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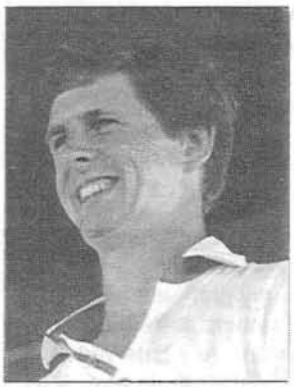
Harper Repeats in '94 Open

by Kim Theesen, #7513

Like a well oiled machine, **Jeff Harper** of Coralville, Iowa, repeated by taking top honors in the fifth annual Cornhusker Open, held at Interstate Disc Golf Course on June 11 & 12. His four round total of 189 also included a new course record of 41, set in the first round. Kansas City's **Otto Spiers** shot a 194 to take second place. His solid 51 on the long and windy fourth round, which beat Harper's 58 by seven shots, wasn't enough to catch Harper's commanding lead. Third place went to **Gary Lewis** of Independence, Missouri, who shot a 197. Lewis also won the putting contest held on Saturday. Also cashing in with a tie for fourth place were **Randy Brown** of McPherson, Kansas, and **Scott Innis** of Grinnell, Iowa. Both shot a 198. In the Pro Masters Ottumwa, Iowa's **Tom Cremer** shot a 199 to take home first place. Cremer won the open masters in '92. **Harvey "The Life Force" Barger** of Winfield, Kansas, avoided trouble and logged a 205 to take the second slot. Lincoln's own **Brad Ramsay** shot 210 to finish third.



Iowa's Jeff Harper

Parker Wins in AM I

Terry Parker of Council Bluffs shot a commanding 204 to win the division of Amateur I. Parker has been shooting a consistent game this year and we wish him luck as

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Disc Golf Debuts in State Games

by David Nolte, #7514

July 16th and 17th, 1994, saw sixty-seven Nebraskan amateur disc golfers compete in beautiful weather for the gold, silver, and bronze medals of the tenth annual Cornhusker State Games. Most of the "usual suspects" came to play in the advanced and intermediate divisions, but it was really exciting to see more than thirty new players sign up in the novice division, and put their skills to the test in competition for the first time.

The weekend got off to a thrilling start as eighteen players and volunteers showed up at Seacrest Field on Friday evening to march with thousands of the other

The Group Gathered for the Parade of Athletes

competitors in the Parade of Athletes. We walked by the capacity crowd in the west grandstand, most of whom were hearing the name "disc golf" for the first time, to rousing applause, and were treated to a program of song and dance, gymnastics, parachuting, and fireworks. The athletes' party after play on Saturday night also contributed to making this a special disc golf event.

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Arbor Report

- Pat Raybould, #4442

It is no secret that the Interstate Disc Golf Course is fairly wide open and in dire need of more trees. The Lincoln Flying Disc Club took it upon themselves to plant twenty-three trees over the last three years to help fix this problem. It has been a tough challenge maintaining these tender young trees.

Last summer the course experienced a tornado that took down many trees and disappointed even more disc golfers. With the matching funds from the Lower Platte natural Resource District, the LFDC was able to plant fifteen trees in strategic locations during the spring of '94. This planting was helpful, but it is hard to replace huge mature trees with small seven foot tall trees. It will take several years for these trees to grow and become a true challenge for disc golfers.

A big surprise came later in this past spring when a nursery from Omaha started planting numerous trees around the park. It was like Christmas in May. Larry Group of Lincoln Parks and Recreation laid out the design and informed me that these trees were the result of some help from Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA). One hundred and forty trees from FEMA were planted west of the main creek on the park. Larry stated that around ten more trees would be planted to the west of the creek this fall. Trees of this variety will definitely make a difference in the years to come. Those trees that have already turned brown will be replaced this fall. And Larry also mentioned that the holes that were dug but not filled will eventually have new trees placed in them. Some of these trees will be Bald Cypress, which are a unique looking evergreen that sheds all of its needles in the winter season.

"Those trees that have already turned brown will be replaced this fall."

LFDCer John Talken is working with various agencies on getting additional trees for fall planting. John tells us that the Max E. Roper family has donated fifty large evergreen trees. Twenty-five will be planted on each side of Interstate I80 along the fence line. Most of the trees from FEMA and the Roper family will unfortunately not come into play on the fairways. They will add beauty and help block the wind. However, if you golf like me you will find yourself off the fairways and behind some of the new trees, then they will come into play.

I would ask all disc golfers to help take care of these young trees. In the first place these trees are costly, but more importantly they bring much needed additional challenges to the course. Let's all enjoy our ever changing disc golf course.

Letters to the Editor...

Editor:

I just wanted to drop you a line to let you know how much fun my son and I had particpating in our first disc golf tournament, the Cornhusker State Games. My son Beren was elated to have won the gold medal in his junior novice division. I think it was great that you had so many divisions for all of the novice players.

We challenge every one who has played casually but not yet in a tourney to participate in the next one. Everything about the State Games' tournament was well organized. My hat's off to the directors and the Lincoln Flying Disc Club. We look forward to disc golf becoming a permanent member of the State Games.

