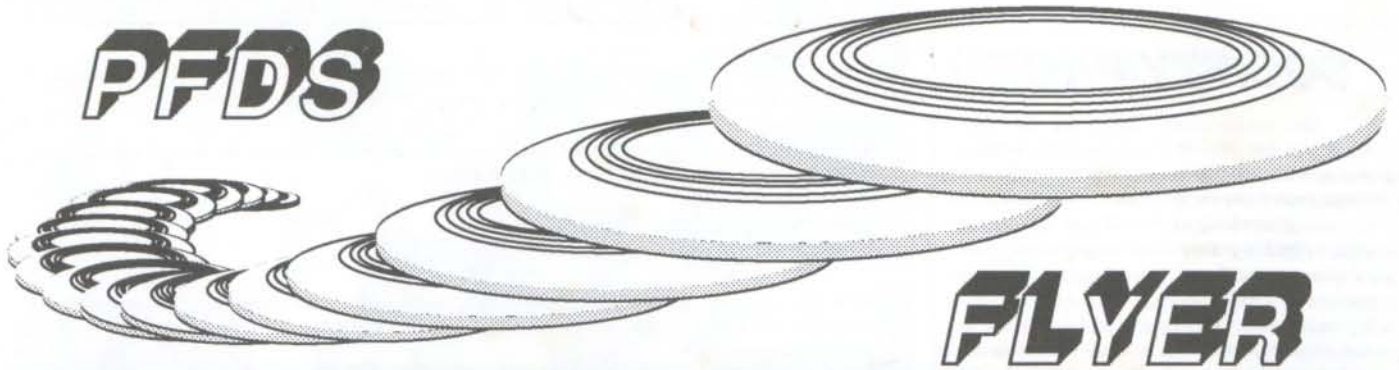


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AKBAR AND JEFF DO COLLEGE NATIONALS

By Nina Robin

CMU's women's Ultimate team, formerly known as Don't Call Me Shirley, but now known nationally as Akbar and Jeff (A&J), has great reason to be proud. In their second season of play, they placed first in the Midatlantic region and advanced as far as the quarterfinals at UPA College Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona, May 27th-30th.

A&J had 6 vets and 5 new players psyched to hit the 100-degree desert fields. The first day and a half was to qualify and rank the eight teams that would make the quarterfinals.

A&J's first game was against Columbia's White Plastic Blue Death. Jen Walters caught the first point of the game for A&J, but Blue Death returned the point quickly. A&J took the next three with handler Rachel Noble setting up each point. A&J showed they had no fear of marching down field with hucks, back-hand benders and forehand arcs. But Blue Death came back with an exciting lay-out goal in the endzone to tie it up at fours.

Columbia then pulled a tight zone, and A&J turned it over, a gift that Columbia used for a 5-4 score. A&J worked the next point with patience and perseverance to tie it up. Columbia took the next point, but A&J matched it with a forehand arc from Beth Edelstein into Walter's desirous arms. The next point saw many hucks and turns, but Columbia capitalized first to take the half.

Being down at half wasn't the worst situation

for A&J. They were a second-half, come-from-behind team all season. A&J took the next two points: first with a short pass into the corner to Karen Haines; and then with a forehand curve from Noble to Walters. On the pull, Columbia's hucker picked up the disc and wound up for a long blast down field, but Walters stuffed it before it ever reached the sky. Noble then sailed the disc to Edelstein's flying bod' for a hat trick. A&J kept the burn on with beautiful defensive stuffs by Shelley Pressley and Ester Jesurum, setting up a poetic score from Shelley to Ester for a 10-7 A&J lead.

Blue Death got angry and came back for a point, and it looked like they might take the next point also, but they turned it over in their end zone. Noble then put the disc up the line for Lin Chase. The pass looked like it would be a turnover, but Laurie "Monster" Juergens backed Chase up to save the disc. Juergens popped the disc to Noble for a score to Walters.

Blue Death wasn't ready to hand over victory and they took a quick point, making the game 11-9. A&J's Noble and Edelstein moved it down the field with a give-and-go until Edelstein took off into the end zone for the score. CMU continued to romp with a quick score from Noble to Ester. First game--a 13-9 victory for Akbar and Jeff.

In CMU's second game, the University of Michigan's Wanda's Binge took A&J by storm with a 13-4 victory. Wanda outran A&J and made very few turnovers. A&J needed to keep their spirits up for

the next day of competition. Game three against Wesleyan's Vicious Circles began with A&J turning the disc over and Vicious using A&J's errors for an opening score. A&J responded with a short pop from Pressley to Walters. Noble then picked off a bad throw and sent a bullet through the middle to Edelstein. But Vicious came back 2-2 when they broke CMU's zone.

It was 99 degrees and even the cacti were thirsty—it would be a long game. A&J pushed ahead when Juergens set up a play from Walters to Pressley and back to Juergens for the score. Vicious matched them and took two more making the score 5-3. A&J walked slowly back to the line conserving their resources. Noble caught the pull and scored with a long forehand curve to Walters. A&J took the next point with another Noble and Walters connection. However, Vicious Circle prevented an A&J hat trick, taking the next two points and the half at 7-5.

