



# BCDSS DISC GOLF

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## BCDSS DISC GOLF BRANCH YEAR IN REVIEW

Well it's been a while since the last issue, but unfortunately I have been way too busy to undertake this. Lets face it..... we need help. Writing is not one of my stronger abilities, but I have been doing what I can until we can get someone to come on board as our newsletter editor. I'd like to see this come out more regularly and will help compile all the info, but I need someone who can do the layout, typing and editing. Give me a buzz at [discsports@telus.net](mailto:discsports@telus.net). The rest of you, how about some stories, event results, photos and cartoons. It is up to all of us to make this work. The BCDSS is about volunteers who want to work together to make disc sports way more fun in this province.....please come on board.

I know, it always seems to come down to.....what do I get for my money! Hello, we are talking about \$10 a year to support us. Who are we? We are your elected BCDSS Disc Golf Branch representatives who are working hard to try to make disc golf a more accessible and enjoyable sport for all players in this province. I'm Jim Brown, chair and secretary of the DGB and I'm spending about 20 hours of my time putting this together for your reading pleasure I also work on new course development and besides initiating and installing the courses in Jericho, Burnaby, Coquitlam, and Semihamoo, I helped this last year to get the baskets in at Bowen Park and Kamloops. I will once again be coordinating the Duck

Golf Series and in the spring will co-hosting the Abbies Open. Our DGB equipment expert, Mike Graff has been busy over the summer, replacing the stolen basket at Robert Burnaby and redoing all the tee pads. Mike had also fixed up a few of the baskets at Jericho, hosted all our monthly meetings, and he stores and returns all the QE pond discs. He also maintains the 9 DGB porta baskets and is always the first one to be helping out at any event. Our sushi guy, Randy Strohan, continues to hold his monthly series at Quilchena and Jericho and it is because of his continued work at Quilchena that we may one day have a permanent course at this location. James Ring has now done our bookkeeping for over 4 years, and has not only kept us aware of our finances, but also attends and helps out at most of the local events. Duncan Dixon has been away at camp too long, and we are all glad our "Y" guy is back Great news is that fellow YMCA camp director Andrew Sponagle has just become a member of our board! Look for new Outreach initiatives and PDGA growth from these two. Mike McCrae has unfortunately become over employed and has not had as much time to work on new course development. He was on a roll last year and I know the momentum he created is still moving forward. Although not officially a DGB board member, and only the BCDSS treasure, Gerry MacKinnon is held in high esteem by all of us. OK, he writes the checks! This guy not only maintains the society books, gets the paperwork together for the casinos, and keeps everything together, but he also attends all the BCDSS monthly meetings and also manages to attend almost all of ours. Thanks Gerry.

There are lots of other players throughout the province who have been working hard on behalf of disc golf in their area. Clayton, George, Ray, Todd and company in Victoria; Brent & Clint in Kamloops, John, Noel & Bob in Nanaimo, Dean & Mitchell on Salt Spring, Alex & Liz on Pender, Brent, Liz & gang on Cortes, Rick & Betty in Fernie, and Sid & council in Ymir. I know there are many other players who are helping out throughout the province and your support is greatly appreciated.

So hopefully, you get the idea. There are a bunch of us working hard and

donating a lot of our time and energy to hopefully make this game a lot more enjoyable for all of us. All we ask of you is to kick in ten bucks and if you can, help out wherever possible. That ten bucks gives us credibility and gets us financing. What have we done for you lately?

Probably number one on everyone's list is courses! We want good courses to play on and I think our board has done a great job in the last two years getting new courses in the ground and upgrading some of the current facilities. This past spring we helped implement, finance and install the new course in Kamloops and the 9 new baskets in Nanaimo. Our current policy is to cover the cost of at least one basket for any new 9 hole basket courses and to finance up to \$300 for any 9 hole tonal course that is installed. In the Vancouver area we installed two new courses in the past few years at Robert Burnaby Park and Jericho Hill and will be working hard over the winter to try to get a new one installed at Quilchena Park.

