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*Top Ten Responses to the Question, "Why did you miss that easy, 9-foot, gimme putt that my grandmother could have sunk?"*

10) Ask me something easy, like the meaning of life or the average height of an Australian Pygmy.

9) So I rushed it, OK?

8) Your stupid, flea-bitten dog was about to bark. I knew he was going to bark. He knew he was going to bark. Then he, on a dog-like whim, decided NOT to.

7) One of the strangest thought flashes ever: a nude fat woman wearing roller skates superimposed right into a Calvin and Hobbes comic strip -- in the third box, I think -- yelling "miss it, you big, hunk a man, you."

6) I'm out of work. My wife wants a divorce. The kids look like the mailman. My parents moved and didn't tell me their new address. My own lizard sticks its tongue out at me when I come home. I'VE GOT BLISTERS ON MY FINGERS! And frankly, I don't give a damn.

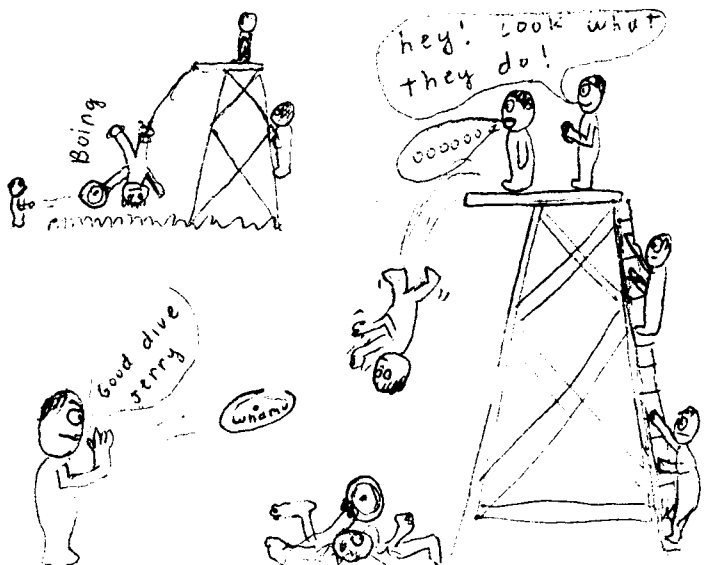
5) (Golfer's eyes begin glowing red, and in a deep, echoing voice that strangely comes from nowhere and yet everywhere,) My race will destroy your pathetic civilization. (Spaceship now lands and the alien golfer boards it, metamorphosing from his phony human form back into his true, tentacled visage. Before he disappears into the huge, disc-shaped craft he delivers one last ominous comment:) Besides, the wind slapped it down, you weenie.

4) Plastic chains, man...I hate 'em, I hate 'em, I hate em.

3) NGGG, NGGGG, (pant, pant) NNNNNNGG. Because . . . NNNG, NGGG, (cough).

2) Excuse me. Did you say please stomp on my head until my lifeless body stops twitching?

1) Because I stink! That's why.



# PRESIDENT'S HOLE

by Steve Hartwell

The vernal rites of New England flying disc sports were experienced in two great "spring flings", one golfer's paradise at UCONN and one magnificent Golf/DDC day at Borderland. These two events were the first for golfers to earn NEFA Golf Points. A few enhancements have been introduced to allow for more participation and fairness. The new rules are as follows:

## NEFA GOLF POINTS



In every NEFA Golf Points event, a NEFA member earns one point for every NEFA member s/he places ahead of in his/her division, plus one point for completing all scheduled Disc Golf rounds.

Ties split the sum of the points. There are five divisions in all -- Open Pro, Open Amateur, Women's, Amateur, and Junior (under 16). At the conclusion of the 1991 NEFA tournament season, prizes will be awarded to the person with the most points in each category.

Here's an example: Julie, Jennifer, Jill, Jane, and Zelda competed in the Women's Pro Division of the NEFA Summer Solstice, a NEFA Golf Points event. Their scores and Points in the Women's Pro Division were:

Name	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Points	Explanation
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Julie	54	52	106	4	3 for beating J,J, & J + 1 for playing
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Newsletter: Jason Southwick and Rick Williams

Please contact us with suggestions or ideas

Zelda	56	56	112	0	2nd in tourney, but not a NEFA member so no Points
Jennifer	56	58	114	2.5	1 for playing, and 1.5 for splitting 2 + 1 = 3 with Jill
Jill	58	56	114	2.5	Same logic as Jennifer
Jane	66	--	---	0	NEFA member, but quit after first round

Now every NEFA member has a chance for fame and fortune in Disc Golf; all you do is show up and play in as many events as possible. We'll keep ongoing track of Points and publish the standing in each issue of the NEFA News. The Pro prizes being contemplated are real mini poleholes, and we're working on something nice for the other divisions too. Hopefully this system will inspire more people to become NEFA members and turn on to Disc Golf.

A worthy soul has finally stepped forward and volunteered to produce the NEFA News. With many thanks, I hereby relinquish my PC keyboard and bequeath the editorship to Jason Southwick, and wish his mailbox full of articles and letters on flying disc sports happenings, rumors, fantasies, and inanities from all corners of New England.

