.W. More Z's and hotter chicken wings.
- D.K. Thanks Ken.
- K.W. No sweat.



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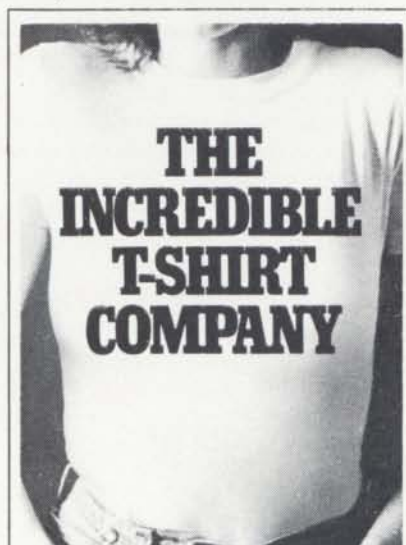


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May 1985

5-4, 5-85	Ultimate, COLLEGIATE REGIONAL (U. MASS/NE), (PRINCETON U./Mid-Atlantic)	John Matranqa 215-861-8428
5-4, 5-85	Ultimate, Amherst, MA, (U. Mass) Womens tournament	Nancy ?????
5-4, 5-85	Ultimate, Towson, MD 16 team, mens and womens teams	Mitch 301-997-5789
5-4, 5-85	Disc Golf; 1985 PDGA Pro Tour Cherry Blossom Classic; McLean, VA, 3 different courses	Dave Griffin 703-256-5479
5-11, 12-85	Ultimate, Newark, DEL. (U. Delaware), 10 teams, mens and womens	Steve Peterson 302-731-4488
5-11-85	Clean Up Sedgely Woods Disc Golf Tournament, Philadelphia, PA 10 AM, bring tools!	Darby Williammee 215-933-5123
5-11, 12-85	Disc Golf, 7th Annual Throw for the Roses, Louisville, KY	Randy Clark 502-363-2851
5-18-85	Frisbee & Hacky Sack Festival 1985, Warwick Park, PA, Free T-Shirt for 1st 100 instructors	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
5-18, 19-85	Ultimate, Washington D.C., 16 teams mens and womens	Eric Simon 703-521-6918
5-18, 19-85	Disc Golf, PDGA Pro Tour, Frick Park, Pittsburgh, PA	Steve Kohman 412-561-8343
5-18-85	DDC, Disc Golf, Rutgers U. Douglas College, 10 AM	Theo Cade 210-291-5993
5-25, 26-85	OCTAD 1985; Disc Golf, MTA, FPA Freestyle, Ultimate, Guts, Hacky, Warwick, PA, 9 AM Reg	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
5-25, 26-85	Ultimate, Stanford, U. California, COLLEGIATE NATIONALS	Mike Farnum 914-253-5026
5-27-85	Disc Golf; 1985 PDGA Pro Tour; Sedgely Woods; Philadelphia, PA; 3 rounds; 10 AM tee \$15.00	Jim Powers 215-873-0559

June 1985

6-1, 2-85	Ultimate, UPA SECTIONALS FOR EASTERNS (NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC), Penn State for PA/DE/WV	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
6-1, 2-85	Disc Golf; 1985 PDGA Pro Tour; Mt. Kisco, NY	Ed Malloy 914-793-3660
6-8, 9-85	Ultimate, UPA REGIONALS FOR EASTERNS, (U. CONN/Northeast), (Rutgers U. /Mid-Atlantic)	Eric Simon 703-521-6918
6-15, 16-85	Ultimate, UPA EASTERNS, Purchase, NY	Mike Farnum 914-253-5026
6-15, 16-85	Disc Golf; PDGA Pro Tour, Niagara Falls, NY	Jim Palmeri 716-271-6546
6-15, 16-85	K-9, Gaines Ashley Whipped Regional, Baltimore, MD (Orioles Baseball Game)	Irv Lander 800-423-3268
6-22-85	K-9, Gaines Ashley Whippet Regional, Central Park, Frisbee Hill, New York, New York	Irv Lander 800-423-3268
6-25-30-85	Mazda US Open; La Mirrada, CA; All events and lots of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	Dan Mangone 714-523-5282
6-29-85	Disc Golf, Sedgely Woods; Philadelphia, PA; 3 rounds, 10 AM tee; \$5.00	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
6-29-85	DDC, Disc Golf, Rutgers U. Douglas College, 10 AM	Theo Cade 201-291-5993