I think one of our major strengths in the past year has been the events we have put on for the players. A year ago we began the Duck Golf Series and hosted the BC Provincial Championships in Victoria. We are also almost directly involved with every disc golf event that goes on in the province. We try to supply at least 6 discs as added prizes at most tournaments, with larger amounts and added trophies to many events. Anyways, your BCDSS Disc Golf Branch board has been working hard this past year and we hope that if you haven't all ready done so, will show us some support by joining the BCDSS

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**Tournament Review**



**Ace Run** - on the 2nd Saturday of each month Peter Lizotte will be hosting his new "Ace Run Series". The

event is held at Queen E and has a 1:00 start time. The course features 18 holes plus 12 short ace holes and has \$100 added for ace combinations. Great event for new players with lots of added prizes. Pete is encouraging new women players to come on out and enjoy the fun! Thanks to on going sponsors the Reef, A-Plus Printing, and the BCDSS. For information contact Peter at 873-3737.

Latest results from Sept 9th

Open (9) 1st James McInnes 78 \$56,  
 2nd Ivan Kennedy 78 \$37, 3rd James Ring 84 \$24

Amateur (7) 2nd The Steve 89 \$10, 3rd Jeff W. 93 \$7

Women (2) 1st Alice 103 \$10, 2nd Inhee 124



"Enjoying the Fun at the Ace Run"

**Sea to Sky - YMCA Camp Howdy**  
 Sept 2/3

Open (12) 1st Glen Olivero 100, 2nd Mike Graff 103, 3rd James McInnes 104

Advanced (8) 1st Dave 106, 2nd Rae 108, 3rd Doln 110

Amateur (12) 1st Sim 111, 2nd Darryl 114, 3rd Vague 114

Women (6) 2nd Tara 126, 3rd Dewica 127

**Victoria Disc Golf Championships**  
 July 2nd

Clayton & George did a great job directing their first event. They put a lot of energy into getting sponsors on board and had lots of added prizes to give away. A good turnout of over 70 players came out to enjoy the event.

Open 1st Mike Graff -25, 2nd James McInnes -17, 3rd Mike Perry -14

Advanced 1st Palo -17, 2nd Clayton -16, 3rd Todd Martin -14

Amateur 1st Geffrey -9, 2nd Ray Henderson -8, 3rd Lyle Bridges

Womens 1st Lisa P, 2nd Val Hansen

Masters 1st Alex Fraser



**The Ricky Glen Classic**

June 17th

Once again over 120 players attended the biggest disc golf event east of Pender Island. Many thanks to Rick & Betty Spitzer for all the work that they undertake to make it such a fun event for all the players.

Pro 1st Ryan Powell 87, 2nd Rudy Verheyde 89, 3rd Steev Limin 89

Open Men 1st Darin Bullivant 96, 2nd Jack Gordon Jr. 96, 3rd Mark Bevak 97

Novice Men 1st Dave Bauer 69, 2nd Serge Gosselin 70, 3rd Brian Rameden-Wood 71

Pro Women 1st Kim Babcock 102, 2nd Holly Jackson 121, 3rd Merilee Gill 122

Open Women 1st Tanya Ashton 132, 2nd Amela Doesher 138, 3rd Tiffany Au 164

Novice Women 1st Suzanne White 84, 2nd Karen Krae 89, 3rd Dianna Dee 94



**Pender Island Classic**  
May 27/28

The largest field ever attended the West Coasts favourite disc golf event. With the recent expansion of the course to 27 holes host Alex & Liz Fraser had few problems accommodating the 142 participants! There was over \$3000 paid out in cash and prizes and a record number of 35 aces!

