

Frisbees Make News

The glories of Frisbee continue to be a source of constant attention for the major news media across the nation. Just as this Newsletter details the wide scope of Frisbee activities, so do the newspapers, network television programs and other news outlets revel in the pursuit of Frisbee fun.

National Educational Television sent a film crew to California to film Vic Malafronte and some of his Frisbee pals for a segment aired in October. Similarly, Dr. Stencil Johnson was a guest on the ABC-TV "Dick Cavett Show".

Eddie Blau of the Newsweek Feature Service authored an outstanding story on "Frisbees Flying High" which has appeared in major newspapers across the country.

The Los Angeles Times' "West" Magazine did an outstanding story on the Wham-O Corporation, in which Frisbee was the feature.

And maybe you've noticed that in one of the opening sequence shots of the television show "Eddie's Father," stars Bill Bixby and Brandon Cruz are flipping a Frisbee.

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METROPOLITAN OPERA STAR Elinor Ross enjoys a wicked game of Frisbee in New York's Central Park, whipping a backhand toss to her son, Ross (back to camera).

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LONG BINH, Viet Nam — One of the leading Frisbee enthusiasts in Southeast Asia is **Captain Dawson Heck**, plans officer for Saigon Support Command's security, plans and operations section. He's seeking to form an IFA chapter there.

KUTA BEACH, Bali — When Norm Gollin, the immensely talented graphics artist from Los Angeles was vacationing with his wife in Bali, they were privy to a wondrous sight. On the sunset side of the island the drums began and a procession approached them, with women dressed in golds and magentas, coming toward them out of the sunset. As the procession passed, in the fading glow of the Balinese sun, their final sight was that of a few youngsters, bringing up the rear, and throwing a Frisbee among themselves.

SABAH, North Borneo — Frisbee is becoming a very popular sport in East Malaysia through the efforts of Peace Corps volunteer **Paul Thompson**, who hails from Minneapolis.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Another example of that current craze, the

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Schmidlein Near Perfect in Las Vegas Competition

Ken Schmidlein, a talented 14-year-old Frisbee tosser from Waban, Mass. won the National Junior Frisbee Championship at the Las Vegas Hilton (International) Hotel December 16, defeating eight other regional champions from all over the country.

The slim high school student ran up an imposing score of 34 points (out of a possible 40) in executing a variety of intricate Frisbee throws and catches. His victory earned him the \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and championship trophy.

What's in a Name?

Anyone who sees significance in a name might be interested in knowing that the name **Blake** apparently is a popular one for Frisbee Masters. There are three qualified Masters named Blake, not related and living in different parts of the country.

Alan Blake is well-known to readers of the IFA News. A resident of Wilmette, Ill., Alan, whose IFA number is 2928, is a member of the Highland Avenue Aces, winners of the Julius T. Nachazel Trophy at the 1971 International Frisbee Tournament.

Mike Blake, No. 51,020, is a resident of North Hollywood, Calif., and **Donn Blake**, No. 58,666, is a recreation official in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he was the resident coordinator for the 1971 National Junior Frisbee Championships.

Runner-up was **Ezequiel Ochoa** of Denver, Colo., with **Don Chesler** of Oklahoma City, Okla. finishing third. The two 14-year-olds received \$500 and \$250 bonds respectively.

The nine regional champions had survived competition from among more than 800,000 youths in all 50 states, progressing from local park competition through city, state and regional events prior to the national championships.

Other regional champions taking part were **Kevin Lewis**, 12, of Portland, Ore.; **Dick Briggs**, 15, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; **Graham Britten**, 15, of Mission Viejo, Calif.; **David Clarke**, 15, of Englewood, N.J.; **Steve Gemmell**, 15, of Akron, O.; and **Mark McDaniel**, 15, of Shelby, N.C.

