

BC DISC GOLF

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BCDSS DISC GOLF BRANCH 1999 YEAR IN REVIEW

I would like to begin by thanking all the DGB board members for all the work they have done in the past year. In just one year we have been transformed from a somewhat unorganized and understaffed group of players to a board that has had productive monthly meetings and has grown to seven members. Our current board consists of: Randy Stohan - president & weekly series director, James Ring - treasurer & TD's assistant, Mike Graff - equipment guy & host for our monthly meetings, Duncan - outreach & co-series director, Mike McCrae - new course development, Jason Palmeter - new guy, and myself (Jim Brown) - secretary, chair, new course development, regional reps coordinator, and newsletter producer. Once again guys, on behalf of all those disc golf players out there, thanks for a great year of service.

What did we do in 1999?

1. Monthly meetings - we met every month, and not only had outstanding attendance at these meetings, but also managed to get a great deal of work achieved.

2. Events organized - Randy had been hosting a monthly disc golf event at Quilchena Park in past years and over the course of this year he has expanded this to now include Jericho, Little Mountain, and Robert Burnaby Park. Local players can now attend a fun, well run disc golf event every

Saturday. Every month it is 1st Sat. at Quilchena, 2nd Sat. at Robert Burnaby, 3rd Sat. at Little Mtn, and last Sat. at Jericho with a 12:30 start time.

This year we also organized two major events: the Sea to Sky at the new disc golf course at YMCA Camp Howdy in Belacara Park, and the BC Provincial Disc Golf Championships, which attracted 91 players Sept. 25th to Victoria's Juan de Fuca Disc Golf Course. We are also beginning the Duck Golf Series which will be one tournament a month from September to April, with four of them being held on the Islands and the other four in the lower mainland.

3. Membership initiatives - we have been very actively promoting the BCDSS and now offer many incentives for players to join us. Not only do members get \$1 off our event registration and disc purchases, but they also receive our new quarterly newsletter - BC Disc Golfer. We make active use of all the local disc golf course bulletin boards posting BCDSS Resource Lists, score cards, and event listings. We have also established data bases for BCDSS disc golfers, for our regional reps network, and for other known disc golfers in BC and neighbouring provinces & states.

4. Fundraising - this past year we held a raffle for a mini basket, designed and sold discs with our logo, sold BCDSS minis, and had a \$1 surcharge at our events for non-BCDSS members.

5. Sponsorship Program - to be more active and visible at disc golf events around the province we established a sponsorship program to give away BCDSS Disc Golf Branch merchandise. We donated 80 of our logoed golf discs and 100 of our minis to 8 events as prizes, and also provided the tournament directors with other BCDSS resource materials.

This year we also began a players' sponsorship program and paid Glen Whitlocks' entrance fees to the World Disc Golf Championships. Two other local players also attended this event and received some throwing stock.

6. Outreach - our strongest outreach component this year was our booth at the Parks & Rec Conference. It gave us great exposure to Parks & Recreation Departments around the

province. We had the best location, the most visual booth, and had free minis to give away. Virtually all delegates past by the booth at least once during the two days and went away knowing a little more about disc sports. I received about a dozen good leads for new disc golf courses at the event and along with Mike McCrae have been busy following up on these.

We also had a booth at the Squamish Parks & Rec Festival, did several workshops with the Burnaby Parks department, received 30 new DGB 150 gm loaner discs, and in cooperation with the YMCA's Camp Howdy, Camp Deka, and Camp Elphistone about 2,800 youth participated in disc golf over the summer. We also went on a bit of a media blitz in July and had full page articles with photos in both the Burnaby Now and Vancouver Echo newspapers, and as well did a 5 minute segment on Rogers Cable about the new Robert Burnaby Disc Golf Course.

7. New Course Development - we began our year with the purchase of 18 used DISCatcher chain baskets from the old Whistler course and submitted proposals to Vancouver (Quilchena), Burnaby, and New Westminster to try to get them installed locally. This process is not as easy as it sounds. After 5 meetings with the Burnaby Parks Department we finally had the OK to install a new course in Robert Burnaby Park. Many thanks to all of you who came out to help. As mentioned earlier we received many leads at the Parks & Rec Conference and Mike McCrae and myself have been busy doing following ups, visiting potential sites and submitting proposals. Future potential sites include: Whistler, Kamloops, Cranbrook, Mission, Sooke, Sidney, Duncan, Royal Roads, Squamish, Pemberton, Lions Bay, Vernon, Kimberley, and Surrey.

Another new course was also developed in the lowermainland this past summer at YMCA Camp Howdy in Belacara Park. This private course will be open to the public several times throughout the year and will be the future site of our two biggest local events. It is a beautiful challenging course which begins off the dock on Indian Arm and winds up and down through the surrounding rainforest. With cabins and party accommodations on site it has the potential to become

one of the northwest's best tournament venues. Finally, the DGB worked in conjunction with the Juan de Fuca parks Department, supplying expertise and some funding, as they upgraded their course from tonal poles to Mach II chain baskets.