Open Men: 1st. Glen Whitlock 121, 2nd. Duncan Dixon 127, 3rd John Kiefer 127

Open Woman: 1st Sandie Pugh 158 2nd. Leann Traver 158, 3rd Liz Richardson 169

Adv Men: 1st Toby Watson 135, 2nd Craig Sheather 136, 3rd Mitchell Sherrin 137

Masters: 1st Scott Champman 138, 2nd Roger Witney 138, 3rd Dave Watson 139

Am Men: 1st Red Crook 143, 2nd Jesse Kirkby 144, 3rd Rick Leger 149

Am Women: 1st Ronda 167, 2nd Lisa Pennington 173, 3rd Sophie Kein 181

Grand Masters: 1st Chuck Harris 156, 2nd Frank Smith 157, 3rd Jim Willey 160

Novice: 1st Jeffery Beodet 74, 2nd Cale Copeland 79, 3rd Ryan Thompson 81

Chris added t-shirts in the players package. We also managed to line up over 20 other sponsors which gave us almost too many prizes to give away (along with all that cash) at the end of the day! The extended 9 holes on the other side of QE Park was great. Hope you all have a chance to come out and enjoy it next year. We have already begun to make it twice as rewarding as last year in added cash, prizes, and fun! Thanks to all the sponsors for their support.

Open (9): 1st Glen Whitlock 104 \$200, 2nd Dave Ross 110 \$150, 3rd Dave Stropky 110 \$100

Advanced (15): 1st Mike McMillian 115 \$200, 2nd Pete Lizotte 116 \$140, 3rd Duncan Dixon 118 \$100

Amateur (14): 1st Glenn MacDonald 124 \$130, 2nd Chris Flynn 128 \$95, 3rd Dan Toole 128 \$70

Women (3): 1st Anetta Reitunshoefer 143 \$55, 2nd Valarie Hansen 155 \$35, 3rd Alice Crawford 161

Novice (9) 1st Wayne Rochon 138 \$90, 2nd Geoff Wallace 146 \$60, 3rd Noam Dolgin 148 \$40

Distance 1st James McInnes



**Duck Golf Series Overall**

Sept 1999 - April 2000

The revival of the long dormant Duck Golf Series turned out to be a great success for all involved. Our new format was to give a player one point for each player they placed ahead of in their division. Players could enter in their choice of 6 different divisions, and a players top 4 events out of the 8 series events would be counted as their series total.

We included 4 events on the Islands and 4 events in the Vancouver area. Trophies for 1st place, added prizes, and 100% payout were given at each event. The series began with the BC Provincial Championships in Victoria in Sept and concluded at YMCA Camp Howdy in April. Thanks to all the tournament directors and players for their support.

Some stats from the series include:

- Participants - 429
- Payout - \$7,600
- Added prize value - \$700
- Added disc value - \$1100
- Ace Pot Payout - \$1150
- Trophy value - \$1100
- Total Series Value - \$11,650

Series winners received large trophies, a Duck Golf golf shirt, and a disc

Open (16) 1st Glen Whitlock 37 (\$405), 2nd Dave Ross 34 (\$320), 3rd Dave Stropky 23 (\$100)

Advanced (56) 1st James Ring 74 (\$295), 2nd Mitchell Sherrin 66 (\$265), 3rd Craig Sheather 63 (\$115)

Masters (9) 1st Brent Howieson 9 (\$100), 2nd Doug Keating 6 (\$60), 3rd Bobbo Dac 5 (\$75)

Amateur (62) 1st George White 74 (\$220), 2nd Clayton Beddington 65 (\$75), 3rd Lyle Bridges 57 (\$85)

Women (18) 1st Liz Richardson 26 (\$95), 2nd Liz Fraser 19 (\$79), 3rd Val Hansen 16 (\$50)

Novice (39) 1st Kerry Davis 33 (\$95), 2nd Vern Gordon 30 (\$75), 3rd Al Berns 30 (\$85)



**Abbies Open - Vancouver Disc Golf Championships**  
April 29th

Pete Lizotte of Petes Posters, Chris at Abbies Sports and myself....James Brown of Disc Sports Promotions decided to combined our energies and business backing to put on what we hoped would be a great event for players. Pete and I added \$250 each to the already 100% in cash payout and





## 2nd Annual Boxing Day Classis

Dec 26th

Fifty-one golfers attended this years Boxing Day Classic event to play 36 holes of disc golf on the suspended tonal pole course (par 54). As part of the "Duck Golf Series" put on by the BCDSS, many visitors came from Victoria, Gibsons, and Vancouver. Half of the golfers were locals and many won their divisions and or walked away with some money. Huge thank you's go out to tournament organizers Dean and Mitchell for another great event!