## NEFA Golf Points Leaders -- 5/11/91

Rank	Open Pro	NEFA Pts.	# Events
1	Jason Southwick	35.0	2
2	Dave Johnson	31.0	2
3	Greg Black	28.5	2
4	Rick Williams	25.0	2
5	Sunny Cade	22.5	2
5	Toddy Brodeur	22.5	2
7	Bob DeCosta	22.0	2
8	Steve Hartwell	18.5	2
9	Dale Fuller	17.5	2
10	Jim O'Hara	14.5	1
11	T.M. Dyer	14.0	2
12	Peter Anderson	12.5	1
13	Ian Engelman	11.5	2
14	Brent Sanderson	10.5	1
15	Tom Cole	8.5	1
16	Keith Boisvert	8.0	1
17	Dave White	6.0	2
18	Colin Browne	4.5	1
18	Bill Siemon	4.5	1
20	Dan Gorriaran	4.0	1

## Rhode Islanders Thinking BIG

by T.M. Dyer

Hello fellow NEFA members. Bob Decosta, John Affonso and I have been meeting on Wednesday evenings to discuss what we would like to do this year. Some of the major ideas we are tossing around are, of course, the RI States, tentatively set for 8/10/91, a spring of '92 PDGA tourney, Frostbite Folf (Ice Bowl 1/19/92), the possibility of large sponsorship in our area, and and and.

We are attempting to convince the powers that be to allow us to erect a permanent course here in Newport. Miantonomi Park has recently had a facelift; the renovations include much more playground equipment, a fire truck, bridge, new swings, etc. We'd like to think that picking up litter during our events has somehow triggered all this.

### **The Rhode Island States Plan for '91**

After much discussion with our fellow disc enthusiasts we have decided to change the traditional format of the RI States this year. As some of you know, we usually run two 18-hole rounds of Golf, Freestyle, and Discathon. This year our game-plan is to appeal to the hard core golfers stuck in New England at the end of the summer. Since Distance and Accuracy are basically golf skills we will sandwich these events between the two rounds of golf. We will then break tradition again by holding the awards ceremony in the park.

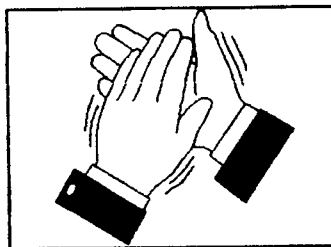
In addition, we will offer an astounding player package to all entrants: MPDGC t-shirt, MPDGC disc towel, and an MPDGC mini with a limited edition mystery hot stamp. Time constraints we have no control over will limit the number of entrants to 60. Our flyers will include details of the strict timetable and pre-registration form. The low low price for this day of fun adventure and this incredible player package is \$23 for NEFA members and only \$20 for non-members who pre-register, and \$25 for anybody the day of the event.

Finally, we would like any and all to come play the course at Miantonomi -- regardless of weather or wives or anything else -- a group from the Miantonomi Marauders will tee off at 2:00 PM every Sunday. If you have comments or ideas, direct them to T.M. Dyer, PO Box 3382, Newport, RI 02840. And may all your putts be true.

## **BACUL'S SEVENTH SEASON STARTS**

by Rick Williams

The Boston Area Corporate Ultimate League (BACUL) had their annual captain's meeting in early April. A roomful of about sixty



men and women, representing over forty teams, were gathered for pizza and some serious discussion on some rules issues. A vast amount of time was spent debating a new "women's

rule". After the dust settled, it was decided that when three or more women are present on both teams, two women must be on the field. The "one woman rule" would otherwise be in effect. This rule, in use for the past few years, states that one woman per team must be on the field at all time. If none are available for a game or the lone woman has to rest (after an hour of non-stop running), then only six men can be on the field. Both rules are designed to keep BACUL a truly co-ed league. The long range goal is to encourage and recruit more women to play Ultimate

BACUL was begun in part to provide a structure for people who work together to play Ultimate together, and in part to introduce the sport to entry level players and colleagues in a casual, low-key, co-ed atmosphere. Attention to the enjoyment and participation of new players and teams is an on-going priority of the league. If your company is interested in becoming part of BACUL, get in touch with me at the NEFA News address.

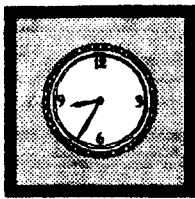
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### **BOSTON ULTIMATE DISC ALLIANCE**

The Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance (BUDA) is dedicated to making Ultimate in the Boston area bigger and better. Some of the goals are more tournaments for the club and college players, summer league players, and acquiring new players. BUDA is looking for people interested in helping to run Youth Leagues, Ultimate demonstrations for high schools, benefit tournaments for local charities, and summer leagues. BUDA is now setting up a Boston Summer Ultimate league to start in late June. The league will be co-ed in a relaxed atmosphere and encourages beginners. If you want to join a team, inform Raphael Savir (617 489 2543), BUDA Chairperson, before June 15.

# CLOCK/COUNTERCLOCK

*Jason Southwick Speaks*



The debate heats up -- should all Disc Golf targets be poleholes or should we throw at a mixed bag of targets?