Looking ahead to 2000 - we now have a strong organisational base, good resource materials, and reasonable cash flow with which we can continue to develop the sport in this province. We will be hosting a weekly event, one large monthly event, and at least three major tournaments in the coming year. We are now looking beyond the lowermainland and will spend more time on developing awareness for the sport on the Island, in the Okanagan, and in the Chutneys. We will once again attend the Parks & Rec Conference, and will continue to submit proposals and aid players in other areas of the province in their bid to get a disc golf course for their community. Our current policy is to cover the cost of at least one basket for any new courses in the province. We still have 9 Dispatchers in storage waiting to go in the ground and have just received casino funding to purchase 9 more new baskets. Looking ahead, I anticipate you may see up to 4 new courses in the province in the coming year. With expected well designed basket courses in Whistler and Kamloops.....we're all gonna want to get out and travel a little more. Hey, and with all those aging Ultimate players soon to be packing in the cleats, and heading out for around, you know we're gonna need lots more courses.

Tournament Review

Randy's Ongoing Events: Randy has now teamed up with Duncan and they will be hosting 4 events each month. Each event is held on a Saturday and begins at 12:30. They are usually 24 to 27 holes, and quite often followed by doubles, and a feast of Sushi.

The events are: Quilchena 1st Sat, Burbank 2nd Sat, Little Mtg. 3rd Sat, & Jericho last Sat of each month.

For info contact: Randy 322-6255.

Winter Series - Bradness is hosting two tournaments each month at the Mundy Park Disc Golf Course. The series began in Oct. and runs through till the end of April. Each players top 7 scores from the 13 events will be used to determine the winners in each of the divisions. Registration begins at 11:00 with the tee off at noon. Next events are: Oct 23rd and Nov. 13th. The ace pot has been running for over a year and the next ace will get you over \$600. For info contact Brad 1-604-826-TOSS.

Nanaimo All Island Challenge May 8

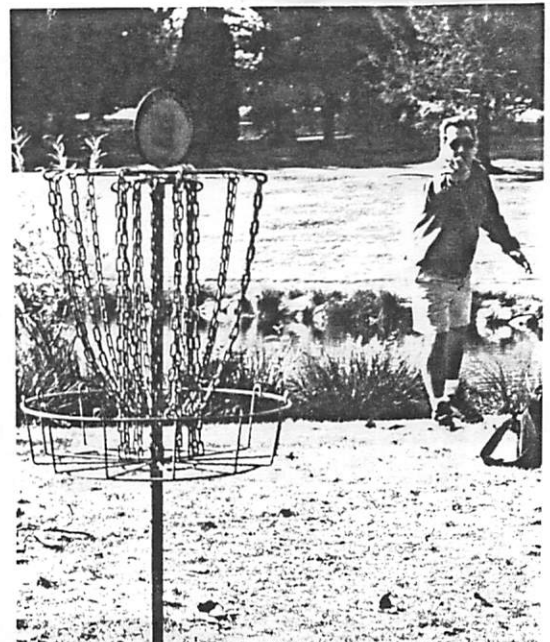
John Anthony & I hosted the 1st competitive tournament at the Bowen Park Disc Golf Course. To add a little length and challenge to the course, we designed three longer holes at the east end of the park using three porta baskets. For the event we played two rounds of 12 holes using a different set of tee pads for the second round. After a very wet first round the sun came out and warmed up the 17 of us in attendance. Hope to see you all in Nanaimo on Nov. 13th for Duck Golf #3.

Open: 1st Go Playfair 64, 2nd Jim Brown 65, 3rd Jim Petersons 67

Adv: 1st John Anthony 68, 2nd Dave Macgregor 69, 3rd Duncan Dioxan 73.

Am: 1st Noel Sinclair 74, 2nd Craig Sheather 76, 3rd Andrew Spangle 78.

Women: 1st Annette Reitlingshoefer 73, 2nd Valerie Hansen 81



Salt Spring Island 1st Annual May 15

Sixty golfers attended the inaugural Hart Memorial Disc Golf Tournament to play 36 holes of disc golf on the suspended tone pole course (par 54). Visitors came from Vancouver, Victoria, Pender Island, Nanaino, Gibson's, Sacramento, and Whitehorse. The community of Salt Spring Island generously provided many prizes and assisted with the sponsorship of this event. A new course record was set by Glen Whitlock with a 38 (16 under par) in his first round of the tournament. Alex Fraser, Noel Sinclair, and Jo O'Conner scored aces during the tournament.

