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Cool Ice Bowl for Fifty-Three

Kim R. Theesen

Fifty-three people braved a wintry January 22nd at the Lincoln Flying Disc Club's fourth annual Ice Bowl. We had planned for about twenty-five. Registration forms were ready for forty,but with fifty-three we set a new Nebrasaka Ice Bowl record. Conditions weren't exactly icy this year either. However, temperatures were in the 20s throughout the day with a peak at about 29 which was about thirty degrees cooler than last year. A steady 10 m.p.h. wind with frequent 20 m.p.h. gusts kept the scores fairly high, especially when you turned the corner and headed north. The heavier air made for some straight shootin' when it was at your back when heading south from holes #2 to #4 and #14 to #18.

Top scores included last year's LFDC champion Aaron Slezak, who shot a one under par 53. The rest of the playing field was made up of the following: twenty-nine from Lincoln, fourteen from Omaha, and ten from the surrouding area. Congratulations to Eric Leyden, who aced 234' shot at #5A for the ace fund. Twenty-five disc golfers indicated that they planned to play in RCFDA's event the following weekend.

This year's format echoed the intent of the original Ice Bowl concept, that is to get out of the house, attack cabin fever, and just play. All who finished the single round of eighteen received the "I Survived Ice Bowl 95" button and a chance at a door prize. The twenty-eight prizes consisted of more buttons, stocking caps, gloves, discs, a calendar, hand and toe warmers, and comemerative issues of the *Daily Nebraskan's Quest*.

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CALENDAR '95

Slezak Ices It

"Mr. Bill" Hulbert

The second annual Omaha WinterFest Ice Bowl was held January 28th at Seymour Smith Park. A light coating of freezing rain the night before, and a nasty virus going around kept the turnout below expectations, but forty hearty players can say "we're not wimps!" With the temp around 30 degrees all the tee ruts were muddy bogs, so Chuck Straub and Bob Walker went out and to flag suitable tee areas. Thanks to the generosity of our primary sponsors Omaha Sports, Play It Again Sports, Lawlor's, and the efforts of several RCFDA members, a prize package of over $350 was accumulated for our Ice Bowl '95.

Albert Nelson, Kurt Kopp, and a penguin

The novice division was closely contested with six strokes separating first and fifth places. Taking third

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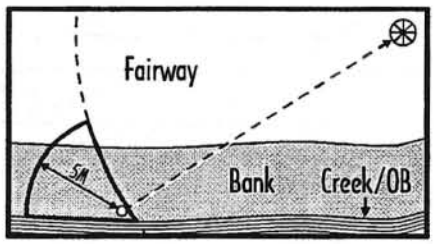
What's the Call Dr. Disc?

Case No. 1

Gary Griplock throws his disc toward a creek. When Gary gets to his lie, he sees that it is next to the water's edge at the bottom of a wide muddy bank. The TD had said that any disc that is not in the water was in bounds. As Gary makes his way to his disc, he slips twice going down the 10 foot muddy bank. Reaching his disc, Gary ponders his options. What are they?

Dr. Disc sez...

Gary has a couple of choices. First, Gary may throw from that lie as it is not out of bounds. Gary does have the option to ask for **relief**. According to rule 803.04B "relief may be obtained form non-permanent obstacles to a player's stance or throwing motion. Non-permanent obstacles are things such as: casual water or mud, loose leaves, broken branches. In situations where the permanent or fixed nature of an obstacle is unclear, it will be determined by an official."



If the official determines that the mud is in fact a casual obstacle, then Gary may move his lie "to the nearest playable lie, no closer to the hole (unless that is the only alternative to an out-of-bounds area), and not more than five meters from the original lie, as agreed to by a majority of the group or an official," rule 803.04D. However, if the official determines that the mud is not casual (i.e. mud that is almost always there), then Gary must play it where it lies, or an unsafe lie may be called. If an unsafe lie is called, according to rule 803.05A, "A player may declare a lie to be unsafe and ask that it be relocated to a new playable lie within five meters of the unsafe lie, with a one-throw penalty."