Bruce and Beren Jones
Lincoln, NE

Editor:

I'd like to express my gratitude for a well run disc golf tournament at the Cornhusker State Games. Any time you get sixty-plus people together to do any thing, it's going to be a challenge. Every one knew exactly what to do and where to go. Good job! As a novice player, I enjoyed the first round random groupings which gave me an opportunity to observe experienced players closely. I'll remember what a good time it was to participate. Both foursomes in which I played were very supportive and fun.

The athletes' party Saturday night was really fun. I hadn't had a chance to dance in a long time. Those disc golfers really know how to spin! I'll see you at the Games next July!

Charlie Troxel
Lincoln, NE

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THE CALENDAR

SEPT. 17... BLACKHAWK METRO OPEN
Waterloo, IA... D. L. Redman... (319) 296-1747

SEPT. 18... 1:00... LFDC All Club Meeting
Doubles with Pin Prizes!

OCT. 2... 3RD HARVEST CLASSIC
Lincoln, NE... Rick Fleege... (402) 466-0857

OCT. 7-9... OctoberFRIZ '94
Winfield, KS... Harvey Barger... (316) 221-1017

OCT. 9... THROWER' S CUP - Monster Course
Lincoln, NE... Rick Fleege... (402) 466-0857

OCT. 22-23... DOUG LACK MEMORIAL
Tulsa, OK... Rick Neil... (918) 622-6648

LFDC's First Disc Golf League Winners

From left to right (first to fourth place, respectively): **David Nolte, Bill Sorensen, Philip Schmidt, and Scott Bosung.**

I am a Golf Disc

by Tandra Bilbo

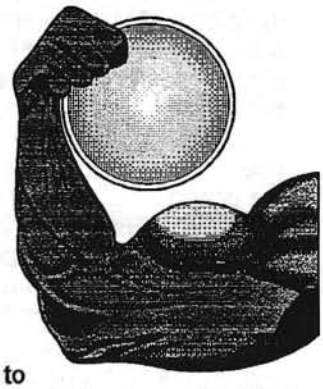
I am golf disc.
Please don't call me a Frisbee.
I can do so much more.
I can find a basket for a hole-in-one
and sometimes I can deuce it.
When I am thirsty I can always find the creek.
I also like to hang around in trees.
I can be named after animals.
I come in many weights and colors.
My best friend is Mini, for she marks my
last stop.
Most of all, I like flying through the air.
I go left or right or just straight to where I
want to go.
So, you see, I am not a Frisbee...
I am a golf disc.

Arms Respond

- Pat Raybould, #4442

Omaha's first major PDGA sanctioned tournament drew seventy-nine participants which included some of the best pro players in this region. Tournament players were treated to a wide variety of challenging holes on the new Seymour Smith course. Each hole has A and B tees and A and B pin placements. All four rounds provided changes on every hole to keep things fresh and interesting.

Four new course records were established. **Jeff Harper** of Coralville, Iowa, set the record for the B tees to the A placements with a 45. **Crazy John Brooks** of Kansas City, one of the top names in disc golf, shot a 52 in the tourney's tough final round which was set in the B tees to the long B placements. **LaRon Harris** of Kansas City set two records with a 46 in the third round and a new all time course lowest score of a 43 from the A's to the A's. A $25 bounty was awarded to each player that broke a record.



Overall Jeff Harper prevailed to win first place in the pro open division taking home the $354 purse. This was Jeff's third major tournament victory in Nebraska in the last two years. Laron "The Who Man" Harris took second place winnings of $248. Crazy John, who birdied nine of the first ten holes, finished in third with $106.

Brad Ramsay of Lincoln powered his way into first place of the pro masters with a commanding ten stroke victory over second place winner **Dennis Vansholtz** of Herrington, Kansas, and third place winner **Bill Yerd** of Greenville, Delaware. **Ed Powell** finished in first place in the crowded advanced division with fellow Des Moines player **Joe Kloster** coming in second. **Mike Schmidt** of Lincoln finished strong in the final round to take third place.

Juliana Kover of Ames, Iowa, took a first round lead in the amateur women's and held on to win first place. **Melanie Miller** of Omaha shot consistently well to take second with Lincoln's **Anita Jackson** finishing just two shots behind her to take third. **Mark Pendgraft** of Council Bluffs had a fine third round performance to propel him into first place in the Amateur Men's. The hard working **Mr. Bill Hulbert** of Omaha coasted to victory in the Amateur Master's. Other division winners were junior boy's **Anthony Dutiel**, junior girl's **Angela Botsford,** and novice winner **Ryan Janssen.**

The tournament was a good learning experience for all, especially those that launched their discS into the creek jungle, complete with bee hive. Tournament Director **Albert Nelson** was very pleased with the large turnout and wanted to thank the staff that helped with this warm weathered event. No doubt about it, Omaha is well on its way to a successful future in disc golf.

(See scoreboard and photos on page II)

¡Cinco de Climo!