Pro: 1st Glen Whitlock 83, 2nd Mike Graff 98

Adv: 1st Ross Berlin 89, 2nd Scott Cadenhead 91, 3rd John Anthony 96

Am: 1st Noel Sinclair 97, 2nd Noah McCallion 104, 3rd Tony Graham 105

Women: 1st Liz Fraser 110, 2nd Jo O'Conner 115, 3rd Polly Rudderham 134

Masters: 1st Jim Willey 97, 2nd Peter Hamilton 111

Junior (under 15) 1st Ravi Rungta 103, 2nd Joah Chlopan 111

Novice: 1st Tony Hume 114, 2nd Brian Quander 116, 3rd Paul Linton 130



Pender Island Classic
May 29 Another year and another great event with 117 players coming out to enjoy the

festivities. There was \$2300 paid out as well as lots of prizes donated by sponsors (Out of the Blue Sportswear, BCDSS Disc Golf Branch, Disc Sports Promotions, Port Browning Marina, & Mike Graff) You gotta love a tournament that has 15 aces! Look for two great events next year on the Disc Golf Island. The current course record on Pender is held by Dave Watson at 38!

Open Men: 1st. Glen Whitlock 85, 2nd. John Kieffer, Glen Oliviero, & Herm 87

Open Woman: 2nd. Liz Fraser 118, 3rd Sandie Pugh 118

Adv Men: 1st Toby Watson 92, 2nd Pete Ross 94, 3rd Dave McG 95

Masters: 1st John Sheibly 90, 2nd Roland 91, 3rd Alex Fraser 92

Am Men: 1st Trevor Thorpe 101, 2nd Mark Volkins 103, 3rd Colin Thain 103

Am Women: 1st Joanne O'conner 121, 2nd Sue Hiltz, 3rd Sue Whitlock 124

Novice: 1st Geoffrey Bradshaw 57, 2nd Peggy Young 71, 3rd Jen Fraser 74



Rickyglenn June 19 the eastern BC version of the Pender event, it too is becoming the disc event to attend. Held

on June 19th and hosted by Rick & Betty Spitzer on their private 9 hole course the event attracted a record crowd of 145 participants. A great course, giant barbecue and awards ceremony. Camping close by and always tons of added prizes. Unfortunately, at B.C.'s biggest tournament the Albertains are coming and winning most of the prizes. Hopefully next year some more of our top BC players will attend the event! Contact Rick or Betty at (250) 423-4843,

Pro: 1st Steev Limin 84, 2nd Pete Verheyde, 3rd Randy Franks

Women: 1st Kim Babcock, 2nd Julie Nicol, 3rd Merilee Gill

Open: 1st Ben Ellard 98, 2nd Rick Spitzer 98

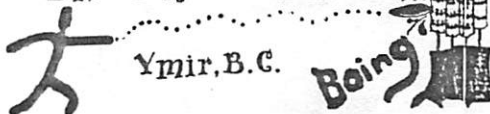
Open Women: 1st Holly Jackson 117,

Novice: 1st Marshall Drozduk

Novice Women: 1st Toni Drozduk

The Second Annual Ymir Whirl July 3**The Second Annual****Ymir Whirl**

Disc Golf Tournament



This event is held on the 9 hole course in Ymir, which is located on Hwy. 6, just 20 minutes south of Nelson.

Hosted in the tradition of Rickyglenn, your \$25 entrance fee gets you 3 rounds of disc golf, a T-shirt, a cajan turkey dinner, lots of other added prizes, and there is lots of camping nearby. This challenging course has 8 of the 9 holes over 100 yards in length, uses avalanche shell casings as targets and has wood chip tee boxes. Course pro Sid Box and his buddy have just purchased some new property and are hoping to have a new 18 hole course ready for next years event. Hope to see you their.

1st Annual Cortes Island "Dawg Dayz of Summer" Disc Golf Tournament

July 24/25 Thanks to everyone who braved the odyssey of travelling to the first annual Cortes Island tournament held on Linnana Farm Disc Golf Course. 38 disc golfers were treated to a day of fun in the sun followed by a barbecue of delicious farm grown beef burgers. Sunday saw the return of almost everyone for a rousing game of doubles followed by the awards ceremony at the "Tak"

Open: 1st Pete Ross 90, 2nd Dave McGregor 96, 3rd Alex Fraser 97

Open Women: 1st Liz Richardson 124, 2nd Liz Fraser 127, 3rd Helen Burns 137

Masters: 1st Richard Ferris 92, 2nd Brent Wilken 104, 3rd John Jordan 105

Am: 1st Mitchell (Salt Spring) 106, 2nd Bruce Stryck 112, 3rd Randy (Victoria) 119