If you have a question for Dr. Disc, please send it to the *Flyer* and the Dr. will issue a prescription.

CORNHUSKER STATE GAMES UPDATE...

The '95 Games

by David S. Nolte, #7514

The information for the '95 games players handbooks has gone to press, and there are a couple of extra changes to note. If you read the last *Flyer*, you know of the new divisions, and the addition of the "Final 9" round. Last minute changes involved the PDGA sanctioning and amateur eligibility.

It seems that our event cannot be sanctioned by the PDGA for points, because we exclude non-Nebraskans. (See related story on pg. 7- Ed.) Last year's granting of C Tier sanctioning seems to have been premature. (My personal thanks to the individual who took the trouble to point this out to the PDGA...) Because we will not be a sanctioned event, we *could* disregard any particular aspect of PDGA tournament requirements that we want, but I plan to make no such changes, and the tourney will again be as PDGA legal as possible. Although disappointed, I don't believe that too many will be discouraged from playing, as the title "NEBRASKA AM CHAMP" is still to be desired.

In place of the sanctioning paragraph is an eligibility paragraph. It reads: "Only amateurs are eligible to compete in this tournament. Therefore, for the purposes of this event, an amateur shall be defined as anyone not having a 'pro' membership in the PDGA, and who has not received a cash prize in a pro/open division of any tournament after January 1, 1993." Anyone who feels unfairly disqualified is welcome to petition me for a "waiver" of their pro status, but as per PDGA tourney regulations, must do so at least thirty days in advance of the event.

In closing, I still have need of several volunteers (again, free lunches 'n' passes 'n' stuff) so you pros and other non-players give this some thought, eh?

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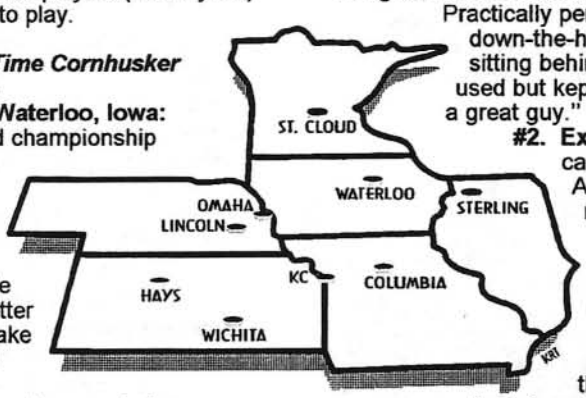
THE PLAYERS' FAVORITES...

The Midwest's Finest Courses

by Pat Raybould

Some of America's greatest disc golf courses are right here in the Midwest and not too far away. To get the scoop I asked three well traveled players (and myself) to rate their (and my) favorite places to play.



JEFF HARPER, Golf Pro and Two-Time Cornhusker Open Champion, Coralville, Iowa

#1. Hickory Hills State Park, near Waterloo, Iowa: "Every hole has its challenges. Good championship quality course. A gorgeous lake that you don't want to play too close to and good elevation changes. It uses terrain quite well."

#2. Albert Oakland Park, Columbia, Missouri: "It has multiple pin placements. A short course is better for finesse shots. The cedar trees make you make the shot, because they will catch the discs better then the baskets. It's an enjoyable course to go down and play.

#3. Sinnissippi Park, Sterling, Illinois: "One of the older courses, but it still plays well with the newer plastic. Well defined fairways with mature oak trees. This is an esthetically pleasing park that overlooks the Rock River."

Rick Rothstein on Swope Park: "The big power shots from the pros are fun to watch here."

RICK ROTHSTEIN, Editor of Disc Golf World News, Overland Park, Kansas

#1. Albert Oakland Park, Columbia, Missouri: "A pleasant and well managed course. Hassle free from other park dwellers. This park has a variety of ways to play many of the holes filled with rollers, hyzers and accuracy shots."

#2. Herman Hill Park, Wichita, Kansas: "Good variety in its fairways, requires some accuracy...tight shots. The back nine along the river becomes an incredible wind test. Alternate tees on some holes and a lot of different views."