- Mike Fleege, #6192

Friday morning. Packed and loaded. Ready to hit it. For the experienced disc golfer, nothing gets you higher than a good road trip to an awesome tournament. What started out as a pipe dream last summer was about to become reality. Brother Rick and I were off of Pleasure Island. Our destination? The 1994 PDGA Disc Golf World Championships in Port Arthur, Texas.

We ventured forward not as players, but as the two most enthusiastic spectators in the week-long gallery. We also wanted to make it known to the higher echelon of the disc golf community that we have heard of and frequently participate in the sport of the future way up north here in Nebraska. (Oh, yeah...we wanted to swim in the ocean, too. That was cool.)

So what happened? We went. We saw. We were amazed. Precious knowledge was gained, secrets were learned, and new friends were made. Our minds were blown and our horizons were widened as we made a steadfast vow that we should be back soon. Not as vacationing voyeurs, but as professional players on a mission.

Imagine all the top contenders in the world gathered in one congregation to compare abilities and compete against one another for the coveted title of World Champion. I've heard their names, seen their scores, read of their accomplishments. I've met some of them and even played with a few in past tournaments. These people are without a doubt the best at what they do, play the game well.

So as not to rehash old news, I will let you read all about the results and outcome of this spectacular extravaganza in the current disc golf publications. Okay, okay, here's is a little insight: **Ken Climo** won his unprecedented fifth consecutive open world championship; **Elaine King** won her fourth; and **Tom Monroe** won his third. All three by quite remarkable margins. (Yes, they really are that good!)

John Houck, current PDGA commissioner, did an excellent job as tournament director. The four courses on Pleasure Island were definitely championship caliber and the best we have ever played. I can't even begin to describe this disc golf paradise, but you can buy me a beer sometime and I'll sure give it a try. Go play for yourself. It is my understanding that next year's world championships will once again grace these incredible links. The thrill. The excitement. The competition. It was all there. Disc golf camaraderie. That's what it's all about. That's why I love to play this game.

A couple thousand miles, a few hundred dollars, twelve new courses, five states, one ocean, and thirteen days later, it was sure nice to see the "Thrower" perched high and welcoming us back home. As always, the experience continues... ***Chaing!***

Did You See Where My Disc Went?

- Mary Kay Vestecka

The 1994 Cedar Valley Summer Classic Women's National Championship was held June 26-27 in Waterloo, Iowa. The first two rounds on Saturday took place at Hickory Hills Park, site of the 1989 World's, south of Waterloo. In this country park, accuracy is a key factor if you want a satisfactory score, and to return home with all of your discs! The course was beautifully laid out among thick underbrush, majestic trees, rolling hills, and water hazards. Many a disc was lost and many a lesson was learned. As of this tournamen there are no permanent pole holes or tees, however, the Black Hawk Metro Disc Golf League will be installing nine permanent Mach III pole holes hopefully by this fall.

The competition on Sunday was held at Exchange Park in Waterloo. The eighteen hole course is set up along the south side of the Cedar River, with the river and southern wind creating another day of challenging disc golf. There are A and B placements of Mach III and Mach III conversion pole holes, and an infamous "island hole."

In the field of sixty-five participants, there were nine pro women and seven amateur women. In the women's open division, **Elaine King** of Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, finished first; **Beth Tanner** of Charlotte, North Carolina, second; **Teresa Keith**, Cincinnati, Ohio, third, and home girl **Kelli Hughes**, last years' Women's National Champion, came in fourth. Fifth place went to **Becky Powell** of Houston, Texas, the '93 Japan Open Champion. In the Women's amateur division, **Juliana Korver**, formerly of Waterloo, took first place, and **Melanie Miller** of Omaha, Nebraska, came in second.

At both courses, there was plenty of water stations, spotters, and support from the Black Hawk Metro Disc Golf League members. The sponsors also hosted dinner Saturday evening at the Brown Bottle in Waterloo, provided free for the women golfers, and pizza at the lunch break on Sunday for all participants.

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State Games Disc Demonstration Debuts

The tournament itself was played in some of the best weather one could hope for on July afternoons in Nebraska. Not too hot, and most surprisingly, not too windy conditions prevailed. Thanks to the assistance of many, volunteers and players alike, the event ran quite smoothly. With the exception of the TD falling asleep at the wheel beginning the fourth round, (Whad'dya mean they haven't started yet? Oh, I have to blow the horn, don't I?), play was very nearly on schedule and without negative incident.

The Medalists

In the novice divisions, all of the junior and women players went home with medals, which I think they all found encouraging. (However, it's a sign that we should work on filling out these divisions next year.) The gold medal in the Juniors 10 & Under went to **Michelle Bilbo** with a score of 145 and **Beren Jones** in the 11-13 division with a 139. Juniors played twenty-seven holes. **Chris Chemelka** won in the 14-16 division with a 105, and **Tony Younger** won the Novice Women's with a 120, both divisions playing thirty-six holes.