In an attempt to shake up the status quo in New England Disc Golf circles, a handful of innovators has begun to think out, select, and sometimes even build its own targets. The four fingers of this handful are represented by Theo Cade, Todd Brodeur, Bill MacWilliams and me.

The thumb consists of Steve Hartwell, but this thumb is pointing downward when talk turns to putting at trees, posts, through hoops, into ground baskets, hollow trees, circles of stone, or, heaven forbid, into milk crates. Steve, our revered President, has made his position clear: real golf is played with 18 double-chain poleholes. I disagree.

With a grand total of one 18-piece set of metal poleholes -- owned together by the Hartwells, Blacks and Johnsons -- in all of NEFA, this disc-cussion was motivated, in part, by the supposed need to truck all 18 poleholes to most of NEFA's tournaments. Right now Greg Black has nine and I have the other nine on my Pyramids course, and it would seem reasonable to me to encourage the use of a larger variety of targets at each tournament. I suggest that we set a limit of 12 poleholes at each NEFA tournament, the other six targets being our most interesting innovations. Here are my reasons:

- \* Varying targets will force us to learn and master different throws
- \* We lessen our dependence on heavy, hard-to-transport poleholes
- \* By developing new targets, we create our own, New England Disc Golf personality as well as contribute to the sport
- \* We will have a wider base of excuses for missing.

Todd and Dale are excellent examples of what I like to term the Disc Golf lunatic-genius. They scope the landscape, disc-cover a course, and choose, make or fake the target. Their grill grate idea deserves mention. They also popularized the circle of stone and the ground basket, for example, and continue to create courses in New England. Lately Todd has been setting up light-weight poleholes with nylon strips for chains and a body of nylon and plastic. They're cool, and you go at them with a little more loft and a little less zip.

Bill MacWilliams is also insanely clever. He and Theo have been terrorizing purists with their disc-nailed-to-a-one-by-one target. Bill is also notorious for inventing the milk-crate hole. We have him to thank for courses at Barre Falls, Howe State Park, Wels State Park, Sturbridge cemetery, a country club in Barre and one really bad one behind his house. His other targets: taped trees, gravestones, stumps, garbage cans, and a hole in a sign.

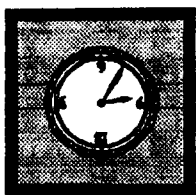
In the field of target creation, Theo Cade has become THE mad inventor of NEFA. Just recently he unveiled to Bill and me his latest targets, one of which is 10 feet high, made of plastic, nylon, two skis, wood and I think a drain pipe. This contraption returns a successful shot back to you. Two of Theo's targets were strange enough to earn the names (given by Bill, who is also strange enough) the "Gobbler" and the "Bag Lady". Need I say more?

My own two-course area, called Pyramids, (see Schedule) illustrates the concept of target diversity I'm proposing. Along with the nine metal poleholes (single chains) and one homemade wooden one, we have several taped trees, two circles of stone, a garbage can, a ceramic piece of chimney liner, a stick in a spool, a hollow tree and two accuracy hoops.

So let's unchain ourselves from the rigid 18-polehole format. Let's expand the sights and sounds of our shots going in. Let's put a little something in our thinking caps and imagine a future where the disc leaves your hand and heads toward its destination. All time stands still in that moment of faith as you watch it sail, closer and closer till you hear the telltale boink and Bill screams "IT'S IN THE THING!"

# CLOCK/COUNTERCLOCK

Steve Hartwell Responds



A fine expository with many merits, Jason, but why condemn the very element of Disc Golf that has helped it grow from nothing into a professional sport with thousands of participants in less than two decades? You're right, I'm a polehole bigot, and here's why.

- 1) "That taped tree over there is the hole." "I hit it!" "No you didn't." "Did too." With a polehole, there's never a question or an argument on what's in or out.
- 2) Harry practices putting at milk crates two hours a day in his back yard. He contributes a milk crate as a target at the next tournament. Guess who knocks in a 3 every round, while his fellow competitors curse their 3-putting. With poleholes, you always know your target. (Admittedly, few of our poleholes here in New England are up to Mach III standard, but any type of polehole is fairer than a milk crate!)
- 3) The PDGA, or Professional Disc Golf Association, aspires to elevate our sport toward the lofty heights of ball golf. Whether or not you agree on the end result, the increasing degree of standardization of discs, rules, and targets at Disc Golf tournaments adds professionalism to the sport. And this can't hurt -- we get more players, more competition, more tournaments, more exposure, more prize money as the sport becomes more consistent and professional.

BUT, I still think it's fun to play objects! The creativity and diversity exhibited by New England Disc Golf targets would win top honors in any competition. Pyramids, Barre Falls, Diamond Hill, and Bow Lake are classics -- fun to play, and worthy tributes to the cleverness of our disc golf architects. There are only two complete sets of 18-poleholes in New England, the NEFA Mach Is and John Hunt's Mach IIs and IIIs. Are we to limit ourselves to playing Disc Golf a few times a year because we can't get permission, can't afford, or plain just don't want poleholes at every suitable course site?