#3. Swope Park, Kansas City, Missouri: "I like playing across hills, because valley wind plays with your disc. Clean alleys to get to the holes. The big power shots from the pros are fun to watch here."

ANITA JACKSON, CSG Gold Medalist, Lincoln, Nebraska

#1. Sinnissippi Park, Sterling, Illinois: "A nice mix of shots. Long and short holes with some open and some over water. Practically perfect in every way. There is this way-down-the-hill shot with the pole hole majestically sitting behind a pine tree. Good cement tees. Well used but kept up and the course pro, Terry Batten, is a great guy."

#2. Exchange Park, Waterloo, Iowa: "You can set up two different courses; the short A's or the longer B's where you can use more of the park. It has anhyzer shots and you have to shoot over the river twice...and there's an elephant there, too...no kidding..."

#3. Rosedale Park, Kansas City, Kansas: "Has a nice mix of open shots and some where you have to through down into the trees. Some of the fairways are not very long but if you get off them you get into some forest land...rough, very rough."

PAT RAYBOULD, Disc Golf Enthusiast, Lincoln, NE

#1. Frontier Park, Hays, Kansas: "There is more character on this course than any other park that I have been to. A colorful course sign greets you and on hole #1 there is a useful windsock. The limestone tee signs, complete with pegs to hang golf bags, is a nice touch. Some of the long holes have metal distance markers out in the fairway. Three holes that cross over the river add an extra challenge. One of the river shots there is a unique stepping stone walkway that puts you walking right over a small waterfall."

#2. Sinnissippi Park, Sterling, Illinois: "A gem of a course in a lovely clean park. One of the best courses for variety shots. Lots of beautiful trees, but it's not a forest which makes this course disc friendly."

#3. Riverside Park, St. Cloud, Minnesota: "Good view of the Mississippi from twoof the tees. Plenty of hills and large trees. Two great down hill shots. Clean and well maintained."

There you have it. Let's plan those summer vacations around some of these great courses.

RCFDA Update

by "Mr. Bill" Hulbert

Notes from the meetings...

1) The course will be renumbered this spring to facilitate play in tourneys and to allow first timers to negotiate it with the least confusion. Hole #1 through #7 remain the same, #12 to #17 become #8 to #13, #11 changes to #14, #8 to #15, #9-10 to #16-17, and #18 remains the same. For the Lincolnites, the Thrower will be #12. (Nnote: Our course map, next issue...)

2) "Mr. Bill" is working with Omaha Parks and Recreation to bring the 1995 Friskies Canine Frisbee Championships to Omaha. Tentative date is August 12, at Elmwood Park. Anyone with disc dogs or friends with dogs, call Bill at (402) 393-6370.

3) Add "Mr. Bill" to the list of new Nebraska Certified PDGA officials. Congrats to Anita Jackson on the same...

4) Chris Oien installed an interim bridge at the crossing. Yes!

5) The committee congratulates Melanie Miller for her January 25th drubbing of Greg Peterson on "I Challenge Greg."

6) On Sunday of this year's World's Biggest, May 6 & 7, we will feature demonstrations of hackie sack, freestyle, and canines.

7) Chris, Bob, and Bill are giving a demo on disc golf and disc related activities to about seventy Bellevue area scout troop leaders.

8) "Mr. Bill" is leading a coup to dump the RCFDA penguin. Any and all club members are invited to submit logo/letterhead/T-shirt designs for consideration at the next RC meeting, April 2 at Cornwell's Tavern in Omaha (71st & Harrison, disc throw from tee #5). In consideration of RC credo language embracing all *disc*-iplines, logos need not necessarily focus on a pole hole.