Am Women: 1st Sue John 65, Kim Winnicky 76, Breffni 78

Novice: 1st Dave C. 58, 2nd Alex Jordan 60, 3rd Brian John 74

Youth (<13): 1st Steve Francis 78, 2nd Cory 86, 3rd Miki 92

Doubles: 1st Mitchell & Alex J. 44, 2nd Richard F & Susan D 44, 3rd Noel & Helen B 45





1st Annual Sea to Sky Aug 28th

The first event to be held at the new YMCA Camp Howdy disc golf course attracted 30 disc golfers. Craig, Andrew, (Duncan), and the YMCA gang put in lots of hours cutting the fairways out the acres of rainforest, in time to have 12 challenging holes ready for their first event. The course has the potential to be one of the best in the North West, and with cabins, camping, kitchen and party facilities on site, this venue should be one of the events you attend next year! Thanks to the YMCA guys for all their work and support of disc golf this past year.

Open: 1st Glen Oliviero 71, Randy 71

Adv: 1st Jeremy 81, 2nd Ziggy 83, 3rd Peter Lizotte & Len 84

Am: 1st Darryl Petrichuk 78, 2nd Ivan Kennedy 84, 3rd Gary Hooden 85

Novice: 1st Adam Miller 110

Bedford Brewing had a gift certificate for a free batch of beer (awarded to top Victoria players Bobbo Dac & Jay Howes), HtO added 5 t-shirts and stickers, and 6 mile pub hosted us afterwards. Thank you to all the Juan de Fuca players for the support. Lets do it again next year!



Open: 1st Glen Oliviero 85, 2nd Glen Whitlock 88, 3rd Mike Graff 98

Adv: 1st Duncan Dixon 98, 2nd James Ring 98, 3rd Jay Howes 99

Women: 1st Judith MacKenzie 116, 2nd Liz Richardson 120, 3rd Tara L. 122

Masters: 1st Bobbo 99, 2nd Steve Maudsley 102, 3rd Ron Cybham 110

Am: 1st Ivan Kennedy 99, Craig Sheather 100, Boris Mann 103

Novice: 1st Al Berns 101, 2nd Vern Gordon 103, Fraser Stamp 111

New Products

Most of the disc manufacturers have come out with new products in the past few months. The trend of last year continues as most of the new products are of the premium plastic variety, indicating an acceptance by the players to pay a little more for a disc that feels better and is going to last longer.

Discraft Nothing new from Discraft over the summer, other than they have been doing a much better job with their Fly-Dye discs. A lot of them are worth hanging on the wall. I expect we will see something new from them in the coming months. Their Elite Pro line of discs has become popular with players with the big seller being the XL, which holds the world distance record, being thrown by Scott Stokley an incredible 694 feet or 210 meters.

Innova These guys just aren't happy unless they come out with at least a new disc every month. Their biggest addition has been the SE line (Special Edition). They began by using new plastic for their new Leopard disc and then also began producing Eagles with the same plastic.

Special Edition Leopard - this is a less stable version of the Eagle using the new gripper plastic. Feels great.

Special Edition Eagle - the Eagle using this better feeling plastic. Have now introduced the Eagle in KC Plastic, so I don't know if this great feeling disc will be around long.

Tee Bird - a more stable version of the Eagle.

KC Pro Eagle - Eagle in the KC plastic. Feels great, but sure is over stable.

Coming soon - a new smaller version of the Roc which will have a maximum weight of 175 gms. Also, the Birdie and Piranha designs have been changed and now have the new thumbtrack around the rim.

Millennium JLS - a new version of the Polaris driver that is very similar to the LS, but has more glide.

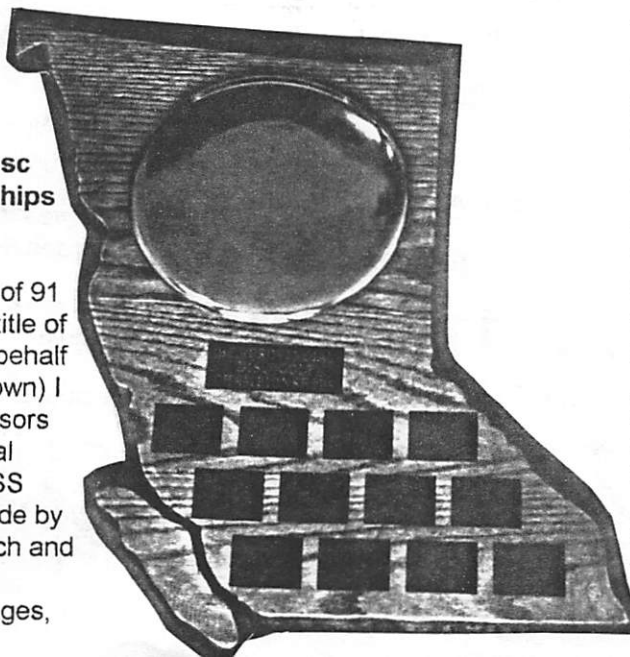
Ching Bomb - the latest release and their first real long distance driver.