Pro: 1st Glen Whitlock 82, 2nd Randy Strohan 89, 3rd Mike Graff 101

Adv: 1st Mitchell Sherrin 91, 2nd Rae Henderson 94, 3rd Todd Martin 94

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

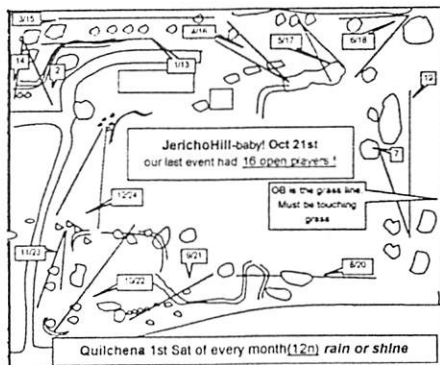
Novice: 1st Tony Hume 114, 2nd Brian Quander 116, 3rd Paul Linton 130

**Randy's Ongoing Events:** Randy will be hosting 2 events each month. Each event is held on a Saturday and begins at 1:00 They are usually 24 to 27 holes, and quite often followed by doubles, and a feast of Sushi.

The events are: Quilchena 1st Sat, & Jericho 3rd Sat of each month.

For info contact: Randy 322-6255.

**Quilchena Disc Golf** - the Quilchena disc golf tournament has now been around for 3 years and is as popular as ever. Many are anticipating the results of the upcoming survey that may result in permission to install permanent baskets in the park. Since September 1997 forty events have been held with a total of \$9,754 in cash and prizes. We expect to break the \$10,000 mark at the next event being held on Oct 7th. at noon. Quilchena will continue to be one of the favorite tournament courses because of the wide open and long fairways.



The attached course map is what we will be playing Oct 7th. The course follows the outer perimeter of the park and attempts to keep out of high activity areas such as the ball diamonds and the children's playground. This is a proposed layout for the permanent course. Playing in the tournament will allow for more input from more people when it comes to finalising the layout on the permanent course. So make plans to be at Quilchena Oct 7th and be part of history when we break the \$10,000 prize mark!

## New Products

Most of the disc manufacturers have come out with new products this year. 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** The new discs from Discraft this year are all in their Elite Pro line. You pay a few dollars more for these products, but they will last much longer and have a great feel to them. Pulled from production for now are the Typhoon and the Vortex.

**X'ess?** - so new I am not sure how to spell it. Will be released by the end of September and it is predicted that it will break the world distance record. A disc similar to the XL but faster and with more glide, making it a great driver for all skill levels.

**MRV** - similar in profile to the MRX, but will not fall off as much at the end of its flight. A great midrange disc that is very user friendly for new players.

**Xtra** - a very fast overstable driver that is good for into the wind shots. They say its a great upside down disc!

**Xtreme** - a super over stable driver that is recommended for advanced players only. Good for into the wind and when you really need that big hook at the end of your drive.

**Innova** They have introduced a few new products this year, including the hot selling Firebird. Pulled from production for now is the Scorpion and the Hammer Head. Coming by the end of September will be their new driver the Falconry.

**Firebird** - seems all the local big throwers have been trying these out. They are now Innova's fastest disc and players have been able to get some extra yards on their drives because of their speed and glide at the end of their flight. A little harder to control and some players will find the wider nose radius a little harder to grip.

**KC Pro Firebird** - unlike all the other KC Pro versions of Innova discs, which tend to be more overstable when made with the more durable KC plastic, the



KC Pro Firebird is actually not quite as overstable as its regular production model. The current hot selling item with the big arms.

**Gator** - a mid-range approach disc that has very little glide. Gets where its going and drops!

**SE Roc, SE T-Bird, SE Ryhno** - these three models have joined the Eagle to become Innova's Special Edition line. They are made of a premium plastic which is somewhat similar to the KC Pro plastic.

**Golf Bags** - Innova has just introduced a new low cost disc golf bag which is good for players who want something light and functional to carry their discs in. Available at Abbies & G-Max Sports. I find the other two Innova bags to be great in terms of design and price, but they seem to wear a little quick if you are trying to jam too many discs into them.