I wish I could have given medals to all of the twenty-one Novice Men and Masters players as well. They all played in their first tournament with good humor and competitive spirit. **Dean DeButts** won the Novice Masters with a 119, and **Craig Korth** was the Novice Men's winner with a 103, again both divisions playing thirty-six holes. After the second round, we had a "Run for the Roses" putting contest for the novices. They all "ran" by throwing simultaneously at a portable hole from a distance of fifty feet. It was quite the scene to see thirty-one discs flying at the same time to the target. This exciting event was won in the fourth round when **Eric Leyden** sank his fifty footer. The Saturday ace fund was won by **Craig Korth** who aced #5 in its A placement.

Gold Medalist John Talken

Sunday was intermediate and advanced players only -- completing seventy-two holes in four rounds. We had some unusual placements and tees in the third round, but no surprises in the fourth, just the permanent tees to the long pins.

Lincoln's **Anita Jackson** won the gold medal in the Intermediate Women's division with a 242. Only two throws behind was **Melanie Miller** of Omaha who took home the silver with a 244. **Carrie Miller,** also of Omaha, won the bronze. **Travis McAlexander** won the gold in Intermediate Men's with a 217. One throw separated silver medalist **Sean Kinsey** of La Vista and bronze medalist **Jeff Beaty** of Lincoln, scoring 224 and 225 respectively.

With a four round score of 202, **John Talken** of Lincoln won the gold medal in the Advanced division, earning him the undisputed title of Nebraska Amateur Champion for 1994. John played well all weekend, and he and **Mike Fleege** were under par (counting 500+ feet as par 4) on the unusual course setup Sunday morning, which I didn't think anyone would be able to do. **Kurt Kopp** of Omaha shot a 205 to earn the silver. A 207 was scored by **David Seevers** and **Mike Fleege,** both of Lincoln. David won the bronze medal after a play off. Mike won the Sunday ace fund, being closest to the pin on #1 in a throw off. **Phil Schmidt** won the putting contest, being the first to sink a shot from the thirty-five foot No. 6 spot on the around nine court.

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On to 1995

This was designated a "demonstration" year for disc golf, with our sport to be given full status only after covering costs (which we did with plenty to spare) and having no significant difficulties. We received excellent press in both the Lincoln and Omaha papers ("What's all this talk about 'gummy' putters, Dave?") and the personal support of at least one of the Games' directors and ongoing support of Assistant Director Dan Lindenstein. I have every expectation that we will be admitted on a regular basis at the next Board of Directors meeting to be held at the end of October. Before setting the format for next time, we will give everyone an opportunity to give input about their likes, dislikes, etc. in an attempt to make it the best event possible.

I have unlimited praise for the State Games' staff, my volunteers, our sponsor KFC, the River City Flying Disc Association, the Lincoln Flying Disc Club and its executive committee, Assistant Sport Director Kim Theesen, and Anita Jackson (who got the whole state games thing started). Without this network of support, this would not have been the terrific event that it was. And with continued support, we will return in '95 for the eleventh Annual Cornhusker State Games.

Photo Gallery: Cornhusker State Games 1994

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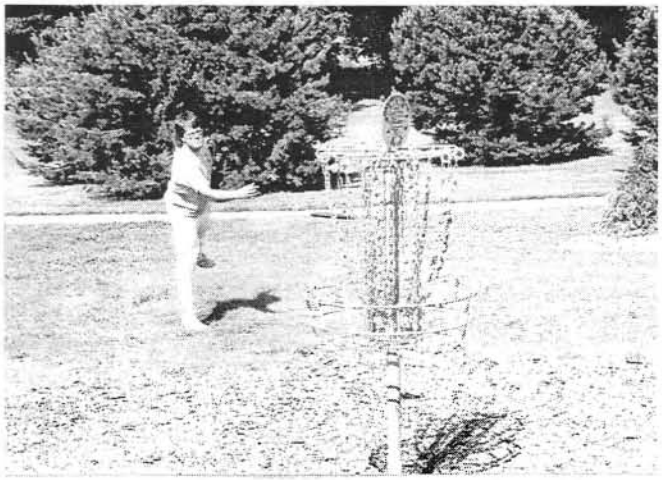