After half, A&J came back for two goals but again no hat trick. CMU had a tough zone, but were throwing too many away. Chase made a beautiful defensive diving block, and CMU capitalized on the energy with Noble throwing a long bomb to Walters inches from the goaline. Walters popped it into Pressley for an 8-8 tie. Another defensive stuff by Jesurum set up a Noble-Edelstein score. The psyche was building and A&J took the next point with Noble sending the disc to Ester for a 10-8 A&J lead.

The defense got stronger for both teams as Juergens stuffed Vicious. A&J worked it down to their endzone but just couldn't take it in. Vicious Circle couldn't move it down the field either. Noble put up another huck. Edelstein read it perfectly, but so did four other Vicious players. Vicious recaptured the disc but still weren't able to score. A&J finally took the long, exhausting point. Vicious came back on the next point, but it was CMU's game point at 12-9, and CMU's game on a pass from Pressley to Walters.

A&J lost their fourth game against the UC Davis Cats by a score of 13-5. With two losses, A&J was ranked third in their pool and advanced to the quarters where they met up with Cornell's Wild Roses. A&J believed they could win this one but the Roses had thorns and took the game 14-7.

The Roses advanced to the semifinals, but it was the Black Tide of Santa Barbara that won the National College championship in both the women and men's divisions.

A&J have much to hold their heads high about. They skied, they dove, they stuffed, they flowed. They let the country know they are a force to contend with, and will be back for another National toumey.



CMU women cheer opponents after game. Dig those fezes!

SOCIETY PAGE

Ahh summertime...These are the days when you can play at 9 p.m. and still break a sweat. And there are plenty of things to break a sweat over: Summer Ultimate 6:30 every Tuesday and Thursday at fields around the county (call 362-1006); Disc Golf league at 6:30 on Wednesdays, (431-1985); weekend tournaments such as the Light Plastic Open 7/14 (683-7264), 11 a.m. Sunday DDC Brunch at the overlook at Schenley (734-0321); or the Jr. Frisbee Contest on July 14 and August 4 at the Oval if you're 16 years young as of June 30 (488-8397).

Practice up everyone, because with the end of summer comes the September 21-23 PA State Flying Disc Championships.

We all have favorite discs. One Unknown DG player who has been heard to say that he throws Stingrays off the tee, on the fairway, and into the chains, was seen throwing a Phenix during CanAm 3 in Toronto. Perhaps Unknown wished that his action be unknown because he left the disc where it landed, in the middle of the swollen creek. Unknown was not seen throwing a Phenix again.

Not seen, but heard: Alexander Louis Thome, not even a month old and already attending Ultimate practice. Ultimate mom and dad, Karen and Henry, are doing fine and enjoying the addition to their family. The challenge, according to Henry, is figuring out what the infant wants when he cries. Maybe a rubber mini to cut his teeth on?

Not yet seen nor heard as we go to press, but confirmed: The Australian Men's National Ultimate Team will be competing at the Mars Ultimate Classic June 30-July 1. According to TD Ken Scott, the team planned to stop in Mars on their way to the World Ultimate Championships.

Will not see her much after August: Nina Robin, who coached and wrote about the CMU womens Ultimate team through their numerous wins and name changes, is moving to (where else) California. Good luck and thank-you to a person who has contributed a great deal to building the women's scene here. She will be pursuing her PhD and that endless summer in sunny L.A. Send us a postcard.

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Having received my first Flyer just minutes ago, I am sending you both my subscription check and my praise! Great newsletter!

As the only disc enthusiast (that I know of) in this small southwest Washington town, your Flyer provided entertainment and encouragement. Although we have a weekly Ultimate group and two local "invented" Disc Golf courses, I can't seem to get enough of disc sports and disc people. So here's my plan:

Wanted: Any Ultimate toumey or team shirts, so I can emphasize my devotion to this excellent sport, and possibly recruit casual acquaintances. Anyone with shirts for sale (or free!) can contact:

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Thank you, PFDS, and at the risk of sounding cliché, keep up the good work on the Flyer!

Keep 'em spinning, Ken, and I suggest you contact Tom Lander at 8940 142nd Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052 206-881-1205. Tom has been playing disc sports for years, and if you are looking for ways of promoting disc sports, why not get your name on some of Lander's Mini Sport Flyers and pass them around?

Greetings from Minnesota!

As newly elected president of the Minnesota Frisbee Association, I would like to thank you for sending our club a Spring issue of PFDS Flyer. Nice Job! I am sure Joe Feidt will be sending you our next issue of The Floater.

I would like to comment on several articles in your Spring issue: 1) The concept of having the Keystone State games is an excellent way to promote Disc Golf, and aid it in being accepted by other athletic groups. Here in Minnesota we have the Star of the North State Games which is an Olympic style format held at different sites in the state each year. We even used last years' games to recognize our State Championship. Good luck with that worthwhile program!

2) With Mark Danna offering disc classes at Penn State, he would be happy to know that I am able to teach undergraduate classes at St. Cloud State, and St. Benedicts College as a one-credit P.E. elective. It is great for outgoing P.E. majors, Rec majors etc.