## Lightning

**#4 Driver** - a low profile high speed driver that has a predictable straight line flight path.

**#2 Upshot** - a stable straight line disc for approach shots and putting.

**Golf Bags** - Lightning has added two new bags and now has 4 different variations to choose from. Their new "Tour Special" is the lowest priced bag on the market and along with their also economical "Original Bag" provide two of the best entry level bags. They are now available at Abbies & G-Max Sports in Vancouver and also Toys & Tech in Tsawwassen.

## Ching

**Stinger** - a versatile mid-range driver, that is good for turnover shots, rollers, and upshots. A good selection for a new player using one disc.

**Fusion Tank** - Ching has stopped production of the Tank and is now only producing the softer version which uses a better plastic. It is very similar to the SE Ryhno!

## 2000 World's Review

Part of our Disc Golf Branch policy is to support our touring players. This year we have changed our format and rather than pay all or part of a member in

good standing's entry fees to the World Disc Golf Championships, we have instead introduced a new initiative that will have us give a DGB logoed disc to a member for each PDGA event they attend. My company, Disc Sports Promotions will match this, so any player planning to attend a PDGA event should let us know as they will be receiving two discs for each event! This will help them cover their travel costs and should be a better method of supporting our BC touring players.

Unfortunately, only one player from BC attended this years World Disc Golf Championships in Michigan. After a high of 3 attendees last year, only Glen Whitlock was able to make it this year. Vehicle problems put a wrench in Glen's planned touring and training schedule and I know he had hoped to do better than his 20th place showing. We are expecting a stronger contingent of BC disc golfers to attend next years worlds and will do what we can to support those who want to try to make the trip.

## Disc Golf Branch Outreach Program

Our main Outreach venue since May was our booth at the BC Parks & Recreation Conference in Harrison Hot Springs. I only attended for one day this year, but once again the exposure we get is invaluable for the growth of the sport in this province.

We were involved again this year with the VUL C-Fest. Mike Graff set up a disc golf course using the porta baskets near the Ultimate fields and players had access to our 150 gm loaner discs. The discs were also sent over to Val Hansen in Victoria so she could run several of her high school classes through the Juan de Fuca course, and were also sent along with Adam Berson and Glenn MacDonald to Denman Island where they conducted disc golf & Ultimate workshops.

Our upcoming focus for Outreach over the winter will be updating the Disc Golf Teachers Manuals and doing mailings of these to targeted schools close to disc golf courses. We have also expanded the Duck Golf Series to include a Juniors and 2nd Women's

division, which will hopefully help us to draw some new players to the sport.

## Alberta Bound

Unfortunately, there has been a lot of problems in Calgary since the spring as the parks dept has gone ahead with their plans to make the Pierce Estates Park into a more natural environment to enhance the fish hatchery on the river. The 18 baskets have been removed from the park and a new course was set up in I believe Confederation Park. Unfortunately, the neighbours did not approve and the course has now been removed. A new location is being looked at and hopefully, Calgary players will once again have a good site to play at. Great news from Edmonton, as Steve Mallet has been working with the owner of the now defunct Alberta Wildlife Reserve and over the summer designed and installed a 27 hole basket course on the reserve. Congratulations Steve! For more information about Alberta events you should check out their web page at [www.cal.shaw.ca/~aherring/](http://www.cal.shaw.ca/~aherring/) or contact Ryan Powell (403) 259-5680 in Calgary or Steve Mallet (403) 439-2311 in Edmonton.

## B.C. Course Review

The most exciting development of the year has to be the establishment of a great new disc golf course in Kamloops. The 18 hole course uses 9 Innova DISCatcher baskets on the front nine and has 9 tonal target for the back nine and is located in a beautiful setting of ponderosa pines and native grasslands in Rosehill Park. It is a long challenging course and all the players who have played it give it top marks. Congratulations to Clint and Brent for all the hard work they have put in to make the course a reality and also check out the Kamloops Disc Golf Club newsletter "The Basketcase News". Your DGB board helped all along the way, providing all the resource material, and securing the baskets at a discounted price. Duncan & James Ring actually delivered them and helped with the installation of the course.