BC Provincial Disc Golf Championships Sept 25

We had an enthusiastic field of 91

disc golfers on hand to claim the title of the best disc golfers in B.C. On behalf of Mike McCrae & myself (Jim Brown) I would like to thank all of our sponsors for adding lots of prizes to our total cash payout of \$1805. The BCDSS paid for the 18 trophies loving made by Adam Berson, the Disc Golf Branch and Disc Sports Promotions added 12 discs, 25 minis and players packages,



Disc Sports Promotions presents

OK, its me again. I guess this is somewhat of a paid advertisement as this newsletter takes me a lot of time to put together. As most of you may know I try to keep expanding my little disc business to bring in all the new products that players are asking for. As well as all the latest golf discs I carry a wide selection of Disc Golf Bags. Along with the two Lightning bags (\$25 \$45), three Wall City bags (\$30, \$35, \$40), I am now carrying two Innova bags (\$30, \$45) and a low cost cooler bag (\$15). The Innova bags are currently the best deals available. I have also brought in copies of Victor Malafronte's new book "The Complete Book of Frisbee" (\$25), and John Houck's disc golf video "Learn to Play Disc Golf" (\$15). I do sell direct through my mail order business, but require a minimum purchase of \$50. My business hours are Mon - Fri 9:30 - 5:30 at (604) 708-5455 or discsports@bc.sympatico.ca I recommend that players support their neighbourhood disc golf retailer and if you can't find the disc you want, ask them to get it for you.

This year I will be sponsoring two disc golfers by donating to them discs and other disc golf equipment. I will once again be supporting Glen Whitlock and I encourage interested candidates to send me their player profile.

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Top B.C. Players

I thought it would be interesting to do a little survey amongst some of the more knowledgeable disc golfers and see who they thought were the top 10 players in the province. I handed out a questionnaire listing 19 of the top players and asked 11 different people to rate players from 1 to 10. I then took

these surveys and used a point system of 10 points for 1st down to 1 point for 10th, and added the points up for each of the disc golfers. The results are:

1st Glen Whitlock 108, 2nd Glen Oliverio 86, 3rd James McInnes 60, 4th Dave Knudsen 56, 5th Randy Strohan 53, 6th Joe Playfair 47, 7th Dave Stropky 32, 8th Mike Graff 27, 9th John McDonald & Birdman 25, 10th Dave Ross 24

Ok, this is a bit of a random thing, but all of these guys are pretty good players. Notable absentees from this list are Bradness who came in at 21 points and Darrell Prunty who only received 9 points. Their lack of participation in recent local tournaments definitely affected their ranking's.

I was also considering listing a Rookie of the Year and perhaps a Women Player of the Year, but after consideration I think this should be left to some sort of committee for next year and awards should be presented. Definite nominees for this years Rookie of the Year would include: Duncan Dixon, Ivan Kennedy, and Noel Sinclair. In the Womens division candidates would include: Liz Fraser, Liz Richardson, and Judith MacKenzie.



The big arms definitely belong to Johnny MacDonald and James McInnes who are the only two players in the province that I know can throw over 500 feet! The list of players now throwing over 400 feet is growing each week, and there must be close to two dozen players locally who have the ability.

Our BC event participant award goes to Mike Graff. Not only does he attend almost all of the weekly Vancouver events, but he also attended Salt Spring, Pender, Fernie, Sea to Sky, and Provincials. Way to go Mike!

1999 World's Review

Part of our Disc Golf Branch policy is to support our touring players, especially those who have plans to attend the World Disc Golf Championships. Lets have a brief look at the 3 players from BC who attended this years World Championships in Rochester. Congratulations guys for all the hard work it took to make it to the Worlds!

Glen Whitlock has been BC's top touring pro for the past 12 years! He has attended 10 World Championships with top finishes of 4th in the Masters Division and 16th in the Open Division. This year Glen finished 17th in the Masters Division. For more on Glen read the interview in BC Disc Golfer #1.

James McInnes was attending Worlds, I believe for the first time. He is only 21 years old and is one of BC's top distance throwers with recorded throws over 500 feet. He likes the XL Elite Pro for distance, the Cyclone for rollers, Hawks & Rattlers for midrange, and Magnets for putting. Like to use the maximum weight allowed for each disc. James played in the Open Division and ended up 43rd?

Darrell Prunty played in the Grand Masters Division. He has attended several Worlds before and was hoping for a strong showing this year. He uses the XL Elite Pro for distance, light 147gm Polaris LS down wind, the SE Eagle into the wind, and uses an Aviar for putting. Darrell ended up 30th? in the Grand Masters Division.