(Cool Ice Bowl...continued from page 1)

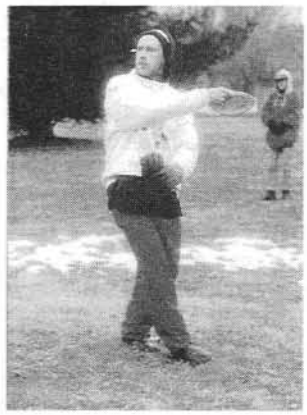
We'd like to acknowledge the donors: Pat Raybould, Amy Struthers, disKimages, and the Club. Also, once again Rick Nelson provided Squeaky the Wonder Truck. Thanks also goes out to "Mr. Bill" and the RCFDA scoreboard, and Anita Jackson and David Nolte for their general assistance... without whom this event would not have been possible. It's a group effort folks. A round of applause to everybody for helping and playing. Oh, yeah... and due to circumstances beyond my control (the half an amp power source of the picnic shelter) I believe I owe a cup of coffe or hot chocolate to about fifty-two disc golfers...)

Icy Photos from Omaha:
(From top to bottom)
1) Just who the heck are these guys?
2) "Mr. Bill" concentrates carefully.
3) Unidentified Ice Bowler practicing.
4) Terry approaching.
5) Guess who is in trees again...

(Slezak Ices It..continued from page 1)

place with a 63 was Pat Steinauer, just one stroke behind fellow Sarpy County bud Scott Cottone. Scott provided the highlight of the tourney by deucing the Thrower (#16, 320') with a chain-sucking 100' approach. The novice champ, no doubt benefiting from his playing time with the Miller sisters, was Troy Lorenz, carding a superb score of 60.

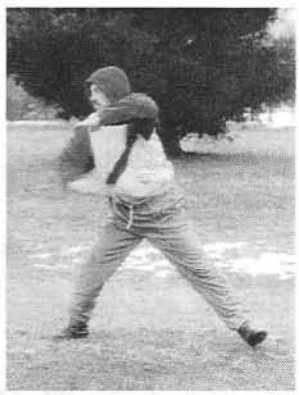
This was the first Omaha Ice Bowl with a separate women's division. Deb Beckler posted a credible 69, fourteen strokes better than her "wind aided" round the week before in Lincoln. Carrie Miller shot a 66 for the fourth place, two strokes behind sister Melanie's 64. Cleaning the cobwebs off her discs and showing she still has some of the good stuff left, Julie Wood threw a 63 for second place. Maintaining her dominance among Nebraska Women disc golfers, Anita Jackson threw an excellent 59 to take the first place trophy and goodies.



The amateur men's division was tight for second on down with nine players separated by eight strokes. Coming in tied for second at 57 were Craig Janssen, Summer teen phenom Josh Hall, and Austin native Frank Wagner. The finish was decided suddenly on the first hole of sudden death. Craig took second place, Josh third, and Frank fourth. Taking home his first place trophy and having played disc golf for a scant eight months, was Bob Walker, shooting a fine 54.

"The amateur men's division was tight...nine players separated by eight strokes."

The experts had quite a shoot-out with seven coming in with subpar scores. Taking fourth with a 51 was Terry Parker, whose van served as tourney central. Thanks, Terry! Tied for second with 50s were Kurt Kopp and Albert Nelson. On the second hole of their playoff, Albert banged in his thirty-five footer for a deuce and second place while Kurt gacked on his fifteen footer placing third. Icing his second Ice Bowl in two weeks, Aaron Slezak shot a cool 49. With his double win, Aaron took the Omaha-Lincoln combined prize with a 102, three strokes better than last year's champ, Terry Parker.



Thanks to all who played and a special thanks to Bob and Albert for doing an extensive trash pick up before the event. Kudos all around.

"Oh, I always bogey that hole..."

Scoreboard

Fourth Annual Ice Bowl
Lincoln Flying Disc Club ($5 entry)
January 22, 1995
Interstate Disc Golf Course
Max E. Roper Park, Lincoln, NE
Door Prizes: $173 value
TD: Kim R. Theesen Field: 53