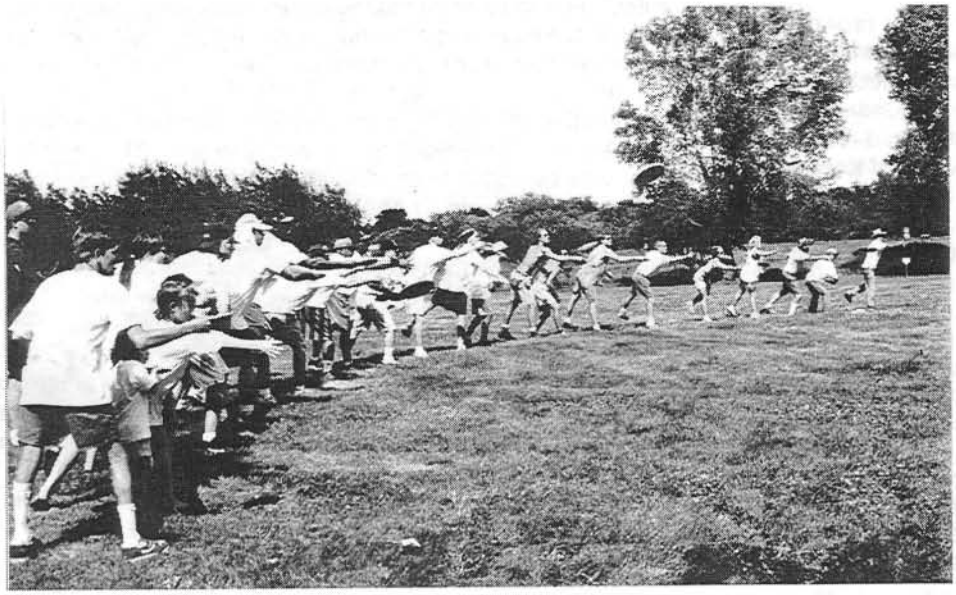

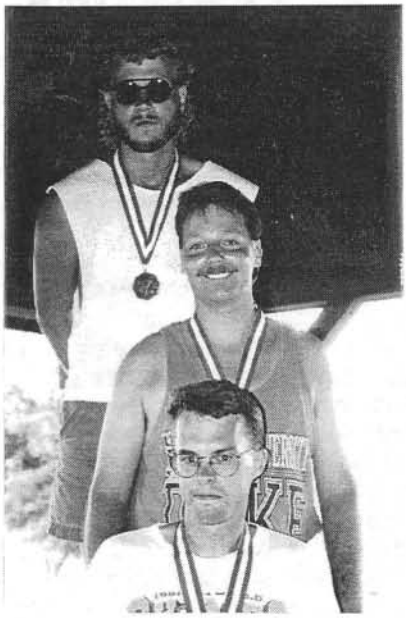

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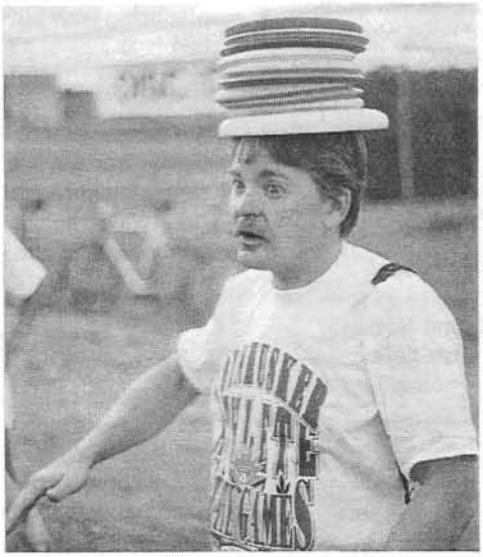
1) Novice Women: Tony Younger (gold) and Jody Schmitz (silver)... 2) Junior Winners: Tegan Nolte, Michelle Bilbo, Amanda Bilbo, and Beren Jones... 3) Novice Masters: Dean DeButts (gold), Bruce Simons (silver), and T. Hoskins (bronze)... 4) The Novices "Run for the Roses"... 5) Parachuters make their entrance at the Opening Ceremonies... 6) Novice Men: Craig Korth (gold), Ben Forcier (silver), and Eric Leyden (bronze)... 7) The Disc Directors: David Nolte and Kim Theesen... 8) Hey, Pat Raybould! Get a bag to carry those discs!... 9) Carie Miller shoots in the CTP... 10) The Putting Champ: Philip "Mr. Putt" Schmidt... 11) Intermediates: Travis McAlexander (gold), Sean Kinsey (silver), and Jeff Beaty (bronze)... 12) Novice Juniors: Chris Chmelka (gold), Jay Thompson (silver), and John Boughtin (bronze)... 13) Advanced Men: John Talken (gold), Kurt Kopp (silver), and David Seevers (bronze)...



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Cornhusker Open V

he moves on to the open ranks. There was a tight race right behind him with only six shots separating second through fifth. Shooting a 211, **Mike Schmidt** of Lincoln ended second. Iowa's **Jon Latch** of Ankeny and **Jeff Mullen** of Cedar Rapids tallied a 212 and 213, respectively, to take third and fourth. Rounding out the trophy winners was **Jon Kerns** of Kansas City, Kansas. His 217 earned him fifth.

One of Lincoln's most improved players is **David Seevers**. His 233 took first place in the Amateur IIs. Only two tosses behind him was **Adam Osika** from Omaha with a 235. **Christopher Olson,** in from Salina, Kansas, took third with a 237. Omaha's **Ren Terkuile** scored a 238 and **Kenny Scdoris** of Lincoln got a 250. Only seven shots separated the top five trophy winners in Amateur II.

The Women and Novices

A total of nine set a record for women in attendance for the Cornhusker Open. **Anita Jackson** of Lincoln won the Women's Amateur with a 257. Hot on her heels was Omaha's **Melanie Miller.** Lincoln's **Brenda Schmidt** shot a 288 to take home third. **Lyn Rothstein** of Overland Park, Kansas, was the first professional woman to grace Max Roper Park. She shot a record 235.

Valuable tournament experience was gained by a field of six in the Novice division, five of whom were from Lincoln. **Jeff Beaty's** 235 took first and **Stuart Brown** earned second with a 251. **Josh Niefert** of Norwalk, Iowa, took third with a 275. Our lone junior, **Tony Dutiel** of Omaha, scored a two round total of 135.