Disc Golf Branch Outreach Program

Our main Outreach venue since May was our booth at the BC Parks & Recreation Conference. Over two days we were able to come in contact with a large number of parks & rec people from around the province. We received strong interest about disc golf courses from about 12 communities and have

been busy following up on all these leads.

We also had a booth at the Squamish Parks & Rec Festival in July, passed along our 30 new 150gm loaner golf discs to several user groups, and did numerous disc golf clinics in Burnaby. We also had a bit of a media blitz in July and had full page articles with photos in both the Vancouver Echo and Burnaby Now newspapers, and also did a 5 minute segment about the new Robert Burnaby Disc Golf Course for Roger Cablevision!

Our focus for over the winter will be updating the Disc Golf Teachers Manuals and doing mailings of these to targeted schools close to disc golf courses.

Alberta Bound

The Alberta Disc Sports Society received a government grant of \$13,000 in 1998 for disc golf course upgrades. A portion of this was used to install 18 chain baskets this summer at the Canmore course, and also to upgrade the 9 saucer baskets at Rundle Park in Edmonton by adding chains. The Alberta Disc Golf Branch had established a series of events for 1999. Players got points for their placement at each event and double points at major tournaments. For more information about Alberta events you should check out their web page at www.cal.shaw.ca/~aherring/ or contact Ryan Powell (403) 259-5680 in Calgary or Steve Mallet (403) 439-2311 in Edmonton.

What's happening in Washington?

The Fort Steilacoom Open made Supertour status with the PDGA on July 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. Tournament Director Jason Coke and staff ran the A tier event with a \$5700 cash purse. The event has held on the 9608 foot course and consisted of 27 holes per day for 3 days. Overall there were 102 players with 37 pros and 18 masters. Some of the top players who graced the course with their expertise were: Steve Rico, Barry Schultz, Geoff & Johnny Lissman, Dan Ginnely, Mike Loya and Scott

Martin. BC players in attendance were Brad Henderson, James McInnes, Glenn Oliviero, & Darrell Prunty. With the calibre of play, the excellence in course grooming, the large cash purse, and only a two hour drive from Vancouver make this an event not to be missed next year.

Open: 1st Barry Schultz \$1000, 2nd Scott Martin \$610, 3rd Geoff Lissman \$425

Masters: 1st Johnny Lissman \$672, 2nd Mike Loya \$400, 3rd Brad Henderson \$240

Grand Masters: 1st Darrell Prunty

A reminder for all disc golfers: PDGA tournaments are not only for pros. They have excellent advanced and amateur divisions for you to experience. For PDGA membership information call Bradness at (604) 826-TOSS or toll free in Vancouver area at 462-9114 ext. 8677

Lakewood Grows Up

Finally, Lakewood course in Seattle has a new back nine! This makes it one of the nicest and more challenging courses in the west. The course boasts mowed lawns, ponds, elevation changes - up and down, two pin placements and "geezer gulch" (which is a few feet shy of 600 feet) Lakewood Open ran August 14 & 15th, with a total of 72 holes plus a final nine. Day one was hot and dry, then day two was warm yet wet, but the TD Jason Coke and staff couldn't be expected to do everything! This B tier, PDGA tournament hosted 52 players (13 open and 5 masters), but would have had many more if it weren't for the World Disc Golf Championships being played the same week. The \$400 acepot was hit by Gibson Holud on the 250 foot 14th hole and by Steve Kiefer on the 282 foot 10th hole.

Open: 1st Scott Papa, 2nd Jason Coke & Karl Schinler

Masters: 1st Jeff Getty, 2nd Gordy Kirpatrick, 3rd Brad Henderson

B.C. Course Review

We now have two new courses in the Greater Vancouver area to play!

We finally got the approval of the Burnaby Parks Department to install a 9

hole course in Robert Burnaby Park. On June 12th with a volunteer crew of about 15 disc golfers we managed to get all the DISCatcher baskets and tee lines installed. Its a beautiful setting for a course and I think we will be seeing lots of new players in the area soon. Thanks to all our DGB board members for all the work they did. The Burnaby Parks department will be adding a large bulletin board and rules sign by the end of Oct. and I will be trying to get the tee pads upgraded by the spring. The personnel at the parks department have been a pleasure to work with. Getting a course in is not as easy as it sounds. My involvement included: 5 meetings with parks staff from the recreation, planning, maintenance, & drafting departments, a presentation to the Parent Advisory Committee at the nearby school, a skills clinic at the schools summer picnic, three days of clinics at the school, and a clinic at the nearby community centre! With acceptance from the school, community centre and parks department their is a very good chance to see another new course in Burnaby in the next year or so.

The other new local course is situated at YMCA Camp Howdy in Belacara Park (Port Coquitlam). It is a private facility, but will be open at selected times of the year for public play, and will be the site of some of our larger events. It is beautiful setting on the inlet and resembles a very long Pender course with the holes playing up and down through the rain forest. Congratulations to Craig, Andrew and Duncan for all their work and support!