Judges for the competition were Los Angeles Dodger first baseman **Wes Parker** and **Fred Reid**, a recreation

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NEWLY CROWNED National Junior Frisbee Champion Ken Schmidlein is flanked by runner-up "Zeke" Ochoa, (R) and third place finisher Don Chesler.

FAST FLIGHTS

IFA Honorary Member **Sultan Geoffrey P. Wong**, Sultan of Yanuca, and a partner in a prominent law firm, flipped his Frisbee into the political ring in Sacramento, Calif., as a candidate for Mayor. He polled more than 16 per cent of the votes, but unfortunately, didn't make the runoff . . . **Robert Ryan Tinch** of Lafayette, Ind., is a new claimant for youngest person to join the IFA. His membership was sent in at age 38 hours. Young Robert already has a registered Master Frisbee, No. 659,377 . . . **Spyder Wills** of Laguna Beach, Calif., teamed with **Corky Smith** in a half-time Frisbee demo during the national telecast of the Dallas Cowboys-Baltimore Colts replay of last year's Super Bowl game . . . Several new IFA Honorary Members have been named including **Peter McColough**, president of Xerox, **Congressman Morris K. Udall** of Arizona, and two immortals of the comic strips, "**Otto**" from "Beatle Bailey" and "**Snoopy**" from "Peanuts." Of course, to keep things fair, Honorary Memberships were also awarded to the creators of these famous characters, Mort Walker and Charles Schultz . . . When **Governor Jimmy Carter**, also a new Honorary Member, was a passenger with his three sons on the inaugural Eastern Air Lines flight to Mexico City, they took along a Frisbee and flipped a few in the Mexico City airport . . . Frisbee played a major role in Chicago's operation "Reach Out" and two members of the **Highland Avenue Aces** were on hand to demonstrate their prowess for the admiring youngsters . . . **Harry Kazenoff** of Woodbury, Long Island, reports his twin 18-year-old sons are not only talented Frisbee tossers but can also sing and play the guitar while throwing the Frisbee . . . **Larry Rexroth** has been named official calligrapher for the International Frisbee Association . . . IFA has received a query from the **Encyclopaedia Britannica** regarding the aerodynamic performance of Frisbee . . . **Al Tolle** of Grand Rapids, Mich., was unable to make it to this year's International Frisbee Tournament at Copper Harbor but did win the All-North Canada Championship . . . "**Wee Willie**" **Watkins**, No. 8016, and three other members of the **SAFFRON** (Saturday Afternoon Frisbee Freaks & Other Nonsense) took an extended tour of Europe, tossing their Frisbees all the way across the continent . . . **Vic Malafrente**, one of the Bay Area Frisbee powerhouses in California, is teaching a Frisbee course at Martin Luther King Junior High School in Berkeley. Students are allowed to take Frisbee in lieu of three hours of physical education . . . **George Sappenfield**, recreation director for the City of Fresno and a long-time official in IFA competitions, played the lead in the Fresno Community Theatre's production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." George also teaches a class in Frisbee Techniques at Fresno State College.

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pre-concert Frisbee fling, has been reported by **Ben A. Taylor**, No. 57,974, prior to a performance by the **Moody Blues**. According to Ben the Frisbees flew from balcony to balcony and in every direction. ***

TERMINAL ISLAND, Calif. — Inmates at the Terminal Island Federal Correctional Institution are becoming quite proficient with the Frisbee, and, according to **Robert Austin**, coordinator, might just be ready for some competition. They'd be delighted if any groups in the Los Angeles or Long Beach areas might visit them for an exhibition, or even a tournament. Mr.