SO, to reconcile the Clock with the Counter, I want both! The more Disc Golf courses to play on, the better, poleholes and objects alike. But we need more emphasis on the poleholes if Disc Golf in New England really hopes to take off. Our goal is to set up a permanent polehole course in a public area, as soon as we can, for all people to learn about golf, for an anchor for NEFA gatherings, and for the site of future PDGA events, including regional and maybe even world championships. And come on, Jason, admit it, don't you love the sound of chains?

## NEFA WANTS YOU r ten bucks

### *Registration Form for 1991*

*Flinging your way comes:*

*\* This newsletter 4 times a year*

*\* Your very own NEFA mini for first time members*

*\* Invitations to all NEFA events*

*\* The knowledge that you are supporting disc sports in New England*

Just fill out the form below and send it and a check for \$10 to:

NEFA, PO Box 4152 BV, Andover, MA 01810

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

by Sunny Cade and Dan Roddick



On a fateful day back in the '80s, Dan "Stork" Roddick and Danny McInnes of Wham-O accepted the gauntlet thrown at their feet by Sunny Cade and Steve

Hartwell of NEFA for a DDC by mail game just as old Chess masters used to play. Here is the current play sent in by the Roddick/McInnes team and the response by Cade/Hartwell. Just the facts mam, just the facts. It was a routine day, Hartwell and Cade were working on the DDC beat out of L.A....

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Stork sees that the two rear attack shots are set to enter the court at virtually the same instant. Out of the corner of his eye he sees that Danny is frozen by panic and has curled into the fetal position. The Hartwell disc is slicing directly toward Danny's upraised butt as Stork flashes in to play. In almost a single motion he kick-brushes the Hartwell disc back up into the wind and then grabs the Sunny shot. Then, at his leisure, Stork throws a towering upside-down lead shot. He then pulls Danny to his feet, catches his own returning foot brush, orders Danny to front court and lashes a stinging burn at the hapless Hartwell/Cade duo. Your move....

(After a two year lapse, Danny and Stork were sorely tempted to call a stall on Hartwell/Cade a.k.a. "team somnolent", but in a rush of uncommonly generous goodwill Stork and Danny decide, "Aww, let's let 'em play it." Coming out of their hazy stupor, team somnolent responds playfully in kind, saying, "Just kidding, it's a joke. We're ready to play seriously now.")

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The upside-down shot is deftly caught by Hartwell and returned while Sunny, in quick-thinking response, ducks the obviously out "stinging burn" of Stork. One point for Hartwell/Cade. Hartwell and Danny serve. After a few exchanges, Cade & Hartwell double Stork and Danny. Two more points for Hartwell/Cade. Your move....

by Toddy Brodeur

Once again it's time for the 1991 World Jr. Frisbee Disc Contest. It is open to boys and girls under 16 as of June 30, 1991.

The events at the local competitions are Accuracy, Distance and catching. The contest is one of the longest-running national youth activity programs, now in its 23rd year. Those contestants who score 15 points or higher advance to the regional contest held in Princeton Mass on 8/11/91. The winners of the regionals will get a \$100 US Savings Bond and a free trip to Florida to compete in the world finals at Universal Studios in Orlando.

If you know a group of kids who would like to participate or if you are interested in hosting a jrs. contest in your area I will be available to help run an event until 8/11/91. For more info on local competitions in Attleboro, Brockton and Princeton please call Todd at 508 376 8708.

I urge the New England Flying Disc Association (NEFA) and its members to help support and promote this fine event. It is sponsored by the folks at Wham-O, who agree the future of disc sports depends on youth.

#### Calendar Notes:

Every Thursday 6-8 PM in Mansfield -- Ultimate and DDC (Call Todd)

Every even Wednesday -- DDC in Millis (Call Todd)

August 8 -- World Jr. Contest New England Regional (Call Sunny)

#### Flying Disc Show a Success in Millis

On April 28, Toddy Brodeur and Sunny Cade conducted a Disc Demo for Kids in Millis after the annual Little League Parade.

Demonstrations on Distance, Freestyle and K9 were followed by bulls-eye Accuracy and a 6-hole light plastic Jr. Disc Golf contest. About 50 kids participated and had mega-fun. The event also promoted a Flying Disc course for kids through the town of Millis' Recreation Dept. Todd is now teaching this course on Fridays from 4:30 - 5:30 in the town park.