3) On your flying disc events calendar, you left out two important dates. June 24-July 1 and the U.S. Open Flying Disc Championships in La Mirada, CA. Contact discovering the World. August 7-11 is the World Senior Flying disc Championships in Minneapolis, MN. Contact myself or Joe Feidt.

4) Say hello to Jim Powers and all those crusty disc players that may remember me from air brushes gone by. Take care.

Tim Mackey, St. Cloud, MN

WHAT HAS PFDS DONE FOR ME LATELY?

By Jay Walters

In August of 1982 while vacationing in California, I was awakened with a hangover and, despite my objections, taken to a place called La Mirada to play a game called Disc Golf. The one round that I had promised to play became two, and I had another pleasant memory of my trip. I figured my experience with the game would end there. After all, it was a "California game" which surely would never reach the provincial backwaters of Pittsburgh.

By July of 1987, Disc Golf was tucked into the dark recesses of my memory. While returning from a Cleveland Indians baseball game, I noticed those funny-looking metal baskets in a park along the Ohio Turnpike. Disc golf was in Ohio!

Later that summer while helping put together a road race in Schenley Park, I saw a lot of hardware in the Schenley Warehouse. Could it be?

"Yes," said Tony Richards of Citiparks, "Disc

Golf is coming to Pittsburgh." Tony informed me that "a bunch of guys" had raised the funds for the equipment, and it would be installed the following spring. That "bunch of guys" was, of course, the PFDS, Citiparks' Vince Hurley, and John Hunt.

After the course was installed, I would play, often alone, during the summer of 1988, trying to improve my game. Eventually I met a number of people who also were disc golfing regularly and they gave me tips on how to improve. They also invited me to join their club, which I did.

As I became more involved with the PFDS, I found that not only did my game improve, but my outlook towards the sport improved also. Having a good round of golf does not necessarily mean having a low score. Bogeys aren't so bad when you're enjoying a beautiful day in the park with your friends.

Birdies are a lot more fun when someone is shouting "Good putt" after you've sunk a 40-foot hyzer shot around a tree.

This comradarie really seems evident at tournament times. Just think of how much fun you had at the barbeque during last year's State Championships. A lot of people pitched in to make it a big success. I was one of those who got involved and I enjoyed being part of the group that made it happen. If you are into Ultimate or Freestyle rather than Disc Golf, there are plenty of ways to make those aspects of the club stronger, such as the Summer Ultimate League and the Junior Frisbee contest.

Recently I heard someone ask "What does the PFDS do for me?" Well, for me they have provided a Disc Golf course, organized tournaments, and most importantly, introduced me to some very good friends.



Arm and Hammer flexes after winning Earth Day tournament. The club team also played at Centrals and Easterns. Philmore beat Night Train for the Centrals trophy.

OLIVER ULTIMATE COMES ALIVE

By Richard Morris

On Thursday, May 31, the Oliver High Bears played the Allderdice Dragons in our very first Ultimate game ever. We wanted to win this game for several important reasons: It was Mr. Dropcho's coaching debut and we wanted to get his coaching "career" off to a winning start; and we wanted to prove to ourselves and anyone that the Bears could play this game. We were confident because we knew our team had speed and had been practicing for three weeks. We were relaxed all that day until our opponents arrived. To our disadvantage, we hadn't practiced on a regulation field before and Allderdice had played games before.

But that didn't dampen our spirits. When Mr. Dropcho announced the starting seven we felt like we were playing in the Super Bowl or some sort of championship game. We had won the right to receive and were flying high. We started to work the disc upfield, and with Coach giving us instructions from the sideline, we looked and felt like a team. However, that feeling lasted only a short while. Allderdice made a good interception and scored the first point of the game. Right then and there we heard the bubble pop and felt the cold water of reality splash us in the face. After that, we seemed to become disenchanted with the game. We were sluggish, inconsistent and didn't take advantage of their mistakes. On defense we were somewhat organized and showed promise, but on offense we weren't taking our time, making accurate passes, looking for the open man, or getting open long enough to be found open. Our opponents scored five unanswered goals before we crossed their goal line. We came close a couple of times but we either got sloppy, or Allderdice made some incredible play.

At halftime we were down 10-4. Our give-and-go offense was disappointing because we only scored two goals from it. We knew that in order to change the outcome of the game or at least to make it close we had to stop making mistakes that showed we were a team of inexperience and we had to capitalize on their mistakes.

At the start of the second half, Coach Dropcho got us together and gave us a pep talk. On the pull to

start the second half, they scored another goal, but soon after we finally got something going. We were moving the disc downfield, doing the give-and-go. We had them five-on-one and I passed the disc to Lester Bennett who dropped the disc and our hopes like a hot potato only five yards away from the endzone. Things seemed darker and darker by the second. Soon after Allderdice took the disc, Lester made up for his drop with a good block and we got a second chance back at the same spot. We took our time and scored.

From that point on, we had 'Dice on the defensive and we were on the offensive. Oliver would score two, Dice would score one. Soon we were shutting them down completely. They were making mistakes that were supposed to make. It seemed like we were the veterans and they were the rookies. A bit of role reversal.