July 1985

7-4, 5-85	Ultimate, Mars, PA 16 teams Mid Summer Classic	Ken Scott 412-625-9083
7-6, 7-85	Golf, MTA, Distance 1st Annual Toronto Flying Disc Open, Etobicoke, Ontario	Phil Palumbo 416-626-8515
7-6, 7-85	Freestyle, FPA Tournament, Kansas City, MO	FPA 303-484-6932
7-13, 14-85	Freestyle, FPA Tournament, Ft. Collins, CO	FPA 303-484-6932
7-20-85	Disc Golf; Sedgely Woods, Philadelphia, PA; 3 rounds; 10 AM tee; \$5.00	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
7-20, 21-85	Freestyle, World FPA Championships, Minneapolis, MN	FPA 303-484-6932
7-19, 8-1-85	China Tour, Discovering the World's China Frisbee/Hacky Sack Tour	Disc Cov World 916-756-3472
7-27-85	DDC, Disc Golf; Rutgers U.; Douglas College 10 AM	Theo Cade 201-291-5993
7-26, 28-85	PDGA World/North American Disc Golf Championship, Tulsa, OK	Rick Neil 918-622-3444
7-30, 8-3-85	American Flying Disc Open & Senior Chap.; Rochester, NY Golf, Dist, DDC, Discat., SCF, ACC.	Jim Palmeri 716-271-6546

August 1985

8-3, 4-85	11th Americn Flying Disc Open, Rochester, NY, Golf	Jim Palmeri 716-271-6546
8-10, 11-85	Disc Golf, PDGA Pro Tour, Rutgers U., Douglass College	Don Doyle, 201-545-8928
8-13, 18-85	1985 World Disc Golf Championship; Helsingborg, Sweden; Svenska Frisbee Forbundet	Gerd Biesterfeld 031-195501
8-13, 18-85	World Flying Disc Championship, Santa Cruz, CA, Dist, DDC, MTA, Golf, FS, ACC, Ultimate	Tom Schot 408-462-5293
8-17-85	Disc Golf & GUTS, Warwick Park, Knauertown, PA	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
8-17, 18-85	Disc Golf, PDGA US Disc Golf Championship, La Mirada Open, La Mirada, CA	Dan Mongone 309-788-5385
8-25-85	New Jersey Championship; Golf, Distance & Discation, Rutgers U. Douglas College	Tom Gockel 201-738-9386
8-31-85	DDC, Disc Golf; Rutgers U., Douglas College 10 AM	Theo Cade 201-291-5993

September 1985

9-1-85	US Frisbee & Hacky Sack Festival, Air & Space Museum, Washington D.C.	Larry Schindel 301-843-2643
9-21-85	Disc Golf, PDGA 1986 Pro Tour, Warwick Park, Knauertown, PA, 10 AM tee, \$15.00	Jim Powers 215-873-0559

October 1985

10-5, 6-85	Disc Golf, Maryland State Disc Golf Championships, College Park, MD	Dave Griffin 703-256-5479
10-12, 13-85	Ultimate, Sectionals UPA North American Championship Series	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
10-19-85	Disc Golf, Sedgely Woods, Philadelphia, PA; 3 rounds, 10 AM tee, \$5.00	Darby Williammee 215-933-5123
10-19, 20-85	Ultimate, Regionals UPA North American Championship Series	Eric Simon 703-521-6918
10-25, 27-85	Ultimate, UPA North American Championships, Washington D.C. on the MALL!!	Eric Simon 703-521-6918

November 1985

11-9-85	Disc Golf, 1986 PDGA PRO TOUR, Sedgely Woods, Philadelphia, PA, 3 rounds, 9:30 AM tee, \$15.00	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
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December 1985

12-7-85	Disc Golf, Pearl Harbor Golf Classic, Sedgely Woods, Philadelphia, PA 2 rounds, \$5.00	Jim Powers 215-873-0559
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