# RESULTS

## UCONN Spring Fling Results -- April 27, 1991

<u>Open Pro</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Dan Berman	49	56	105	1	
Joe Proud	51	58	109	2	
Jason Southwick	56	54	110	3	16
Dave Johnson	53	59	112	4	15
David Riley	56	59	115	5	
Sunny Cade	58	57	115	6	14
Rick Williams	58	58	116	7	12.5
Peter Anderson	57	59	116	7	12.5
Dale Fuller	61	59	120	9	10.5
Greg Black	58	62	120	9	10.5
Dan DePinto	61	59	120	9	
Toddy Brodeur	60	62	122	12	8
T.M. Dyer	58	64	122	12	8
Keith Boisvert	62	60	122	12	8
Steve Hartwell	62	62	124	15	6
Wayne Roberts	63	63	126	16	
Phil Kennedy	63	63	126	16	
Brent Sanderson	66	60	126	16	
Chris Livingston	60	67	127	19	
Bob DeCosta	65	62	127	19	5
Dan Gorriaran	66	64	130	21	4
Dave White	67	64	131	22	3
John Affonso	68	64	132	23	2
Dave Rooney	63	72	135	24	
Ian Engelman	69	68	137	25	1

<u>Women Pro</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Susanne Giendl	66	56	122	1	3
Tiina Booth	61	66	127	2	2
Mary Proud	67	75	142	3	
Joy Hartwell	81	72	153	4	1

<u>Open Amateur</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Chris DePaola	62	59	121	1	
Jeff Blaney	63	66	129	2	4
Scott Pyle	67	63	130	3	3
Rich Little	66	67	133	4	2
James Malone	69	66	135	5	1
Michael Levy	66	69	135	5	
David Holzberg	65	70	135	5	
Charlie Parker	69	68	137	8	
Andy Ward	75	74	149	9	
Jeff Walker	77	82	159	10	

<u>Women Amateur</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Edie Pinka	75	76	151	1	
Cindy Vigeant	79	81	160	2	
Jude "Stones" Cade	87	81	168	3	2
Kim Sterl	84	86	170	4	1
Bevin Engelman	95	88	183	5	
Samantha Scott	90	93	183	6	

<u>Junior</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Kyle Black	65	64	129	1	3
Joe Walker	68	74	142	2	2
Mike Cosato	83	71	154	3	1

## Borderland Spring Fling Results -- May 11 1991

<u>Open Pro</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Jason Southwick	51	50	101	1	19
Greg Black	55	56	111	2	18
Bob DeCosta	52	60	112	3	17
Dave Johnson	55	57	112	4	16
Jim O'Hara	56	58	114	5	14.5
Toddy Brodeur	57	57	114	5	14.5
Steve Hartwell	60	56	116	7	12.5
Rick Williams	57	59	116	7	12.5
Brent Sanderson	59	58	117	9	10.5
Ian Engelman	60	57	117	9	10.5
Chris DePaola	55	62	117	9	
Sunny Cade	59	59	118	12	8.5
John "Ace" Fanning	59	59	118	12	
Tom Cole	59	59	118	12	8.5
Dale Fuller	61	58	119	15	7
T.M. Dyer	62	58	120	16	6
Colin Browne	60	61	121	17	4.5
Bill Siemon	62	59	121	17	4.5
Dave White	61	62	123	19	3
Patrick McAlary	65	61	126	20	
Dave Rooney	61	66	127	21	1.5
John Affonso	61	66	127	21	1.5

<u>Women Pro</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Joy Hartwell	68	60	128	1	1

<u>Open Amateur</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>
Richard Holzberg	62	53	115	1	1
Jeff Affonso	58	59	117	2	
Charlie Parker	62	60	122	3	
John Gleit	63	59	122	3	
Scott Pyle	61	64	125	5	3
Michael Levy	65	60	125	5	
Jeff Blaney	62	64	126	7	2
Rich Little	66	67	133	8	1
Andy Ward	65	74	139	9	
David Meyer	74	75	149	10	
Sean McAlister	76	76	152	11	

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Allison Black	69	79	148	2	2
Jude "Stones" Cade	78	86	164	3	1
Samantha Scott	81	84	165	4	

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Mike Cosato	69	61	130	2	2
Joe Walker	71	65	136	3	1

## MISSING PERSONS

NEFA is looking for the correct addresses for Delon Maas and Todd Anderson. They are missing out on NEFA News and info on upcoming events. As a reminder, if you change your address, let NEFA know.

Dear NEFA,

I'm writing to say thanks for all the good times. New England is a special place to play Frisbee, and I feel fortunate to have been part of it (I look forward to spending a Saturday on a golf course somewhere in southern Mass or RI one day in the future). My final tournament, the Mass States, offered NEFA a chance to rebound from a shaky New England, and the spirits rose and the egos disappeared. This is what it will take for us to remain strong and grow in numbers.

Here's a specific idea that could help NEFA grow in numbers and spirit: have a monthly DDC day (pick a regular day, such as the first Saturday of each month). The idea is to welcome anyone and everyone who wants to play, and make it a learning and playing competition. The activities for the day could include warm up, mixed team pool play, a skills session and end the day with competitive pool play. The mixed pool play would involve some form of matching the most experienced players with the least experienced, etc. In theory, all of the teams will be of relatively equal ability, and most games would be close. The lesser experienced players can learn from the more experienced (thereby raising the level of play for everyone at future NEFA DDC tournaments). The top players could let their egos hang out at the end of the day by beating on each other. This is a win-win idea, and I encourage you all to go for it!

That's all for now from Madison, Wisconsin. Remember two things and you'll be way ahead in life: keep it spinning, and don't throw it out!