#	Player		Score
1	Kim Theesen	Lincoln, NE	64
2	Anita Jackson*	Lincoln, NE	65
3	Mr. Bill Hulbert*	Omaha, NE	61
4	David Nolte	Lincoln, NE	61
5	Scott Bossung*	Lincoln, NE	69
6	Deb Beckler*	Lincoln, NE	83
7	Pat Raybould*	Lincoln, NE	65
8	Aaron R. Slezak*	Omaha, NE	53
9	Charles Straub*	Omaha, NE	57
10	Philip Schmidt	Lincoln, NE	55
11	Brad Packett	Lincoln, NE	64
12	Bob Walker*	Omaha, NE	56
13	Neil Hawley	Lincoln, NE	59
14	Kevin Unverferth	Lincoln, NE	62
15	John Martin	Omaha, NE	64
16	Larry Wallace*	Papillion, NE	68
17	T.J. Feldman	Papillion, NE	75
18	Josh Hall*	LaVista, NE	67
19	David Mehmert	Davenport, IA	70
20	Jim Martin	Davenport, IA	68
21	Dale Myers	Omaha, NE	68
22	M.T. Alexander	Lincoln, NE	59
23	Mike Schmidt*	Lincoln, NE	57
24	Brad Ramsay	Lincoln, NE	55
25	Albert Nelson*	Omaha, NE	61
26	Rusty Divine*	Lincoln, NE	78
27	John Boldt*	Lincoln, NE	65
28	Randy Boldt	Lincoln, NE	76
29	Eric Leyden*ACE	Lincoln, NE	59
30	Tony Dutiel*	LaVista, NE	76
31	Curtis Staats*	Lincoln, NE	78
32	Jon Kemling	Lincoln, NE	63
33	Tony Younger*	Lincoln, NE	70
34	Bruce Jones*	Lincoln, NE	71
35	Beren Jones*	Lincoln, NE	114
36	Melanie Miller	Omaha, NE	67
37	Carrie Miller*	Omaha, NE	68
38	Bill Shipley	Council Bluffs	71
39	Troy Lorenz*	Council Bluffs,	72
40	Terry Parker*	Council Bluffs	54
41	Steve Crane*	Council Bluffs	59
42	Lance Lincoln*	Omaha, NE	57
43	Dan Phillips	Omaha, NE	60
44	Kurt Kopp	Omaha, NE	59
45	Karl Kopp	Omaha, NE	59
46	Mike Fleege*	Lincoln, NE	56
47	Stuart Brown	Lincoln, NE	60
48	Jared Alberico	Lincoln, NE	74
49	John Talken*	Lincoln, NE	58
50	Chris Oien	Omaha, NE	61
51	Rick Fleege	Lincoln, NE	57
52	Lance Knapp	Lincoln, NE	65
53	Rick Nelson*	Lincoln, NE	75

**Won Door Prize*

Omaha WinterFest Ice Bowl '95
River City Flying Disc Association
January 28, 1995
Seymour Smith Park
TDs: Albert Nelson & "Mr. Bill" Hulbert
Field: 40

Expert (14)

			Score
1	Aaron Slezak	Omaha, NE	49
2	Albert Nelson	Omaha, NE	50*
3	Kurt Kopp	Omaha, NE	50*
4	Terry Parker	Council Bluffs, IA	51
5	Brad Packett	Lincoln, NE	52
5	John Talken	Lincoln, NE	52
7	Chris Oien	Omaha, NE	53
8	Rick Fleege	Lincoln, NE	56
9	"Mr. Bill" Hulbert	Nirvanna	57
10	Mike Fleege,	Lincoln, NE	58
11	Philip Schmidt,	Lincoln, NE	59
11	Karl Kopp	Omaha, NE	59
13	Charles Straub	Omaha, NE	64
14	K.R. Theesen	Oakview, NE	70

Amateur Men (15)

1	Bob Walker	Omaha, NE	54
2	Craig Jansen	Blair, NE	57*
3	Josh Hall	Omaha, NE	57*
4	Frank Wagner	Papillion, NE	57*
5	Ken Scdoris	Lincoln, NE	58
6	Kenny Scdoris	Lincoln, NE	61
7	Dale Myers	Omaha, NE	62
8	John Martin	Omaha, NE	63
9	Frank Gardner	Council Bluffs, IA	64
9	Bill Shipley	Omaha, NE	64**
11	J.R. Hodges	Omaha, NE	71
11	Dick Miller	Omaha, NE	71
11	David Wood	Omaha, NE	71
14	T.J. Fledman	Omaha, NE	75
15	Roger Engelbart	Omaha, NE	77