The Juan de Fuca Parks Department has replace the tonal poles at the popular Victoria course with 18 Mach II New chainbaskets. Thanks to Mike McCrae for all of his work negotiating the deal and to Todd Martin of Victoria for getting them installed.. The Disc Golf Branch pitched in by paying for one of the baskets. Congratulations guys...the course is great!

At Sun Peaks only a few baskets were installed this summer as most of them were stolen from their storage site over the winter. A big disappointment for Andrea who made all the baskets and did lots of work to originally get the course in. If you see any chain baskets that have wooden poles let us know. 1 888 878-7387.

Thanks to Mike Graff for repairing some of the baskets at Little Mtn, and replacing the missing basket at Jericho.

New Disc Golf Course Development

As I said last issue we would be putting a lot of energy into new disc golf course development. It has been our good fortune to find Mike McCrae between jobs the past few months and he has been doing an incredibly professional job following up on all the leads that have come our way. Since the last issue in May we have: completed the installation of the Robert Burnaby Disc Golf Course, assisted and paid for one of the 18 Mach II baskets that were installed at Juan de Fuca, supported the gang at YMCA Camp Howdy as they build their new course, sent out disc golf course sales packages and resource materials and have done follow up visits to numerous locations. Some of the most promising locations include:

Whistler - we have visited three times and have begun looking at course design. Our contact there is Judith MacKenzie who works for the parks department, is a long time disc golfer, and is now the BC women's champion. Congratulations Judith! This site has the potential to produce one of the top disc golf courses in the Northwest. Judith will be submitting her proposal to the parks department in early Nov.

Pemberton - Mike has had 2 meetings with parks & school personnel. They have an excellent location for a 9 hole tonal course adjacent to the high school.

Squamish - they are in the planning stages of a major development around their field complex and have been considering the installation of a disc golf course. A consulting company, Urban Systems is involved and will be doing a presentation later this month to the parks department. We have been in contact with this firm as they are also doing consulting work for the Kamloops parks department about their disc golf course design!

Kamloops - the situation here is similar to Whistler, in that we have a person who works for the parks department (Clint), is an avid disc golfer, and is submitting a proposal to get a course

installed. As mentioned they contracted a consulting company who came in with a cost of \$27,000 to put in a 9 hole chain basket course in Rosehill Park. A large portion of this cost was for the baskets, which were budgeted at \$1125 each. Clint thought the cost was too high and that it was unlikely to be past by the City as part of the parks department's 2000 budget. To reduce their cost and increase the likelihood of this course going ahead we have offered our 9 Innova baskets to the parks department at a cost of \$4000.

Cranbrook - long time players Mike Walls & Jeff Neads (owner of the current Cranbrook course), will be doing a presentation in late Oct. to a parks committee about the possibility of installing a disc golf course in a forested area around the community college. Jeff works as a forestry consultant and they will be using the idea of incorporating a nature walk & forest interpretation theme into the course signage.

Sooke - Mike was over to visit with the parks department in early Oct. and do a site walk through. They have a good location for a nine hole tonal course, but a lot of man power will be needed to clear all the under brush. We will have to work in conjunction with players in Victoria and have offered to cover up to \$300 of the material costs for the installation of the course.

Quilchena - the wheels are in motion and we have just received news that the Kerrisdale Community Association is in favor of a course at this location. Mike has been working in conjunction with Jim MacKenzie of the Vancouver parks department and it looks like the next step will be a survey of all the residence who live adjacent to the park. We have offered to supply the 9 baskets, signage, and crushed gravel for tee pads, as well as do all the installation work.

Sidney, Royal Roads, Cowichan - these are other locations where we have submitted course proposals and Mike has done follow up visits.

Other potential sites that we will be working on over the winter include: Burnaby (Bby Mtn Park), New West, Mission, Kelowna, & Vernon. If you have a potential site for a course and want to work with us to make it a reality,

give us a call:

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Duck Golf Series

I thought it was time to bring back the

successful winter series we held annually at Little Mtn. from 1989 to 1991 called the Duck Golf Series. The idea was to keep players interested in the sport over the winter months by having a monthly points event. Since we already had the large trophy and artwork to go with it, the timing seemed right to try it again. To get even more players interested, we have expanded the format and now will hold 4 of the events in the lowermainland, and the other 4 on the islands.