The conditions for this fifth annual event saw temps from high 70s to the mid 80s for Saturday and a gentle 10 m.p.h. breeze. The field of sixty-seven saw Sunday get up to the mid 90s and the winds inflated the scores with a steady 15-25 mph blow, complete with gusts up to 30. Next year's open is scheduled for June 10th and 11th. Mark your calendars today for what should be Lincoln Flying Disc Club's biggest tourney ever!

From This Year's TD

- Kim Theesen, #75B

Several issues were discussed during the course of this tourney; one involved the women's division. It was a pleasant surprise to have a professional woman amongst the ranks. Some thought she should have played with the amateurs and taken home the first place trophy. Yes, we advertised the open as having a division for "women." However, it would not have been fair to mix a pro among the AMs. Fortunately, Lyn Rothstein was cooperative. She knows there are a limited number of pro women in the region. I sincerely believe she enjoyed the tournament. The Lincoln Flying Disc Club will do our best to insure her return and hopefully professional competition. In the future we must offer multiple divisions for women. (See related article on page 11.) I propose at least four for next year: Open, Am I, Am II, and Novice. Junior women could also be an option. They may not all get big prize packages, but I'd like to see most win something, at least plastic.

Another tournament issue was the numbers in some of the divisions. For example at the start, there were only three players in the masters, one in the juniors, and the aforementioned single pro woman. Now, according to the PDGA rules "the director may by giving adequate public notice, restrict tournament competition to classifications of the director's choosing. Absent such notice, the director is required to hold competition in any classification where *four or more* players enter." I could have tossed the pro masters (only three were there at the beginning of round 1), juniors (only 1 player), and the pro woman (already discussed). The club and I decided to run them all.

Another little oversight by me was the checking the pros' PDGA card. If they didn't have the card or were not members, they were supposed to pay $5. My excuse is that while registration was happening, I was still in limbo about being the TD. In the September/October issue of *Disc Golf Journal*, PDGA Administrator Dennis Byrne said "next year amateurs [AM Is] will have to pay an extra $5 per event, but not this year." To quote Albert Nelson, "I don't feel we have the right to coerce amateurs into joining our organization, especially since our 'professional' sport is still played in the public domain and not in its own controlled environment like other professional sports such as baseball, football, ball golf, etc. What happens when an advanced player who is not a PDGA member decides he/she does not want to pay $5 extra but still elects to compete? More than likely he/she will play AM II." Albert calls it the "Mandatory Sandbag Rule."

The TD and Lyn Rothstein

It's getting to be something of a broken record, but preregistration would have alleviated most of the problems we encountered with the Open. If we can get 67 people to preregister for the State Games (including 30 novices), we should be able to get sixty -plus experienced players to send in their entries at least a week in advance. I propose that we give an incentive, something more that just a buck, to get people to preregister. At the State Games it was great to have all of the groupings and scorecards ready to go days in advance. Another option would be to hold a Friday night event and include registration. There really aren't any good excuses for the locals not to register in advance. Wouldn't you rather be practicing your putts and drives instead of filling out a registration form?

What's in a Name?

We need to consider changing the name of the Cornhusker Open. Several people have expressed their concerns with the confusion between the Open and the Cornhusker State Games. I'm going to hold back on sharing the ideas that I've received so far, however, "The Midwest's Own Psych Out Funkadelic Cosmic Windy Disc Stomp" will probably be voted out. Everyone out there should be thinking about a new name. Write to us.

Our sympathy goes out to Albert Nelson, our regularly scheduled TD. His absence was due to the illness and subsequent death of his father. This was first time he missed the Cornhusker Open and we're sure he'll participate next year. I feel fortunate that I had passed the test to become an official and was happy that the players and the Club gave me the opportunity to direct the tournament. It certainly was an exciting last half hour before the action commenced. Thank you for vote of confidence and patience.

From the t'ee...

Photo Gallery: Cornhusker Open V

Starting at upper left, procede clockwise...

1) Scoring Aces (L to R): Terry Parker, Mike Fleege, and Travis McAlexander...
2) Terry Parker sinks one at close range...
2) Randy Brown, Gary Lewis, and Jeff Harper made in the shade...
3) Pat Raybould awards Mike Schmidt his prizes...
4) Kelly Warren putts...
5) Chuck Straub watches Tom Cremer drive on #15...

Women...for the Good of the Sport

I was I asked by the editor of this fine publication to give my views on the subject of women in disc golf. Gee, where do I start? How much space do I get? I think that women's disc golf is coming to a big crossroads as the sport continues to grow in popularity. We have to do some serious catching up to the number of men or I think that we will be left behind.