Amateur Women (5)

1	Anita Jackson	Lincoln, NE	59
2	Julie Wood	Omaha, NE	63
3	Melanie Miller	Omaha, NE	64**
4	Carrie Miller	Omaha, NE	66
5	Deb Beckler	Lincoln, NE	69

Novice (6)

1	Troy Lorenz	Omaha, NE	60
2	Scott Cottone	La Vista, NE	62**
3	Pat Steinauer	Omaha, NE	63
4	Shawn Hartley	Omaha, NE	64
5	Randy Putnam	Omaha, NE	65
6	Joel Mueting	Omaha, NE	71

****CTP Ace Fund/CTP ($29) Mike Fleege**

Ice Bowl Ladies: Deb, Julie, Carrie, Anita, & Melanie

"My drivin' hand's frozen cold 'cause my hand warmer's shot..."

Paint Me a Blue Sky

Interview with the '94 Nebraska Men's Amateur Disc Golf Champion by M. K. Vestecka

As the snow drifted and the circle of frost on the windows closed in, John Talken recalled with a faraway look in his eyes, those long, hot sunny days of disc golf competition and camaraderie. It all began when John was living in Kansas City, during the summer of '91. He had read an article in *The Pitch,* K.C.'s music and entertainment magazine, highlighting a variety of disc sports. He had been an avid free-style and sometimes ultimate player, as well as an all around sports enthusiast, participating in baseball, basketball and volleyball. The concept of playing an individually oriented, organized disc sport was an enticement that drew him like a windy day draws a Viper from one's bag.

Armed with a 175 gram XD, he recruited Tim Elder and Tim Barb of Overland Park, Kansas, to explore the world of Kansas City disc golf, at the highly regarded Swope and Rosedale Park disc golf courses. In the competitive spirit, margaritas at Ponak's would be the reward for the lowest score. John's two-fingered side arm release was a carry over from the casual play of free-style, affording him control with a quick snap of the wrist. It would serve its purpose in these early competitions.

Talken at McClure Park in Tulsa, OK

Upon transferring to Lincoln, with a new job in March of '92, John began the process of acclimating himself to the city by riding the extensive bicycle trail system. One of these excursions initiated him to Max E. Roper Park and to his delight, Interstate Disc Golf Course. Soon after that, John met Pat Raybould, joined the Lincoln Flying Disc Club, and began spending a large percentage of his free time at Nebraska's first disc golf course. Competing in his first ever tournament, the '92 Cornhusker Open, John finished twelfth out of thirty-one competitors in the amateur division, winning a new disc. His second and final tournament of 1992 would be the Harvest Open.

The cabin fever brought on by long, cold Nebraska winters would propel John to a 1993 season which would solidify an amateur's devotion to the sport. At the same time he would develop another throwing style. The '93 Kansas City Wide Open would be his first super tour event and with it the opportunity to observe world class professional disc golfers. Particularly impressive to John was the final nine, which featured the top five professionals. After playing seventy-two holes, this displayed a challenging finale in a gallery setting. "Prior to the K.C. Wide Open, I viewed disc golf as a recreational sport," said John. "After observing world class pros compete at such a high caliber of play, I realized disc golf truly was a competitive sport."

Playing in the amateur division, the rest of his 1993 tournament schedule included the Mid-America Open in Columbia, MO, the Cornhusker Open in Lincoln (fifth place), and the Mighty Shunga Nunga in Topeka (seventh place). "...played at beautiful Lake Shawnee and Crest-view parks. This is an excellent tournament hosted by the Dawn to Dusk DGC, one of my favorites." Additional competition included the Nebraska Amateur Disc Golf Championships in Lincoln, the predecessor to the Cornhusker State Games. "I won my first disc golf trophy at this tournament in a play-off with Dave Seevers for second place."

