

Upcoming events in Calgary

CDGC Tuesday League Night - Forest Lawn at 6:30pm

Organized by Kevin Rutt. This years League has been restricted to 36 players, all spots are taken, looking forward to a 2022 Tuesday League on an 18 hole course.

Calgary Disc Golf Club - CDGC Tuesday Night League (wildapricot.org)

Glow n Throw - Baker Park, Wednesday evenings after sunset

Organized by Bryan Ferrari and Jon Pease. Join the Glow n Throw Facebook group for more information.

Calgary Glow n Throw Group - CDGC | Facebook

Women's League - Baker Park, Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm

Organized by Kat De Beer and Brenda Page. Sign up via the link below and let Kat know if you have any questions.

Calgary Disc Golf Club - CDGC Women's League (wildapricot.org)

Front page – push new events, stuff with spots still open



June 2021 Newsletter

Meet your new Calgary Disc Golf Club Board Members

President - James Koizumi

Extremely involved and highly respected member of the disc golf community James Koizumi has been playing disc golf for about 3 years when introduced to the sport by his brother in law. With James' extremely passionate personality he soon found himself heavily involved and taking the lead on various projects that have boosted the growth of the sport in Calgary and uniting the community.

James has been involved in many projects and empowers other players to get involved by starting junior programs, coordinating beginner clinics, mentoring female players to start a women's leagues and working on course design.

When James is not disc golfing he enjoys hockey, climbing and travelling. Once restrictions are lifted, James is eager to incorporate his passions and looks forward to continuing playing courses throughout the world.

Vice President - Kelly Morstad

Kelly is the CDGC's past president, he is now serving as the clubs vice-president. Kelly's home course is Park 96, located in Parkland, a private community course where he enjoys hosting guests and attending music festivals.

Kelly's passions are disc golf and art and he continues to find creative ways to incorporate the two together. Kelly was involved in the creation of the Park 96 course back in 2003, along with the amazing Summer Solstice music festivals. Mixing disc golf and music festivals proved very popular and produced an iconic disc golf tournament series.

Treasurer - Bryce Pickford

Bryce has it all, the brains and the bryceps.

Bryce started playing disc golf 18 years ago when community course Park 96 was being installed and like most was immediately hooked. Bryce's home course is Midnapore, a short technical private community course. Although only 9 holes, Bryce has a lot of fun creating alternate holes. When Bryce isn't disc golfing he spends his time unplugged in the mountains on multi day hiking trips.

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Second page and beyond – show ongoing programs (links to fb posts about them? Link to Udisc stats?)

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Secretary - Kat De Beer

Kat has been playing disc golf casually for 5 years, as a fair weather player but really got into it this past year.

Kat is highly motivated and has been instrumental in getting the women's league started in Calgary for 2021. She is incredibly fun to play with and very empowering to other female players. When Kat is not disc golfing, she's volunteering and when she's not volunteering, she's headbanging her way through a mosh pit to some sick music.

Webmaster - Al Herring

As a Sundance resident, Al is lucky to have so many great courses so close to him. Al started playing in the 90's when introduced by his brother. He has run many tournaments and leagues including Tuesday League for many years, the epic Summer Solstice events at Park 96, and 12 years of Ace Race events. A fun fact about Al is that he got his first ace at Peace Estates park the same day his daughter was born!

Director of Membership Sales - Melissa Bright

New Zealander Melissa Bright has been in Canada for 8 years and started playing disc golf in August 2020. In a short 10 months she has become obsessed with disc golf and heavily involved in the growth of the game through her volunteer efforts with the Calgary Disc Golf Club. Melissa is an avid tournament and event participant as well as a sponsored RPM amateur Tribe ambassador for the 2021 season. Her enthusiasm and energy represents the future and direction of the sport and is looking forward to the exciting upcoming season.



WHAT IS CDGC 1000?

The CDGC 1,000 is currently the most important initiative the Calgary Disc Golf Club is working on.

Our aim is to become PDGA rated 1,000 meaning to have 1,000 active members for the 2021 season which will make Calgary the largest disc golf club in Canada. We have a team of dedicated volunteers working hard at creating tangible value to the memberships in addition to the current benefits.

We currently have 450 active members but the numbers are steadily increasing on a daily basis. We have no doubt we will reach our goal through various efforts such as our clinics, leagues and information booths to name a few. We rely on our current members to be ambassadors for the Calgary Disc Golf Club and assist to drive memberships.