The score was 14-9 Dragons when we realized that we were still in the game, and we started to play harder. Dropcho kept subbing players in so no one would become dog tired. The lead was five, four, three, four, three and then two. Carlos Hawthorne scored a goal that brought us within two points, 17-15. Two points!! When we scored, we jumped on Carlos and had a celebration! We thought we were going to win. We got in a huddle and did a "1-2-3-BEARS!" We were excited, but we said to each other "Let's settle down" and "Let's focus on scoring."

Moments later 'Dice scored and we quieted down a bit. Now we were down by three and I wondered "What kind of team are we? Are we the team from the first half or were we the team from the second half? Are we a defensive team or an offensive team? Were we leaders or comebackers? Could we comeback and win?"

It was a good game all the way through, but we got started too late and we ran out of gas too soon, losing 21-17. For our first game, we played better than we expected. We wanted to win the game, but we improved tremendously in the second half. We are a young team and there will be a next time.

Ricky Morris was a co-captain for the game against Allderdice and will be a senior at Oliver High school.

ULTIMATE REBORN

By J. Gary Dropcho

Ultimate was created by Maplewood, New Jersey high school students over 20 years ago. The game's popularity spread to college campuses as the young players took their discs and headed to universities where they started teams and rivalries that continue today. It is significant that in an Ultimate era of professionalized players and managers, the sport that requires its participants to play by the honor system is getting back to its roots.

High school Ultimate is growing in Pittsburgh. Two schools, Taylor Allderdice and Oliver high schools now have Ultimate teams organized. The Taylor Allderdice club has been active for many years (see Winter 89 issue), while the Oliver squad has just come into being this spring. As a part of the New Futures extended school day initiative at Oliver, the Frisbee club met every Tuesday and Thursday since May 1 to practice fundamentals of throwing and catching, as well as the rules and strategies of Ultimate. Practicing in the gym when the weather did not permit, at a community playground with a permit secured through Citiparks, and on the Oliver athletic field when it was not in use by other activities, a regular group of 5-7 players very quickly learned the importance of wrist snap and spin on a flying disc, learned how to read the flight of a variety of throws, learned the pivot, learned the flick or sidearm grip and throw, and most importantly, learned the importance of working together as a team.

An article in the school's newspaper, posters, announcements in the daily bulletin, and word of mouth helped to create interest in the club. A demonstration during one afternoon of physical education classes gave Oliver club members experience in a scrimmage situation. The demonstration put on by members of the Carnegie Mellon Ultimate team and Pittsburgh's Arm and Hammer club team provided Oliver's players with a model for game skills and strategies, and also helped recruit additional players into the club.

The kids were alright and felt ready to invite Allderdice over for an afternoon game. Fun, teamwork, and learning were the goals of the game, and as should be expected of all Ultimate affairs, the spirit of the game soared. Allderdice won the contest of goals, 21-17, by holding off a late five-goal surge by Oliver. However, in the game of building a team concept and a sense of fair play there was no contest; everyone ran hard, gave their best effort, and did the right thing on fouls and out of bounds calls. No arguments, no taunts, no hard feelings. When only days before in practice there had been jeers, name calling, and pushing/showing between team members, on this day of Ultimate there were cheers, names being praised, and hands being extended in welcome and congratulation.

This, it seemed, was a day very much like what it must have been in 1968 when the Columbia High School newspaper staff challenged the student council in that first and Ultimate game of Frisbee.

It was a day that needs to be repeated in many more high schools, not only to recruit and develop the new players that bring needed energy to the sport, but also to renew the spirit and energy of those who have played Ultimate and know well the reward of a defensive block after an all-out run or the beauty and simplicity of a connection from thrower to receiver.

DISCS COLLECT CASH VALUE, MEMORIES, AND DUST

By Dave Bikeman

Disc Collecting is an eclectic hobby. It seems that almost every "frisbee" player has a disc collection of some sort. Some take it seriously, with collections worth thousands of dollars. Others save discs as souvenirs, for memories, or because they like them.

Once, when showing my collection to a friend, I was asked if collecting flying discs is a hobby or a mind possessing mania. I'm not quite sure. There are so many discs out there! No one can collect ALL of them, but try convincing some people of that.

Buying one of every disc in a recent issue of the Discovering The World catalogue would cost about \$750. You might have paid that much for your car. Discs aren't cheap, and the price of a collection is usually paid for over a long period of time.

But what to collect? Everybody has their own idea about that. I'm no expert, but I think that everybody who has a sense of flying disc history wants a Frisbie Pie tin, the legendary original flying disc from the Bridgeport, Connecticut, Frisbie Pie Company. One story says that the name for what has become synonymous with flying discs (Frisbee) was originated by students at what was then called the Bridgeport School of Engineers. After eating Mrs. Frisbie's pies, the students would play catch with the plate yelling "Frisbie!" to warn others of the airborne projectile. Other folklore credits this game and name to nearby Yale University students who also ate Frisbie's pies.

Scott "Grandma" Thornton, who grew up in Bridgeport, graduated from the University of Bridgeport in 1981 and played "Frisbie" there, tells of the abundance of Frisbie Pie tins at garage and tag sales up until about 1977. "My buddy had a huge stack of pie tins that he got for \$.05 or \$.10 apiece. People didn't put any value on the pie tins because they were everywhere. He really got into collecting the plates after going to California and trading one pie tin for \$100 worth of plastic. But back in Bridgeport, old ladies were just throwing the things away." Now the tins are rare, although many hundreds could be presumed to be buried in Connecticut landfills.