Let's face it, this is a male dominated sport. Tournaments seem to be geared to men, especially professional men. Likewise, reporting in the major disc golf publications is geared towards the male gender. Check it out. In *Disc Golfer* (July-August, 1994), we

The Nine Women Golfers of the Cornhusker Open

were treated to practically a hole-by-hole account of the Men's Open division at the Kansas City Wide Open. Now, this isn't a total slam; the men's open division is the glamour division and the most exciting to watch, but the reporting does seem a bit uneven. To find the first mention of the women's open, you had to flip on back to page 12. One paragraph was devoted to the four rounds of golf that these women played. No matter how well written, one paragraph can not really cover four rounds of golf. Hey, this was an "A" level "Super Tour" event, and these were some of the top names in women's disc golf in the country! Men's open masters was also given short shrift: one paragraph. Men's amateurs got more press than these pro divisions. Well, men's divisions are the largest in the tournament so it earns the most coverage. That maybe true, but they mention only the top names in those divisions, too. If you ended up in tenth place and still got a good prize package, you still won't be mentioned in the article. I think that more promotion (i.e., covering) of the smaller divisions is needed to help increase the numbers.

I don't know how many times I've heard men and women disc golfers try to figure out why more women don't play, not just in tournaments, just playing at all. "Disc Golf Needs Women..." sounds like a bad horror movie. However, it's true – disc golf does need more women. Why don't more women play disc golf? I'm afraid that there is no simple answer to this question. It has to with a number of things: competitiveness, team sports vs. individual sports, kids, etc. I'll discuss each and every one with each of you who is interested, later, perhaps over a beer...

What To Do?

There are some things that each of us can do to help out. First and most important, get your female friend(s) out there with you. Put a disc in her hand and get her drivin' and puttin'. Once you get her out on the course give her some encouragement, and the most important item, instruction. Get them started on the right foot with the basics: keep that disc level, don't try to throw too hard right away, straight is more important than distance at the beginning... Don't just give an "oohh, bummer" when a shot goes way off. Keep your attitude positive. I have been greeted with that "Oh no, not a woman" look during the first round at a couple of tournaments. (Though I do get my revenge when I win a hole.) When you are

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playing with a woman in your group, whether it is in a tournament or casual round, make her feel welcome. She'll tell her friends what fun she had and bring them with her next time.

Once a woman starts playing disc golf, it is another thing to get her to play in a tournament. It's that competitive thing again. Here, too, there are things that can be done to make tournaments more "user friendly" for women. In addition to reduced entry fees, the easiest thing to do is offer more than one women's division in tournaments. In a letter in the last issue of Disc Golf Journal, Oklahoma's Amber Merchant said that she was relatively new to the sport. She didn't like playing in tournaments because she was always lumped into a group that included advanced and pro women. And she was tired of "being stomped on all of the time." Big surprise, huh? I'll bet you Am II guys would get tried of playing against Am I and pros pretty quick, too. Look at the results of the women's amateur division in almost any tournament and you will see an obvious split in the scores. That's because there are at least two different skill levels playing in one division. I say split the group up into Am I and II now. Don't wait until a dozen women show up...do it now. If you offer them, they will come. "What if only one woman signs up for Am II?" will be the cry of TDs everywhere. So what? Let them play in a division of one. If only one junior showed up at a tournament, I'll bet that he or she would be allowed to play "for the good of the sport." Here, too, small women's divisions will have to be tolerated for a while. I consider myself an AM I player, and I for one wouldn't mind giving up a bit prize-wise to help support a small AM II division, for the good of the sport. The different women's divisions can play together. They just wouldn't compete against each other. You and I know that good tournaments are fun. If she plays in one, she'll be hooked.

Deb Beckler & Sandy Susanin

Some of you may be asking "why is it so important to get more women involved anyway?" Let's look at the big picture for just one moment. Disc golf is poised on the brink of being really big. To be really big, big time sponsorship (that's money, folks) is needed. It looks much better to a sponsor if they can see a sport where men and women can compete at a high level of play. Sponsors look better if they can support women in sports. It's a politically correct

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Scoreboard: A Call to Arms

River City Flying Disc Association
August 13-14, 1994
Seymore Smith Park
Omaha, NE TD: Albert Nelson
Field: 79 Purse: $1064

Open (9)		I	II	III	IV	Totals	
1	Jeff Harper	44	45	49	53	**191**	$354
2	Laron Harris	43	51	46	56	**196**	248
3	Crazy John Brooks	44	53	49	52	**198**	106
4	Otto Spiers	50	50	51	55	**206**	
5	Aaron Slezak	47	51	53	59	**210**	
6	Dale Patterson	48	53	53	58	**212**	
6	Gary Lewis	44	50	57	61	**212**	
8	Terry Parker	50	55	52	59	**216**	
19	Mark Ramsey	50	53	55	59	**217**	

Master (7)							
1	Brad Ramsey	48	52	52	57	**209**	$178
2	Dennis Vahsholtz	48	55	60	56	**219**	124
3	Bill Yerd	50	58	60	58	**226**	54
4	Charles Straub	51	59	59	64	**233**	
5	Rick Rothstein	48	60	59	68	**235**	
6	Brad Packett	50	58	62	67	**237**	
7	Brian Malone	57	59	66	66	**248**	