John then played in the Iowa State Championships in Madrid (seventh place) and the Frontier Open in Hays, Kansas (second place). "It was at the Frontier Open that I realized I needed more than two fingers on the disc for control in the wind. On a calm day in Hays the wind will settle to mere 20 m.p.h.!" Next, John attended the October Friz in Winfield, Kansas. "The Friz...a disc sports festival held in the unparalleled Walnut River Valley, among pecan groves, put on by Harvey Barger, Bart Patton, and the rest of the Walnut Valley DGA. With accuracy, distance, M.T.A., moonlight doubles, nearly one hundred holes of disc golf and many other events, it's an exhaustingly good time. Most fun wins!" John played in the Centennial Open in Lawrence (second place). "The wettest tour of the year...a test on one's disc golf fortitude." He finished his '93 tour with Lincoln's Harvest Fall Back.

"After observing world class pros compete at such a high caliber of play, I realized disc golf truly was a competitive sport."

In 1993 John "cashed" at every tournament in which he played with the exception of the K.C. Wide Open. He also began developing a conventional driving style to complement his aforementioned two fingered side-arm throw. Additionally, in non-tournament play, he experienced the extraordinary Edora Park, as well as the Grateful Disc Golf Course, both located on the Colorado State campus in Ft. Collins.

Misfortune came in February of 1994. While playing organized basketball, John tore ligaments in the ankle of his plant foot. However, the rigors and rewards of disc golf tournament competition had only wet his appetite. Thinking positively and with grim determination, John planned a summer tour which would find him spending weekends in five different Midwest states while playing in fifteen different tournaments.

Coming in the next Flyer: Part II of the interview and a review of Talken's' tourneys and travels in 1994.

(Formerly the Cornhusker Open)

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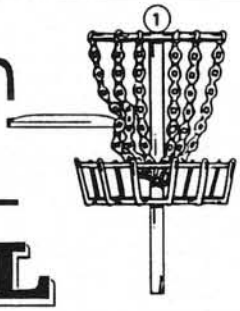

Spring Fever Fling #6

April 23, 1995

PDGA "C" Tier

36 Holes

Pro - $25.00 • Pro Masters - $25.00
Advanced - $12.00 • Am Masters - $12.00
Am Men - $7.00 • Am Women - $7.00
Junior - $5.00 • Novice - $5.00

A CALL TO ARMS

July 29 & 30, 1995

PDGA "B" Tier

72 Holes

Pro Open - $40.00 • Pro Masters - $40.00
Pro Women - $30.00 • Am Masters - $15.00
Advanced - $15.00 • Am Men - $7.00
Am Women - $7.00 • Junior - $5.00 • Novice - $5.00

• 1994's A Call To Arms had an Am package of over $1200.00!!! •

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From the T'ee

Drives, Approaches, and a Putt

Drive No. 1: Sanction This...

As of this writing, disc golf in the 1995 Cornhusker State Games will not be sanctioned this year as a C Tier tournament. In fact, it will not be sanctioned at all. (See David Nolte's *CSG Update* on page 3.) In order to get the blessing of the PDGA, the CSG tournament must be open to everyone (i.e. Non-Nebraska residents). Our Games are similar to other state games in that they are open only to the hosting states' residents. The publicity that the CSG generates for disc golf is arguably better than anthing that has been done to date. The Games' catalog of events gets into the hands of tens of thousands of residents, many being exposed to disc golf for the first time. With our sport riding the coattails of the ten plus years of success they have demonstrated, it's a win-win proposition. And it is to no one's advantage that the PDGA does not sanction this event as a C level tournament.

According to this year's tournament application form, "All tournaments that are not Super Tour or B events will be C events." The other qualification deals with the cash purse, which is not applicable because no pros are participating in the Games. In fact, I can't find anything in the application or the *Rules for the sport of Disc Golf* that says you can't hold your tournaments for residents only.

As state games across the country continue to grow and as disc golf's popularity continues to mushroom, the PDGA will be left holding the empty disc bag. The bottom line on this is the PDGA, our sport's "governing institution," must recognize the potential of the state games across the country and the mountain of cheap publicity that is generated.