J. Gary Dropcho has three of these antiquities, all found at Vermont flea markets by his loving mother. Her skillful negotiations obtained the plates for rock bottom prices, but beware, the value of these tins is continuing to climb.

My search for the elusive Frisbie Pie tin turned up many vintage tins, and thus the start of my pie tin collection, now 14 strong. My favorite is the Phoebe's Pie tin (65 cents) from a Springfield, Missouri flea market. If you can't flip Frisbie's tin then Phling Phoebe's instead! Each of the tins have different flight characteristics and different weights. Had Disc Golf been invented in the 1940's when Yale students were first throwing those Frisbie pie tins, one could have spent \$.50 (plus a \$.10 deposit) and gotten a pretty accurate driver plus dessert.

The Li'l Abner Flyin' Saucer discs are another piece of disc history. Produced by inventor Fred Morrison around 1950 and marketed by Brian Specialties and Pipco, these saucers are made of hard plastic (special "Tuffy" plastic produced by Celanese) and are domed and small-shouldered. The disc has six ridges on top of the flight plate that spiral from the center to the rim. In the center of the disc is a sticker picturing Li'l Abner. The original package included color illustrations by Al Capp with Li'l

Abner saying "Jus' folly these FLIGHT IN-STRUKSHUNS fo' lots o' fun!!" Of course the avid collector wants all three colors (red, yellow, and blue).

Morrison developed his flying saucer and sold the idea to toy entrepreneurs at Wham-O Manufacturing Company. This disc of fame was called the Pluto Platter, later renamed "Frisbee" and manufac-

tured by Wham-O in 1957. This Pluto Platter was one of the original plastic flying saucers and is very rare (\$50) Several models of the Pluto Platter were generated, including the Mars Platter, and the Flying Saucer. These early molds were modified to include flight rings. Fanatical collectors look for characteristics such as the famous "PLAY CATCH - INVENT GAMES/To fly, flip away backhanded/Flat flip flies



Most disc collectors have built their inventory through commemorative discs purchased at tournaments in which they have played. But one Beaver county, PA woman has gathered over 150 different discs without ever having played in any organized flying disc sports.

Audrey Pishioneri doesn't even like to play catch with a Frisbee. What she does like, however, is to collect and display the variety of discs that she has accumulated primarily through "refunding."

"The first disc I got was this one," the Monaca resident said and pointed to a clear Fastback Frisbee with a Jr. Frisbee Contest/Wheaties logo. "It used to be fun sending away for items with a coupon from a package. When I received it, I just put it in a box. I didn't plan on collecting them, it just sort of snowballed."

Since she first sent away for that Collector's edition Frisbee, Pishioneri has collected about a third of her discs by redeeming coupons. The rest of her Frisbees, Humphrey Flyers, Whirley Flyers, CPI Saucer Tossers, Fun Flyers, California Flyers, Colt and Dumont Discus, discs manufactured by Cosom, and Imperial, as well as a number of other "generic" discs have been scooped up by Audrey, her family and friends who know she is interested in the bright colored plastic plates.

Garage sales have been the most fruitful source of Audrey's collection, although she will admit to making purchases in retail outlets specifically because a disc was involved. Pishioneri acquired one disc with the logos of Jif peanut butter and Pringles potato chips on it, not because she's choosy about which chip she dips, but because the food came with the flying saucer as a bonus. Food is a theme of many of her discs, such as the Hershey's disc that smells like chocolate, or the strawberry-scented Kool-Aid flyer.

Like all collectors, she is interested in sets. "I got these Star Wars Frisbees of C3PO and R2D2 at Big Lots (a discount department store) recently. I think they're pretty."

Asked about her favorite disc, she paused a good while and scanned her wall. Her bright eyes fastened on a 9-inch white Snoopy Tosserino disc with a black hotstamp and raised letters. "I like this one the best," she said with a smile that gave away the real value of the disc.

Audrey's appointment as the president of the Monaca chapter of the Frisbee Collectors Club of America by her brother-in-law in 1988 prompted her to hang her collection on the wall of her garage. What some may see as whimsy has become a valuable pastime for Audrey. "I have spent maybe twenty dollars on my Frisbees so far. But what makes them valuable are the stories behind each of them."

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straight/Tilted flip curves - Experiment" instructions on the underside, or whether the word "Frisbee" and/or the registered trademark symbol ® appears on the disc. Frisbee has been a Wham-O trademark since 1957. The Pluto Platter came in three colors — red, yellow, and blue. Later Flying Saucers were translucent orange with flight rings.

The Space Saucer is another early 50's disc that, according to Jim Palmeri (who should be in the disc collecting Hall of Fame), threw the game of Guts from a cult ritual into the popular Ivy League pastime. The Space Saucer was made by Ernest C. Robes and costs \$40 in the package. Colors are turquoise, yellow, and red. Mark Danna's May 11, 1987 *Sports Illustrated* article details the genealogy of Morrison and Robes' discs and the competition for what is today a market that buys more discs than footballs, basketballs and baseballs combined.