Advanced (21)						
1	Ed Powell	45	55	61	59	**220**
2	Joe Kloster	49	52	59	64	**224**
3	Mike Schmidt	50	60	56	61	**227**
4	Ray Fitzgerald	52	56	55	64	**227**
5	Tim Elder	52	56	59	61	**228**
6	Rick Fleege	49	62	57	61	**229**
6	Tim Stone	53	55	59	62	**229**
6	John Kruger	53	55	54	67	**229**
9	Rod Barnett	54	55	58	63	**230**
10	Mike Susanin	53	59	60	60	**232**
11	Philip Schmidt	58	56	56	63	**233**
12	Kurt Kopp	49	55	63	66	**233**
13	Karl Kopp	51	56	62	65	**234**
14	Mike Fleege	52	61	56	66	**235**
15	Jerry Barnett	53	58	59	67	**237**
16	John Talken	55	59	63	64	**241**
17	Kevin Leonard	54	59	62	73	**248**
18	Rod Johnson	56	63	63	69	**251**

DNF: Darwin Brandt, Brian Kop, Steve Crane

Amateur (24)		I	II	III	IV	Totals
1	Mark Pendgraft	54	61	59	66	**240**
2	Randy Bower	53	59	63	67	**242**
3	Seth Hakanson	54	62	62	67	**245**
4	Robert Walker	55	65	60	69	**249**
5	Ren Terkuile	55	61	63	71	**250**
6	Stuart Brown	54	63	65	69	**251**
7	Bryan Crowdy	57	62	66	67	**252**
8	Craig Jansen	58	62	65	68	**253**
8	Jon Kemling	56	62	62	73	**253**
9	Chris Chmellca	52	67	62	73	**254**
10	Kenny Scdoris	57	61	63	73	**254**
10	James Hodges	60	63	69	74	**266**

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Women...

thing, you see. It was one important reason that disc golf got into the Cornhusker State Games. Men, women, and kids can play this sport. There aren't going to be many new professional women, if there aren't many new amateur women. Without professional women, that sponsorship is going to be slow in coming. Lots of sponsorship money means more prizes for everybody. And let's face it guys, you really do want to see more women playing, don't you? As a rule, sweaty women are still more attractive than sweaty men. Now let's all get out there and get more women playing!

Amateur (cont.)		I	II	III	IV	Ttl
12	Pat Raybould	54	65	70	77	**266**
12	John Martin	58	69	65	77	**269**
14	Dale Myers	61	64	70	80	**275**
15	Erik A Cobb	61	66	72	80	**279**
16	Calvin Nilson	62	72	75	81	**290**

DNF: Richard Miller, Adam Miller, Leon Widhalm, Josh Hall, Dan Phillips, Jim Martin, Steven Kolbe

Amateur Masters (5)						
1	Bill Hulbert	48	63	60	65	**236**
2	Larry Wallance	56	61	63	66	**246**
3	Kim Theesen	55	60	67	73	**255**
4	Ken Scdoris	58	67	70	75	**270**
5	David Wood	59	72	72	81	**284**

Amateur Women (6)						
1	Juliana Korver	55	62	68	73	**258**
2	Melanie Miller	58	69	65	72	**264**
3	Anita Jackson	58	66	67	75	**266**
4	Carrie Miller	64	79	69	81	**290**
5	Becky Zallek	67	74	76	78	**295**
6	Deb Beckler	62	74	78	94	**308**

Junior Boys (2)						
1	Anthony Dutiel	61	62	-	-	**123**
2	T.J. Feldman	68	71	-	-	**139**

Junior Girls (2)						
1	Angela Botsford	74	-	-	-	**74**
2	Michelle Bilbo	104	-	-	-	**104**

Novice (3)						
1	Ryan Janssen	59	71	-	-	**130**
2	David Mehrnert	67	77	-	-	**144**
3	George Stevens	65	80	-	-	**145**

Putting Contest Otto Spiers
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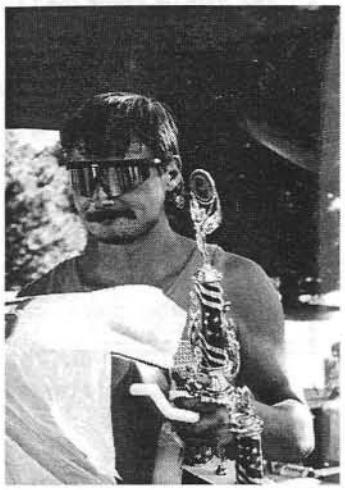

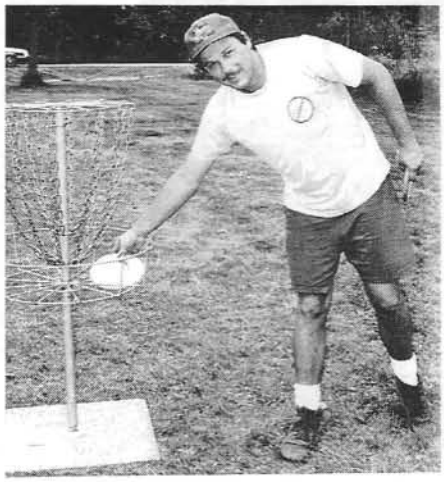

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