Disc golf in the Games needs Nebraska's PDGA members. They will get screwed out of points because of no sanctioning. Will they go somewhere else to play? Once again, I question my membership in the Professional Disc Golf Association, its objectives and role in support of the amateur ranks.

"Whenever there are rules that are open to interpretation, there will be more than one way to interpret them."

Drive No. 2: Group This and/or That...

In reference to the PDGA's tournament sanctioning application, I am a little confused as to part 10 on page 3 of the TD agreements. The application form states that "advanced and amateur competitors will be segregated from professional players" and that they "should not be mixed in PDGA tournaments." The second sentence is essentially the same as the rule book: "All players will be randomly grouped by division for the first round, and grouped by cumulative score by division for each round thereafter..." The words "by division" are not in Rule 804.06 A. They are in the application form only.

Lincoln Flying Disc Club's Cornhusker Opens and most of the other B and C tier tournaments in which I've participated have followed the protocol of "all players" to include *all* players (professionals and amateurs) and be "randomly grouped for the first round." *(Rules for the Sport of Disc Golf,* pg. 20, 804.06-A: Grouping and Sectioning). Where it was possible, the random mix would include a pro, an AM I, an AM II or a woman, and a novice in a foursome. This is the only situation where an amateur or novice could obtain the invaluable experience in closely observing the advanced and professional players. In my opinion, it's a small sacrifice to make for one round, especially at the B and C level of tournament play. Groupings for the following rounds would be by divisions and cumulative scores.

Part of the problem is in the rule book. It's dated June, 1990, and some of the rules are in desperate need of clarification and rewriting. Whenever there are rules that are open to interpretation, there will be more than one way to interpret them. As a PDGA member and certified official, I want to do the right thing. However, I'm a little disappointed that the PDGA form is in conflict with the rule book - according to my interpretation any way.

Approach No I: The I-80 Challenge

I had this idea last fall and have bounced it off "Mr. Bill" Hulbert of the River City FDA. It's inevitable that we will soon have a dual city disc golf tourney: two rounds in Omaha on one day and two rounds in Lincoln on the other day. In anticipation of our first joint tourney, I propose a one day, two-city club members only event. A small entry fee, of say five bucks, would be split among the two clubs. (Non-members could play for $15, with ten of that going to the club of his or her choice.) This money would be used for food and beverages. For example, let's say we start it in Omaha at Seymour Smith. From about 8:00 to 9:30 we could have registration and breakfast. RCFDA would get the early morning snacks together. We play the first round which would last to about 12:30 or so. We take a two hour break to have lunch on our own and travel to Lincoln's Interstate Park. It takes about 45 minutes blasting down I-80, course to course. At about 2:30 we tee off for round two. The Lincoln Flying Disc Club would put together and host an early evening bar-b-que.

The Challenge

We could play for bragging rights or get some simple I-80 Challenge trophies together. The objectives would be to play both courses in one day in an organized tourney, recruit some new members (You know who You are...), promote continued cooperation between Lincoln and Omaha, and just have fun playing disc golf all day on our two courses. What d'ya think?

The Putt: And the Beginning of Round II

This issue marks the beginning of my second year as editor and layout artist for the *Flyer*. I still get excited to see the print outs from the printer and with each issue I can appreciate the work that was done before me. (Thanks again, Deb Beckler.) The *Flyer* is always looking for input in any way, shape, or form. This is our main vehicle of communication and I look forward to serving the disc golf community for a long time. Thanks again for all of those who have contributed. Don't hesitate to tell us about that incredible deuce, that monster putt, or that favorite disc that has eyes for the chains...***See you on a tee...***

New Disc Golfer!

Congratulations to Brenda and Mike Schmidt! **Andrew James** arrived on Friday, February 24th, at 2:46 a.m. Stats: Wt...9 lbs. 12 oz! Ht....1' 10"

ACE

Eric Leyden hit #5A in the Lincoln Ice Bowl. **Bill Borer** aced #4 on February 22nd. The 270' was nailed with a 177gm Shadow. Rick Fleege was on the scene. **Neil Kemling** scored an ace on Hole #2A on Saturday, February 25th. Witness: Curtis Staats.

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