Thus, the Frisbee in its subsequent molds and models has become the bulk of the collectors desire. Through Ed Headrick's marketing strategy, Wham-O innovated the Frisbee with the Official Pro Model. The Pro model was one of the most popular discs in the 60's and one of the first to be hot-stamped in a variety of colors. The Pro Model's technical innovation were the concentric flight rings on the top of its flight plate. The Pro model is still the official Guts disc, and there are lots of variations to be found (I have more than 20 of these classics).

With Frisbees catching on (pardon the pun) from coast to coast in 1970's the number of models grew as Wham-O grew. The Regular, the Pro, the Master and other molds ensued. The breakthrough in flying disc performance were the 141 Gram (50 mold) and 119 Gram (40 mold) World Class series Frisbees. My early recollection of Frisbee include playing catch in the street with my old brown 4-signature 141G disc. Gee I wish I still had that disc. Signature discs began with the Scribble edition with a fake signature because there was no champion that year. Later editions were graced with the names of various world champions. K.B. Clark has a great collection of 4-signature discs; a 40 and a 50 mold in all four of the colors — yellow, brown, turquoise, and green.

The 119G Frisbee was the first disc to offer custom hotstamping and a great number of different designs were created which are now collectibles. Special collectors discs were made for the Rose Bowl Tournaments of the early 70's. Wham-O, who always had a strong marketing department, noticed that there were a number of people who bought one of everything that they made. So they made as many different discs as they could, and people became addicted to plastic.

Other Frisbees of collecting value include the North American Series tournament discs of the late 70's. From the 1976 2-color "Jimmie" design on clear plastic (a first) to the 1979 Jo Cahow design, these classic discs are a must for any collector. The 1978 Marini design initiated the 165 G (80 mold) into the NAS series. The 3-disc sets were available with four different colors of hotstamps on clear plastic.

Wham-O introduced the HDX-80 in the late 70's as the first unbreakable Frisbee. It looked high tech, and although it did break when tipping on a freezing cold day, it was an excellent flyer. Wham-O produced these for the collector as well as the player—they changed the HDX colors every year or so and stopped making the old ones. Steve Kohman has an excellent HDX collection which includes those rare first HDX-80's. Even today, the HDX is an excellent choice for a disc collector to collect.

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Wanted: Old Purple Hammers (new or used) with Mallet hotstamp. Red Whittington 412-683-7264.

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Wanted: Jr. Frisbee Contest Fastbacks, esp. 1970's and 1989. J. Gary Dropcho. 412-734-0321.

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Of course, there is a lot more to this world than Wham-O, right John Gyenes? John collected Discraft products for years. Discraft made its mark with the Skystyler, an excellent 160G freestyle disc. The Skystyler came in a variety of bright plastics with big, multi-colored hotstamps. When the 175G Ultrastrat was introduced, John managed to get a bunch of one-of-a-kind hot stamps. I'm sure that they are all in boxes in his closet now (like most of my discs).

Voit made discs for a while, and these are of some collectible value. They made a two piece disc in two diameters, a canine tooth-proof dog disc, and a line of ultra-heavy golf disc. Voit and Discraft both sponsored the Keystone State Championships in Pittsburgh in 1983.

Golf discs are another source of collecting mania. Disc golfers buy discs, throw them at baskets, then buy new ones. The old ones all go to the collection, provided the woods or water don't take them first. My golf disc collection includes a complete set of glow-in-the-dark Night Flyer golf discs (80, 50, 40 and 100 molds of various weights) with the big numbers on the top. The 80-mold moonlighter weighed well over 200 grams and were my preferred roller disc.

Last (and least) of the collectables are the junk discs. You know the discs . . . the ones your grandmother gets for you because she knows that you like Frisbees — First Fidelity Bank, Sea World, McDonalds—junk discs! They are junk because you can't throw them worth beans, and you can't throw them out, and so they collect. There is merit to these discs as they increase the total size of a collection. Whenever anybody asks me how many discs I have in my collection, I can wow them!

PFDS RAISES \$1000 AT "THROW FOR DIABETES"

By Amy Putkovich

On Saturday, June 23rd, the PFDS hosted a Disc Golf benefit for the American Diabetes Association at Schenley Park. Despite extremely windy conditions which were probably responsible for keeping the field down to 23 players, the event was an enormous financial success. More than half of the over one thousand dollars pledged had already been collected by the end of play on Saturday.

Prizes donated by local businesses and organizations will be awarded to top fundraisers Steve Kohman, K.B. Clark, and Jane Kohman. Players were asked for a minimum donation of five dollars, and were encouraged to get pledges based on number of throws, birdies, bogeys, etc.

Red Whittington took the prize for low score (a 43 on his fifth round of the day) and closest-to-the-hole. The prize for fastest round was captured by J. Gary Dropcho, clocking in with 14 minutes for 18 holes and shooting a four under par. Doris Putkovich set the newest known course record for the highest score (155) while taking slowest round (2 hours) honors. Bob Pollak claimed the distinction of most throws for the day—291 in five rounds.