Stick

[Editor's note. Decision makers at NEFA have made Stick the first lifetime NEFA member. We feel his years of dedication, creativity and achievement (he belonged to the Rude Boys, 1983 Ultimate World Champions, for example) merit this honor. He even donated his share of the NEFA poleholes to us. Thanks Stick and congratulations. We hope you'll stay in touch]



Dear NEFA,

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoy each newsletter -- the memories and friendships come back each time I read it. I haven't played much disc since leaving NE in 1985, nor have I been to a tourney in over 5 years -- things just aren't the same here in Oklahoma. The disc family in New England is a very special one, and I still miss it.

I'm now remarried and living in Tulsa. Jack is 10 and Joey is 7. They are great fun -- it's incredible how quickly they grow up. I realize this even more when I see results from Mass States with Shawn Kennedy in 5th place -- I know he had it in him -- or Greg Black's "teenagers" who were just little kids the last time I saw them.

Well, I hope that the boys and I will make it back to a tourney sometime soon -- so keep my newsletter coming. Ya never know...we may just show up someday.

Keep 'em flying,

Michelle Rooney (formerly Bent)

The first "hammer" is thrown.





## NEFA Members Shine at Rainy Virginia States

by Jason Southwick

Six NEFA dudes and 3 dudettes made the trip down to Fredricksburg, Virginia, to compete in the 15th annual Virginia State Frisbee Championships on April 13 and 14. Over 100 players, including 18 women, competed in the four-event weekend featuring Golf, Distance, MTA and Freestyle. And despite two days of rain, the organizers of the Mary Washington Frisbee Club displayed creativity, competence, and attention to the little, eccentric details that add charm and personality to their highly-competitive tournament.

Flawlessly-run events were complemented by touches such as hand-painted tee markers and varied golf targets. There was a man throwing a boomerang, another riding a unicycle. And of course there was Lazlo's Weenie World, the best and cheapest (we're talking coffee for 15 cents, a can of beer for 50 cents) vegetarian food establishment in the semi-free world. They ring a bell when tipped. They send a 50 cents ON coupon to all participants. They provide real plates and real cups which they continually wash to minimize trash. And they probably lose money on the deal. Lazlo's, we salute you. You epitomize a counter-culture idealism one can be proud of.

### How We Fared

Judy Robbins teamed with Harvey Brandt in Freestyle for second and NEFA members also took fourth and fifth in Freestyle. Dan Berman and I took 2nd and 5th in overall. Todd Brodeur threw over nine seconds in MTA. And special credit must go to Dan Berman for winning the Spirit of the Tournament prize for continuing after dislocating his left shoulder. Other members with personal triumphs too numerous and perhaps esoteric to mention: Theo and Jude Cade, Dale Fuller and Samantha Scott.

## ODE TO THE VIRGINIA STATES

by Sunny Cade

(Sung somewhat to the tune of: "Little Grass Shack in Hawaii")

It's not just the Virginia breeze that's calling me,  
Not just Lazlo's Weenies and his coffees and teas,  
It's the people there who are filling the air  
with home cooking, friendly sailes, and Frisbees.

It's Hugh Lowery, also known as Stanley Kowalski.  
It's Eric Wooten, who adds to the fun  
It's the Stableford Bros., with Chez, Duke and Brian,  
Yes, the Duke of Fredricksburg, but that's another song.

And speaking of Bros., there's the Cookseys, Bob and Jack,  
And daughter and dad, I hope Griffens,  
Jennifer and Dave, come back.  
And I would adore, flinging discs with Larry Rohr.

For a fabulous bonk, there's a Zenniker named Lonk,  
And before we're through, I hope Erin Hart comes too.  
And it would be just marvy, to throw with Harvey  
In Pratt Park, on the Rapahanock, in Fredricksburg.

It's often Eric Olson, who's directing the fun,  
Bill, Linda, Tom and all, providing yumies for the tun  
In Shelter H, in Pratt Park, In Fredricksburg.

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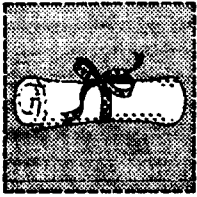
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December 1989	The 13th Annual Mass States Tournament
April 1990	Amherst Indoor Freestyle and Accuracy
July 1990	Pyramids Disc Golf
October 1990	The New England Flying Disc Championships
February 1991	The 14th Annual Mass States Tournament

## UCONN TOURNEY -- LONG, TOUGH COURSE

by Ian Engelman



During the inception of the Spring Fling tournament, our goal was to create enthusiasm in disc golf amongst the UCONN student body. There is an established object course we derived the Spring Fling course from. Not knowing any better, these co-eds tend to use 165 gram *Wham-O* lids or the uncontrollable *Aerobie*. I thought it would be wonderful to expose them to golf discs. I chose to create a commemorative disc for entrants to use and keep. Student turnout was low, perhaps due to the high registration fee combined with an epidemic of hangovers that weekend. I hope everyone else is enjoying their *Spitfires* from *Lightning Discs Inc.*

