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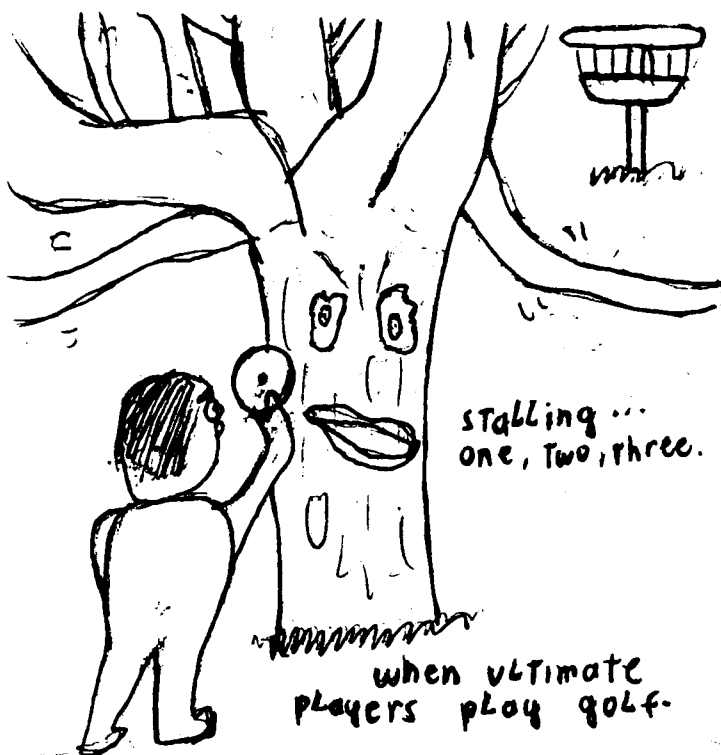
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***Top Ten Things to Say to Make People Like you More at NEFA Tournaments***

by Jason Southwick, with help from lots of people, especially T.M. Dyer, Bob DeCosta and John Affonso

- 10) You shot ANOTHER bogey? Wow! This could be a new record.
- 9) Can we use your little brother for a DDC marker?
- 8) As tournament director, I thought it would be a neat idea to hold a surprise discathon. Three rounds but don't worry, it's only a mile and a half along that thin path, that one next to the barbed wire.
- 7) Oh, so YOU'RE the director of public parks in this city. Hey man, have a beer.
- 6) Oh my God, I can't believe that NOBODY brought a lighter!
- 5) Scorecards? What scorecards? I don't remember anyone telling me to bring the scorecards.
- 4) Did you know that according to PDGA rules, that's actually a 3-stroke penalty.
- 3) Right into the pond -- don't you just HATE it when that happens.
- 2) Great MTA throw, dude. That was at least 12 seconds. Too bad you didn't catch it.
- 1) Hi, my name is Tim Dyer. This is my dog. She's from hell and she's coming with us.



by Steve Hartwell

The first half of 1991 has seen more NEFA action than ever. Tournament attendance is way up -- two years ago, 25 people was considered great; now 40+ is the norm. Junior activities are going strong with qualifying events for the upcoming Wham-O Junior World Championships. A number of weekly events are happening this summer: DDC leagues (talk to Sunny Cade or Todd Brodeur), Freestyle at the Hatch Shell in Boston (Rick Williams), Disc Golf at Miantonomi Park in Newport, RI (Tim Dyer). If you're reading this and are starved for more disc, you shouldn't be -- there's a lot going on. Feel free to call any of the NEFA officers and/or the above-mentioned people for more information.

There's still one disc happening that is missing, however, and that is a permanent, public polehole Disc Golf course. Land is the most pressing issue. We need ten acres of park-type land that's maintainable, accessible, functional, and most of all, useable -- that is, some public land owner/committee can be convinced that Disc Golf would be a great, low-cost addition to their recreational facilities. Your NEFA board is in the process of putting together a generic proposal for just such an opportunity. We could use help with 1) any additional proposal materials, 2) connections to influential people who might support our cause, and especially 3) suggestions for course sites. The great NEFA Park search is on; let's see if we can break ground by the spring thaw of '92.

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July 1988	Dave Johnson Got Married Tournament
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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
June 1991	Top Ten Responses

### NEFA Golf Point Standings -- June 8, 1991

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Open Pro</u>	<u>NEFA Pts.</u>	<u># Events</u>
1	Jason Southwick	64.0	3
2	Toddy Brodeur	50.5	3
3	Greg Black	47.5	3
4	Rick Williams	46.0	3
5	Steve Hartwell	45.5	3
6	Dale Fuller	40.5	3
7	Sunny Cade	38.5	3
8	Peter Anderson	38.5	2
9	Bob DeCosta	37.0	3
10	Keith Boisvert	32.5	2
11	Brent Sanderson	32.5	2
12	Dave Johnson	31.0	2
13	Jim O'Hara	26.0	2
14	Jim Herrick	24.5	1
15	Tom Southwick	20.0	1
16	Ian Engelman	18.0	3
17	Felix Harvey	17.5	1
18	Bill MacWilliams	17.5	1
19	Colin Browne	16.0	2
20	T. M. Dyer	16.0	3
21	Bill Siemon	14.5	2
22	Steve Lilley	13.5	1
23	Lee Perloff	13.5	1
24	Dave White	11.0	3
25	John Affonso	10.0	3

### Third Annual Pyramids Classic

by Steve Hartwell



It wasn't a question of who would win, but rather by how much. Nobody minded that Jason Southwick lapped the Open field in three rounds of Disc Golf at the Pyramids Classic with a -20, fifteen shots better

than his closest competitor. Jason and his family hosted the biggest and best Classic ever on June 8, 1991, with nearly forty players, a magnificent food fest, and great weather (only a token drop of rain). We all knew it was his home course anyway, and the rest of us had a grand time duking it out for second place on down.