The ADA extends its thanks to all who participated, especially PFDS members K. B. Clark, Steve Kohman, and Jay Walters, who helped organize the event, and Red Whittington, who obtained the grand prize donation—dinner for two at Clearwater Restaurant in Shadyside.

A good time was had by all. Hope to see more of you out there "Throw(ing) for Diabetes" next year!

There are many other discs and manufacturers not mentioned here. We hope that others more knowledgeable about their collecting value can contribute what they know.



MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST: Who is this superman? First postcard correctly identifying this layout wins a mystery disc. Tiebreaker: What year and on what team did he first play?



Steve Wisecup accepts winner's plaque from PFDO Tournament Director K.B. Clark

HAMPTON PDGA TOURNEY KICKS OFF CANAM SERIES

By Keith Clark

Steve Wisecup, Sandy Steger, Red Whittington, Steve Dodge, and Tom Potts won their respective divisions at the third annual Pittsburgh Flying Disc Open held April 21-22 at Hampton Community Park.

Seventy-eight players registered for the two-day tournament, once again a PDGA-sanctioned event and the first stop on the ten-tournament Can-Am series.

The boys from Canada were among the first to arrive on Friday evening to see the 7000-foot course, to stretch their arms on #1 (590 feet) and #2 (800 feet) and wonder "Should I fly or should I roll, or should I go to hole #10 (200 feet) and warm up?"

Saturday morning was cool and rainy with a westerly wind that blew in players from all directions while PFDS members scrambled to get the temporary pole hole course set up.

The first round started in the rain and with the previous nights' precipitation the ground and the players' feet were soaked. First round scores of 53, 54, and 55 by the top ten Open players showed that 50 would be hard to break.

Saturday's second round was played in light winds and clearing skies. After two rounds, Steve Wisecup, Brent Hambrick, and Tim Day were tied for the lead at 107. Jeff Malton and Steve Kohman at 108, Michael Simone at 109, Craig Gangloff and Jeff Skelding at 110, Jim Pay at 111, and Tim Kady and Randy Lahm at 112, rounded out the top eleven in Open division.

The Women were lead by Sandy Steger with a 139, while Red Whittington set the Master's pace with 129.

In the Amateur divisions, Advanced players Mark Linden, 123, Steve Dodge, 124, and David Campbell, 125, were bunched at the top, while Novice player Tom Potts, 127, lead Dennis Janey and Eric Frenzel, 134, Bob Pollack, 135, and Chris Tichner, 136.

Conditions on Sunday were perfect: sunny and temps near 80. Every thing was in place for Wisecup as he bagged six birdies on the way to a 49. The World Champion's 50 in the final round made it 206 throws to edge out Brent Hambrick at 208 and win top honors and \$255.

Sandy Steger from Fairfax, VA added to her lead all weekend, winning the Women's Pro trophy and \$66 with a 269 ahead of former-Pittsburgher Lynn Giroux, 303, and Buffalo's Cory Baach, 340.

Fredericksburg's Steve Dodge shot 264 to win Advanced and Tom Potts of Levittown, PA won the Novice division with a 249.

The tournament paid out a cash purse of \$1066, as well as a \$50 Closest-to-the-Hole cash prize donated by Dr. Arthur Berman. T-shirts, discs, merchandise and food coupons were also awarded for Longest drive, Amateur closest-to-the-hole, Lowest round score, and various other categories, including the most trash brought in from the course in observance of Earth Day. All amateur entrants received a tournament disc as part of their entry packet. Penn Pilsner donated beer and many drank it out of the water bottles donated by Sheetz Kwik Shopper.

One ace was recorded during the tournament by Randy Lahm during his final round on #10. No one scored a three on #2 during any of the four rounds.

Reviews of the course and tournament were favorable from players and sponsors, creating excitement and anticipation for more tournaments to be held at Hampton and for the installation of a permanent course there.

CAN-AM SERIES #5 IN LEWISTON

The one day tournament near Niagara Falls is a favorite of Canadian and American disc golfers and tourists alike. The course was average in length with the deadly single-chained holes. The park itself was quite beautiful with a 100 meter long pool. The diverse flora included shedding cottonwood trees that snowed 1-2 inches of blossoms, creating allergic reactions on some holes. Sunny weather and unusually calm winds allowed some low scores. Toronto's Mike Sullivan won by one throw over Jeff Malton and by two over Kevin Stewart. Tied for fourth were Jeff Skelding and Pittsburgh's Steve Kohman. Pittsburgher Red Whittington ran away with the Master's division including a round of 42 featuring a perfect 18 on the back nine and ten birdies in a row!

DISC GOLF ROUNDUP

By Steve Kohman

The PDGA Supertour came as close to home as it gets for the June 2-3 Edgewood Electric Open in Cincinnati, OH. A temporary course of Peru baskets was set up in Mt. Airy Park that included many picturesque holes.

A field of 144 playing on one course required that the rounds be played in shifts. On day one, the weather wreaked havoc on the randomly drawn second flight whose rounds were played in the rain and ended in the dark, while the first flight played in sunshine.

The second day's weather was fair for all. A course record 48 was fired by the young Florida champion Ken Climo during the third round. It was to be the only sub-50 round shot during the tournament, and he continued to roll on to the the Open title by two strokes over first day leader Jim Aikens. Climo endured the challenge of being in Pool B the first day and said he didn't mind the injustice of the weather because it was just great to be playing here. A champion has to play well in good weather and bad. He did.