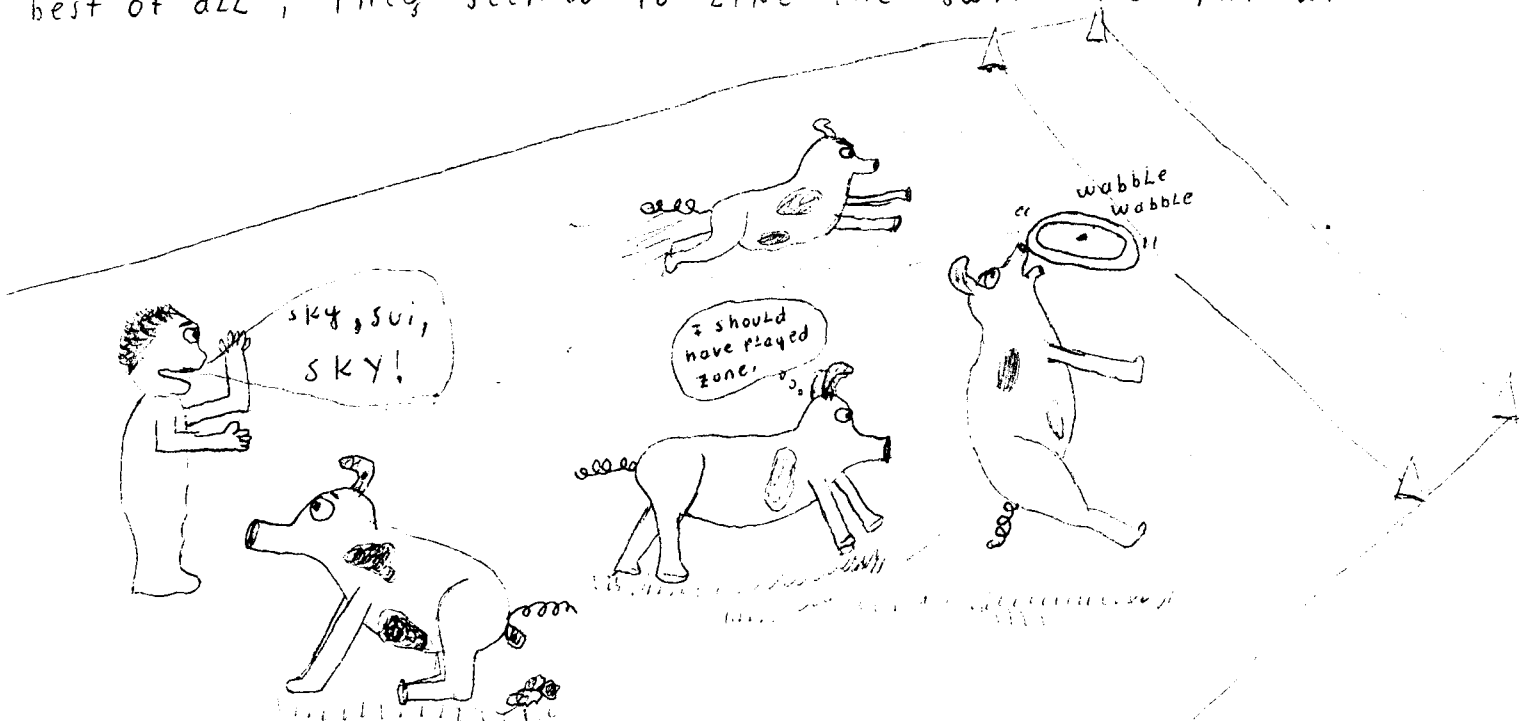
The course was long and open. Only one player finished under par. That was the open winner, Dan Berman. I bumped into him about a week after the tournament at Mo's (a good place to eat in West Hartford). "I'm playing the best golf of my life," he said. Turns out he's going to California for the summer tournaments. "I owe it to myself," he added.

Players enjoyed the campus, and by and large the pedestrian traffic wasn't too much of an interference. Mirror Lake, however, proved to be a bigger obstacle than anticipated. Mike Cosato shot two consecutive discs into the water before abandoning the endeavor. His *Eclipse* sank but he was able to swim out and rescue the other. "I'm glad it happened," he told me. "It forced me to buy the new, more stable *Eclipse*."

The NEFA turnout was strong. Half of the sixty-four entrants were NEFA members. The other half consisted mostly of friends and family of mine, although there were approximately five UCONN students. And NEFA signed up nine new members.

Storrs was a good central location -- convenient enough for golfers from New York, Mass, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and, of course, Connecticut. This was the first tournament in Connecticut since Joe Proud held the New Englands in 1986. We hope there will be more in Connecticut

Jerome was finally accepted onto an ultimate team. His team-mates were friendly, remarkably intelligent, and best of all; they seemed to like the skill he threw.



Borderlands Spring Fling '91 -- a Lesson in  
Mastery

A long long time ago, probably before recorded history, before men learned how to communicate with language and throw Frisbees, a boy by the name of Greg Black came into the world.

The lad showed little promise at anything, really, and one wondered if young Greg would ever make anything of himself. Generations came and went until Greg, who had been fully grown for awhile by now, heard distant rumors of a new branch of sport centering around a flying disc made of plastic. Greg set off to find this sport, as well as himself. A little voice told him he was destined for greatness as long as he chose something where the competition wasn't too tough. Greg found Frisbee. He tried his hand at Golf and DDC. He experimented with Ultimate, MTA, Accuracy, even K9. He ran a few Discathons. He did Freestyle and Distance. And what do you know he had a measure of, well, relative success. Greg rejoiced for five minutes.