Please join via the link below and feel free to share to non-members.
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YYC Doubles Madness - Ongoing Organised by Jon Pease and Adam Letendre

YYC Doubles Madness, sponsored by Don's Hobby Shop, is a doubles tournament that was created by River Dogs Jon Pease and Adam Letendre. Doubles partners battle it out in a best throw elimination style tournament, playing on various courses throughout the city and surrounding area. Scores are recorded on UDisc via live scoring where spectators have been excitedly watching and cheering teams on. To date there have been 3 aces, all by Pete Morrison! The doubles tournament is currently ongoing, which started May 29th and eventually there will be one victorious doubles team crowned the champions.



2021 Junior Disc Golf Challenge, Bonavista on May 29th, 2021 Organized by Eric Anderson and Scott Lemon

"Thanks for organizing this."

"Thanks for the fun event!"

"Thanks for putting this event together!"

"+10 Thanks for putting together a great tournament!"

Those are just some of the comments from participant families of the 2021 Bonavista Junior Challenge, but it almost did not happen.

The COVID-19 pandemic has itself been a challenge all over the world, often causing the cancellation of events, and so it was a struggle for the Bonavista event. It was postponed once and was about to be postponed again, but the CDGC President James Koizumi tasked us to figure out a way to run it under current AHS health restrictions. We had to keep it to family groups only, but it worked!

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In total, 27 children and youth competed in Beginner, Intermediate and Teen Advanced categories. Due to ties, we had 13 finishers in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Many birdies happened as well, even a few in the Beginner group!

In fact, the event proved to be a showcase of the up and coming disc golf talent in the Calgary region. The future is bright!



Baker Park information booth - May 30th, 2021 Organized by Melissa Bright

Surprisingly it was a slow start with no line up but as the sun shone, the line up began in the afternoon and soon there were many dedicated disc golfers waiting to play the busiest course in Canada and the 9th busiest in the world, Baker Park.

We watched group after group tee off, wanting to join for a few rounds but we were dedicated to our information booth at tee 1.

The purpose of the information booth was to get the Calgary Disc Golf Club exposure, answer any questions from members of the community but our main area was education.

All day dedicated CDGC volunteers and board members interacted with people waiting to tee off, most of which were beginners. We offered tips on throwing form, discussed rules and went over proper etiquette. Many people were curious and approached us with questions. We even had park goers leave to buy starter sets at Life Sport and come back to show us.

We plan to do the information booth on a regular basis as long as weather permits.

If you see a big CDGC tent, come say hi, grab a membership and feel free to have a putt in our portable basket while you wait to tee off.

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Women's League - First night June 2 - Ongoing Organized by Kat De Beer and Brenda Page

The YYC Women's League kicked off on Wednesday June 2, 2021 with resounding success. We had thirty women in attendance; a new women's league record!

The opening night was sponsored by Don's Disc Golf and everyone received a free putter, compliments of Scott Bennie.

Along with the league, there will be some clinics this summer facilitated by Rob Mcleod, so keep your eyes peeled! All sign-ups will be posted on Facebook and the CDGC website.

We are so grateful to have so much support for the growth of the women's game in Calgary!

This is going to be a great season! See you all on the course!



Learn to Disc Golf Beginners Clinic, Bonavista Downs on June 3rd, 2021 Organized by Alex Lam, Jason Saynavong and Chris Hochheimer

Wow, what a fantastic turnout last Thursday! We had 20 people sign up for our first of many beginner clinics. Looking at the group, disc golf is truly a game for any ages, stages and wages. We had kids that were bombing drives after a few pointers and some parents that just wanted to improve their game to keep up with their more experienced teens. It was fantastic to see there were other disc golf enthusiasts that

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were excited about disc golf as much as I was. When I first started disc golf, attending these beginner clinics definitely helped me excel quicker to the skill level I'm at today. If I didn't attend these clinics, I'd still be trying to figure out the proper way of throwing backhand! I wanted to pay it forward and step up and help run these clinics.

It brought me joy when I was able to give a few simple tips and watch them throw double the distance than they did just a few moments before! I could literally see the lightbulb go on above their heads as they figured out a few simple mechanics to throw farther. Not only did I want players to throw farther, but also inform them about the rules and respecting the courses. We want to encourage players to have fun, but to also be responsible by not leaving their garbage behind, to be able to let faster players play through or yell FORE if their disc is flying towards someone.

These clinics are not only great to improve your game, but to also expand your social circle with like-minded disc golf enthusiasts. I've made many friends through this game. It's a fantastic community to be a part of. Don't wait, join now!

See you at the next clinic!

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