Pittsburgh players had a decent showing. Masters K.B. Clark and Red Whittington were tied one off the lead after 3 rounds. K.B. lost a sudden death playoff for second, while Red faded to orange. Steve Kohman finished 17th in the Open division.

THE BREEZE AND TREES

Two one day tournaments were held in Delaware on May 19-20. Brandywine was beautiful and above average in length but hellaciously windy. Also some of the cement tee pads and mandatories were inhibiting. Lums Pond was pretty and had nice grass and dirt tees but was wooded. Joe Mela won Brandywine on Saturday and Tim Kady won Lums Pond on Sunday. Joe Mela won the combined Breeze and Trees competition by one shot over Tim is the current Pennsylvania Overall State Champion. Joe, who came in second in last year's PA State Disc Golf Championships, has several up and coming young players who join him at the tournaments and proclaim his Disc Golf teaching ability. Pittsburgher Steve Kohman, the defending state Disc Golf Champion, finished 11th at Brandywine but succumbed to the trees on Sunday.

DISC GOLF RULES QUIZ

1. What is the penalty for willful and overt abuse of plant life considered part of the course?
2. Can a player use two discs during a round, a putter and a driver, and use whichever one he is not throwing for his marker disc?
3. Is it legal to tee off with your lead foot behind the tee line and your other foot behind the front line but to the left of the side marker of the tee?
4. If your disc stops on the out of bounds line, is it in bounds?
5. In 4 above, is it legal to throw your next shot if your supporting foot behind the marker is in bounds while the other is out of bounds but behind the marker?

DISC EVENTS CALENDAR

7/14	Community Jr. Frisbee Contest 10 am	Schenley Park, PA	Tony DiMaria	412-488-8397
7/14	PGH Light Plastic Disc Golf Open 1pm	Schenley Park, PA	Red Whittington	412-683-7264
7/21-22	River Bends TPC Invit. PDGA/CanAm 8	Rochester, MI	Duane Utech	313-656-5111
7/28-29	Laurel Springs Open PDGA	Laurel Springs, NC	Bill Boylan	919-359-8368
7/28-29	Rochester FD Open PDGA/CanAm 9	Rochester, NY	Royce Racinowski	716-482-8697
8/4	Regional Finals Jr. Frisbee Contest noon	Schenley Park, PGH, PA	Tony DiMaria	412-488-8397
8/4	New Joisey Open PDGA	New Brunswick, NJ	Matt LaCourte	201-538-7254
8/4-5	Ohio St Champs PDGA	Dayton, OH	Slate Paul	513-256-0007
8/7-11	World Seniors Flying Disc Chmps	Minneapolis, MN	Joe Feidt	612-644-9341
8/10	PGH Summer Ultimate Finals	Hampton Comm Pk, PGH, PA	Steve Neumann	412-362-1006
8/10-11	Eastern Open golf + events	Fairfax, VA	Spencer Thurman	703-494-3619
8/10-12	World Amateur DG Champs PDGA	Wichita, KS	Harvey Barger	316-221-1017
8/18	NE Region K-9 Frisbee Champs	FDR Park Phila., PA	Bob Cameron	215-685-0156
8/18-19	MD Flying Disc Chmps PDGA + events	Seneca Creek St Pk, MD	Craig Gangloff	301-384-4068
8/25-26	Toronto FD Chmps PDGA/CanAm 10	Etobicoke, ONT	Phil Palumbo	416-252-4714
9/1	National Frisbee Festival	Washington, DC	Larry Schindel	301-645-5043
9/1-2	World Guts Chmps + PDGA	French Creek St. Pk	D. Tomaszewski	215-689-4599
9/8-9	Red Tail (team) + PDGA	Baltimore, MD	Steve Alpem	301-377-4845
9/15	Beaver Open PDGA	Lums Pond, DE	Steve Winchester	302-733-4893
9/21-23	PA Flying Disc Chmps PDGA+events	Pittsburgh, PA	J. Gary Dropcho	412-734-0321
9/29	Sedgely woods Toumament	Phila. , PA	Barry Noakes	609-461-8579
9/29-30	N. Carolina St. Champs PDGA	Raleigh, NC	Carlton Howard	919-872-7897
10/9-13	PDGA World Championships	Phoenix, AZ	Mike Hughes	602-966-2842
10/?	World Junior Frisbee Contest Finals	Orlando, FA	Amy Berard	818-287-9681
10/20-21	Calvert Road "99" PDGA	College Park, MD	Rick Connor	301-604-4923
10/27	Halloween VII	Bowling Green, KY	Sylvia Voakes	502-782-7577
10/27-28	Sneaky Pete Classic V	Burlington, NC	Robert Nicks	919-228-0242
11/10	Warwick Open	Knauertown, PA	Jim Powers	215-363-0464
11/18	3rd Children's Hospital FR	Bluemont Park, VA	Dave Steger	703-273-1665
11/3-4	Brandywine Windjammer PDGA	Rockland, DE	Bill Yerd	302-652-3799

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