Still, he would never be as good as Harvey Brandt, and there were lots of people who could beat him some of the time. Greg wasn't satisfied. Competence wasn't enough; he longed for mastery. He wanted to be the best in the world at something. And he soon would be.

Fate had it that one day a tournament director was struck in the adam's apple with a DDC disc and lost his voice. Greg, due to a misunderstanding, was called in to run the awards ceremony. As he reached the table filled with prizes, the players, especially the winners, listened attentively to this unexpected presenter. After inspecting the front of his pants to make sure his fly wasn't open, Greg looked up to see all eyes on him, all ears tuned to his voice. He was filled with a power such as he had never felt before, a power so perfect and complete he felt he would burst with it. He began. You could have heard a disc grazing a dandelion.

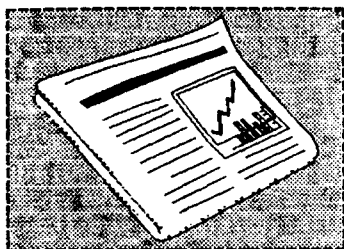
Never had a crowd been so moved to tears of both joy and sadness. Never had a speaker been so mesmerizing. When the last prize had been given and the people had been thanked for coming, a strange thing happened. It began as a low roar that crescendoed to wild screams of appreciation. The crowd descended on Greg, raised him into the air and carried him from the course. The rest is history.

I recently had the honor of witnessing the great Greg Black at the Borderlands Spring Fling awards ceremony. It was thrilling to watch this man toy with the crowd, effortlessly sliding back and forth between humor and seriousness, handing out trophies with his left hand and shaking hands with his right. He is the consummate professional in the prime of his career, and once again, the day was his. Greg Black -- the best in the world.

Greg with Bob DeCosta and John Affonso, who won DDC for amateurs



by Rick Williams



The weekend of April 6th and 7th, two PDGA tournaments were held in northern New Jersey, each providing three rounds of 18 holes in one day. The first tournament was held at Buzzy's Creek in West Milford. Dan Doyle, Tournament Director and course designer, provided a fantastic, sunny day for the challenging Mach II polehole course. Seven NEFA members (see results) made the trip. The wind stayed calm for most of the day so that the forty-nine competitors could focus on the tight shots through the woods and open shots bordered by out-of-bounds. The following day, sixty disc golfers gathered at the Cook College campus of Rutgers University for another PDGA event. Again the weather was perfect and everyone got ready for three more rounds of 18. Barry Noakes, Tournament Director, made for an interesting taste of the past as the first round was played on the original tees (before heavy plastic!). The next two rounds were played on the extended tees. At the end of the day, Barry proved he knew the course by winning the open division. Judy Robbins placed in the money at third in the women's division. Ex New Englander T.J. Barber won the master's division.

#### HOW NEFA PEOPLE FINISHED

OPEN PRO	PLACE	ADVANCED MEN	PLACE
Rick Sader	16th	Dave White	6th
WOMEN PRO		ADVANCED WOMEN	
Judy Robbins	3rd	Donna Doyle	1st
MASTER MEN		AMATEUR WOMEN	
Sunny Cade	2nd	Jude Cade	1st
Rick Williams	3rd		

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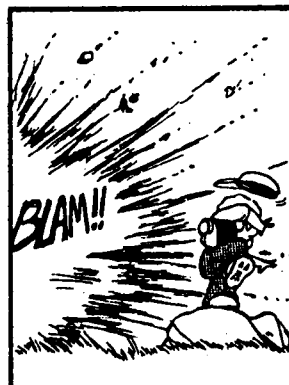
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#### BLOOM COUNTY

By Berke Breathed



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June 25-29                World Seniors in Santa Cruz  
                                 Call Sunny (508) 798 0704

July 6-7                    New Jersey States  
                                 Call Dan Doyle (201) 728 7885

July 29 - August 4      WFDF in Santa Cruz  
                                 Call Sunny

August 10                15th Annucal Rhode Island States  
                                 Call T.M. Dyer (401) 846 3236

August 11                Junior Regionals  
                                 Call Todd (508) 376 8708

August 19-24            PDGA Worlds in Dayton, Ohio  
                                 Call Sunny

### **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

New Hampshire States  
Connecticut States

Mass States  
New Englands

### **K9 Frisbee Disc Championships**

June 1, 9 a.m.            Boston, Mass. Call Dianne Kerrissey at 617 725 4505  
June 4, 5:30 p.m.        Middletown, Conn. Call Debbie Dennis at 203 344 3473  
June 23, 10 a.m.        Norwich, Conn. Call Ed Jakubowski at 203 859 0103  
July 6                    Pelham, NH. Call Susan McInnis at 603 635 2721  
July 7, 10 a.m.          Amherst, Mass. Call Linda Garwacki at 413 566 3847  
July 26, 12:30 p.m.      Braintree, Mass. Call Joseph Darche at 617 843 8842

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