## New Disc Golf Course Development

Mike McCrae and I did a lot of leg work over the winter sending out numerous course proposals and doing some of the follow up work. Unfortunately, we both have jobs and other activities and have not had the time to commit during the spring and summer. With the weather changing we should now have more time and will proceed with some of the work we have initiated. Some of the most promising locations include:

**Pemberton** - our 1999 Women's Provincial Disc Golf Champion Judith MacKenzie has now become a parks administrator in Pemberton and is interested in getting a course in. Mike McCrae will be visiting and following up and previous work he has done there,

**Whistler** - Judith was working for the Whistler Parks Dept and submitted a course proposal to her supervisor, but unfortunately it has not proceeded. The current 18 tonal course near lost lake is well used, but unfortunately, seems to attract and create a climate that the parks dept does not like. We will be trying to work with them to install a new course that create a more favourable environment for all involved.

**Squamish** - Mike McCrae has received approval to proceed with a disc golf course in the lands around the field complex. This is a heavily wooded area and Mike, Duncan and Andrew will be proceeding with development plans in the fall.

**Kamloops** - Clint and Brent have continued to do fundraising and build on their strong course foundation and hope to replace the back nine tonals with baskets in the spring.

**Quilchena** - Mike got the ball rolling, but unfortunately it just sat on a supervisors desk until he had time to deal with it. We have finally reached the survey stage and will be covering the \$200 cost of a parks dept survey of local residence to get their inputs on the development of a course in the park.

**Sidney, Sooke, 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:  
Jim 708-5455 Mike 326-0156.



## Duck Golf Series

We have made a few changes to the Duck Golf Series this year which we think will make it even better than last year. The series will be sponsored by the BCDSS Disc Golf Branch, Disc Sports Promotions, Innova Champion Discs and Discraft. This year we will try to make sure all the events have the same format with 8 different division, which this year will include a second Women's division and a Junior's division. We will once again have 4 events on the Islands and 4 in the Vancouver area, but have also include one in Kamloops. Once again it will be your top 4 events, but this year you have 9 chances to get points! Players will receive a point for participating and a point for every player that they beat in their division. Each players 4 top scores from the 9 events will count towards their overall series final total. The top 3 finishers in each of the 8 divisions will receive trophies, prizes and added cash.

We will have 100% payout at each event with the DGB adding a series disc and trophy for 1st, and minis for 2nd and 3rd in each division. One major change this year will be that in the Amateur, Novice, Amateur Women, and Junior divisions only prizes will be awarded.

We hope that tournament directors will get additional sponsors and have lots of added prizes and with some good merchandise sales will be able to add some cash to the other divisions. We will also be adding a \$1 series fee that we will collected from each player in the series. This money will be awarded to the top 3 overall finishers in each of the divisions. Most tournament start times will be at 12:00. Phone the tournament director or check the BCDSS Hotline #1 888 878-7387 for more information.

- #1 BC Provincials - Sept 23th Victoria Clayton (250) 385-8399
- #2 Kamloop Open - Oct 1st Brent (250) 579-8192
- #3 Nanaimo Fall Classic - Oct. 14th John Anthony (250) 753-1402
- #4 Boxing Day Open - Dec 26th Salt Spring. Dean (250) 537-8240
- #5 Dieffenbaker Open - Tsawwassen Jeremy (604) 943-8880
- #6 Quilchena Open- Feb Randy (604) 322-6255
- #7 Pender Island Warm-up - March Alex Fraser (250) 629-6494
- #9 Duck Golf Series Final - April 7 YMCA Camp Howdy Craig 438-8556



## DGB Finances

We currently have about \$3,870, but have just ordered 300 custom discs, 300 custom minis, and about 100 trophies for the Provincials and the Duck Golf Series. After these expenses and hopefully some revenue from product sales we expect to have a little over \$2,000 in the bank in April. We rely on some revenue to come in through the sales of our DGB merchandise to help finance all the prizes and trophies we give away, so please support us and buy a Duck Golf or BCDSS course disc! We also still have 9 Innova DISCatcher baskets in storage that we may install for now at YMCA Camp Howdy, or they may be sold for revenue.