The series will be sponsored by the Disc Golf Branch and Disc Sports Promotions and should have 12 discs and 6 minis added as prizes (as well as 100% payout) at each event. Players will receive a point for participating and a point for every player that they beat in their division. Each player's 4 top scores from the 8 events will count towards their overall series final total. The top 3 finishers in each of the 6 divisions will receive trophies and prizes and their names will be engraved on the large Duck Golf Trophy. Each event will have at least 6 divisions: Open, Advanced, Amateur, Masters (40+), Womens, & Novice. Most start times will be at 12:00. Phone the tournament director or check the BCDSS Hotline #1 888 878-7387 for more information. We are getting custom logoed Duck Golf discs done for the series. It is only through your support by purchasing these great looking discs that we can keep supporting all the events with prizes. If we sell 120 of them we have 80 to give away as prizes!

- #1 BC Provincials - Sept 25th Victoria
Jim Brown (604) 708-5455
- #2 Halloween Open - Oct. 30th Jericho
Randy (604) 322-6255
- #3 Nanaimo Fall Classic - Nov. 13th
Bowen Park. Jim Brown
- #4 Boxing Day Open - Dec 26th Salt
Spring. Dean (250) 537-8240
- #5 Millennium Open - Jan. 8th
Quilchena Park Randy

#6 Little Mtn. Fling - Feb.19th Queen Elizabeth Park Randy
 #7 Pender Island Warm-up - March Alex Fraser (250) 629-6494
 #8 Duck Golf Series Final - April 1st? YMCA Camp Howdy Craig 438-8556

DGB needs support

I keep asking and little by little, some of you are joining the BCDSS. We now have over 30 members who have joined as disc golfers. Looks a little lame when you compare it to the 2500 Ultimate players who have joined this year! Sure lots of the Ultimate players are also disc golfers, but a majority of you hard core players are still not willing to part with \$10. That meagre amount goes a long way in giving us credibility with the main BCDSS board. What's the problem? You don't think you as a disc golfer are getting value for your money? Have we been mismanaging the funds we have been getting? Lets see....we are putting on good events, supporting players in other areas when they are putting on events, we are getting new courses installed, we are promoting the sport with Outreach, and we try to keep players informed by updating information on the bulletin boards, the hotline, and by putting this newsletter together. Hey, it's only \$10 a year. How about some support!

DGB Finances

We currently have \$2,061 in the bank, and another \$4500 available of casino funds for equipment purchases (baskets). We also still have 9 Innova DISCatcher baskets in storage waiting to go in the ground. We will be putting some funds into new signage at Little Mountain and also some into prizes and trophies for the Duck Golf Series. Upcoming expenses also include newsletter mailing costs and expenses for mailing course development materials and to cover any travel expenses incurred. We have also made possible financial commitments to several potential new disc golf course sites by offering them support in the form of either tonal poles or one chain basket, if they proceed with their course development plans.

We are in the best financial position ever and things are looking really good for the coming year. We expect very little additional revenue to come in until May, when we receive our share of membership revenue from the BCDSS. We are planning to break even in the coming year and will spend our revenue on event sponsorship, course upgrades, outreach materials, and membership mailings.

We are always looking for ways to generate some revenue to put back into the sport. If you would like to help with some fundraising let us know. I am going to try a few innovative ways to raise some funds for the DGB over the winter. The first is to sell some discs on the internet auction site ebay. I have been buying and selling a few discs over the past year and will donate the proceeds from a few of the items that I sell. I actually paid \$172 US for one of the discs, but managed to make three times that much selling off about a dozen discs. Anyways, if you have any older golf discs (especially Midnight Flyers) you would like to donate, please let me know (Jim Brown 708-5455). I will also be hosting a special "history of the flying disc" evening, where I will have displays of historic discs and talk about the evolution of the sport.

Events Schedule

Oct 30th Duck Golf #2
 Jericho Hill Randy 322-6255

Randy's Series every Sat. 12:30 1st
 Quilchena, 2nd Burnaby, 3rd Little Mtn.
 4th Jericho

Nov. 13th Duck Golf #3
 Nanaimo Jim Brown 708-5455

Brad's Winter Series
 Mundy Park 12:00 start
 Nov. 13th, Nov. 27th,
 Dec 4th, Dec. 18th,
 Jan. 8th, Jan 22nd,
 Feb. 12th, Feb 26th,
 March 11th, March 25th,
 April 15th. Brad 826-TOSS

See the Duck Golf Series schedule for the dates of all the other winter events.

Looking ahead to the coming spring. I am hoping to establish a summer series. It would probably begin in May

and would include Salt Spring, Vancouver, Pender, Fernie, Ymir, & Camp Howdy. We will review our point system from the Duck Golf Series in the spring and decide what format to use for this series.

In May I will be hosting the Vancouver City Disc Golf Championships with Abbies Sports. We will have at least \$500 of added cash, plus trophies, players packages, and lots of added prizes. Hopefully, it may become an annual event!

Next Issue

Tournament results & point standing's for the Duck Golf Series....and pictures! Updates on any potential new courses that may be installed in the new year. Another up close interview with one of BC's top disc golfers. New products and events

Deadline for next issue is Jan. Send submissions to:

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