Austin can be contacted at the **Terminal Island Recreation Department**. ***

ATHENS, Ga. — A police officer on educational leave from the St. Petersburg Police Department in Florida, **Art Chete**, is proving to be a roving good will ambassador (without portfolio) for Frisbee in the Southern states. Chete demonstrates his skills wherever he goes and was the sensation during Recreation Week of the **Southern Baptist Convention**, using Frisbees to illustrate how people can live the good life. ***

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — The leader of a special troupe of Boy Scouts, which was selected to represent the Boy Scouts of America at the world jam-



boree in Japan, reports the youngsters selected Frisbee as part of their skill-orama demonstration. The photo shows the 8' by 4' banner which hung across the entrance to their campsite. ***

ANKARA, Turkey — "Frisbee Fever" is alive and well in Turkey, according to **ALC Ken Dolphin**, No. 61,154, who says that not only are U.S. servicemen flipping out, but also the local citizenry. ***

MOSCOW, Russia — Frisbee has made its first official appearance in Red Square in front of the Kremlin, courtesy of IFA Master **Darrell Heckman**, during an Ohio State study tour



on the Soviet legal system, and he sent along this photo for the IFA News. ***

REPORT FROM THE K-9 CORPS

The roster of canine members of IFA continues to grow by leaps and bounds. **Mark Frieze** of Brookline, Mass., reports that his collie stands at his side when he unleashes a toss of 40 to 50 yards, and runs after it and catches it.

Barry Schrutt of Newport, R.I., claims that his German Shepard, **Natasha**, can catch a Frisbee better than any person he has ever seen.

Mrs. James Denton of Parma, Ohio,

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has duly registered her dog, "**Candy**" as IFA member No. 51,785.

Phil Davis of Seattle has a Black Laborador named **Gopa**, and Phil is training **Gopa** to be a retriever, using his Frisbee.

Robin Eick of Grand Rapids, Michigan, writes about **Sly**, a mixture of German Shepard and Labrador Retriever, who, in Robin's words, "will go after just about anything you throw, but his favorite sport is catching Frisbees."

Two other fine catchers are **Gi Gi**, a poodle mixture who resides with **Clarence Hergatt** in Mansfield, O., and **Tam-O-Shanter**, an Irish setter who performs his heroics in Albion, Mich.

And finally, there's **Mimi**, a professional dog who appears in films. **Mimi** is an obvious IFA enthusiast.

We're sorry to report one sad note in the K-9 rolls. **Clyde Hurst** of Portsmouth, O. informs us that his dog, **Reina**, featured in the IFA Newsletter (Vol. I, No. 8) was poisoned by some cruelly ignorant person. **Clyde's** loss is shared by all IFA members.



Candy

Mimi

PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

Official greetings of the **President of the United States** were sent to the contestants in the National Junior Frisbee Championships in a letter from **NASA astronaut Capt. James A. Lovell**, Consultant to the President on Physical Fitness and Sports.

The letter read in part: "As one who has tried — with mixed success — to master the intricacies of Frisbee, I welcome this opportunity to recognize your skill and determination."

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supervisor for the city of San Francisco.

The two former National Junior Frisbee Champions, **Darrell Lewis** of Portland, Ore., (1969), and **Danny Sanders** of Oak Ridge, Tenn. (1970), were on hand for the event, with Sanders presenting his successor with the championship trophy.

The National Junior Frisbee Championships are co-sponsored annually by Community Parks and Recreation Departments and Wham-O Manufacturing Co.

As in previous years each youngster was accompanied on the all-expenses-paid trip by a parent or guardian, with activities in Las Vegas including a

dinner show (**Dionne Warwick**), an awards breakfast and a tour of **Boulder Dam**.

Competition was held in the Las Vegas Hilton's convention center ballroom, with a special championship layout designed for the event by resident coordinator **Donn Blake** of the Las Vegas Recreation and Parks Department.

An unusual aspect during the event was that **Ken Schmidlein's** twin brother, **Kevin**, was on hand. **Kevin** had been the Massachusetts State Runnerup to his identical twin. Since he was not a regional champion, he is eligible for the 1972 competition.



CHAMPIONS ALL, the 1971 National Junior Frisbee Championships finalists from all over the U.S. pose in front of the Las Vegas Hilton (International) Hotel, site of the competition.