Toddy Brodeur came from behind to grab second away from Steve Hartwell by one shot with a -5. Steve is still having nightmares about hole #16 in the last round when he hit four trees to take a 7. Peter Anderson grabbed fourth with a -3, and Jim Herrick, visiting from California, tied local Keith Boisvert for fifth with -2.

It was the same type of story in the Women's division, as Susanne Giendl ran away with a +9, twenty-five shots ahead of Joy Hartwell, who eked out second by one shot over Judy Robbins.

Between rounds, a lively freestyle competition kept the crowd entertained. Among the standouts were outrageous Jason 'n Greg, talented Toddy 'n Sunny 'n Jim, and smooth-as-silk Rick 'n Judy. By common decree, everyone was declared the winner.

The day was capped off by the infamous awards ceremony, almost-emceed in hilarious fashion by Greg Black (who has a real future in standup if anybody out there is well-connected). Everyone came home with a historical Frisbee artifact, and memories of great comradery and spirited competition. Our thanks again to the Southwick hospitality as the great Pyramid's Classic tradition continues.

#### **Pyramid Results - June 8, 1991**

Open Pro	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Rank	NEFA Pts.
Jason Southwick	47	47	48	142	1	29
Toddy Brodeur	50	53	54	157	2	28
Steve Hartwell	51	51	56	158	3	27
Peter Anderson	50	53	56	159	4	26
Jim Herrick	52	55	53	160	5	24.5
Keith Boisvert	53	56	51	160	5	24.5
Dale Fuller	57	47	57	161	7	23
Brent Sanderson	53	55	54	162	8	22
Rick Williams	54	53	57	164	9	21
Tom Southwick	56	56	53	165	10	20
Greg Black	58	54	55	167	11	19
Felix Harvey	52	55	61	168	12	17.5
Bill MacWilliams	55	58	55	168	12	17.5
Sunny Cade	57	58	54	169	14	16
Bob DeCosta	53	61	58	172	15	15
Lee Parloff	62	54	57	173	16	13.5
Steve Lilley	59	58	56	173	16	13.5
Colin Browne	62	55	57	174	18	11.5
Jim O'Hara	58	57	61	174	18	11.5
Chris Livingston	56	60	58	174	18	
Bill Siemon	61	60	54	175	21	10
Jeff Alfonso	63	57	56	176	22	8.5
John Rushlow	59	54	63	176	22	8.5
John Alfonso	60	55	63	178	24	6.5
Ian Engelmen	63	51	64	178	24	6.5
Dave White	64	59	58	181	26	5
Jim Malone	61	61	64	186	27	4
Andy Herrick	65	64	58	187	28	3
Larry Jensen	65	57	66	188	29	
Tim B	68	62	63	193	30	
Jeff Bench	63	67	63	193	30	
T. M. Dyer	63	61	72	196	32	2
Rich Little	73	64	67	204	33	1
Mike Terranova	74	75	70	219	34	

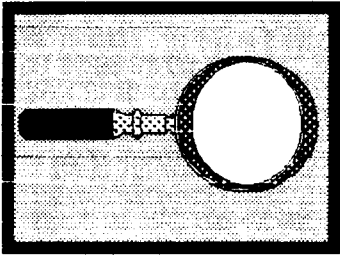
  

Women Pro	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Rank	NEFA Pts.
Susanne Giendl	60	57	54	171	1	3
Joy Hartwell	66	68	62	196	2	2
Judy Robbins	70	62	65	197	3	1

Greg and Jason hand out "Stick" discs as prizes at the end of Pyramids. The Southwick house is in the background.



by Dave Johnson



There's wonderful poetic sentiment in the idea that if you love somebody, and then set that person free, that one day if you're loved in return, you'll find that person back on your doorstep. Now, love doesn't apply to my sentiment towards plastic, but I do get pretty attached to my flying discs, and constantly set them free. But that's where the poetry stops; too often the ones I let go have no intention of coming back. Instead they go off and indulge in car suck, or worse, end up a barely perceptible blurb in a duck pond a foot deep in water and waist deep in muck. I and many another player have taken off most of my clothes in often chill conditions to rescue such a disc, and in one legendary instance of retrieval, Stick almost got arrested for indecent exposure in Rhode Island. It certainly tests the limits of love when an unfaithful disc runs off to explore the intimate undersides of cars, or the murkier side of life in a duckpond, but most players are very forgiving.

On many occasions, I've gone to great lengths to retrieve discs where no retrieval seemed possible. This at one time or another has involved races along stream banks and dashing out onto a log to grab a disc just short of oblivion down a waterfall or rapid. More than once I've been just about in need of rescue myself hanging precariously up a cliff or literally out on a limb high in a tree after an errant throw.

Urban areas have also provided unusual challenges. I remember once watching a favorite CPI disappearing like a coin down a grated sewer in a parking lot in Richmond, Virginia. We never did figure out a way to rescue that one, but I have successfully climbed over barbed wire enclosures, faced down guard dogs and edged down sloping tiled roofs five stories up to regain a disc thought gone for good. Often while "playing in traffic" I've intervened to rescue a disc from plastic paraplegia from under the wheels of speeding cars. On a more sinister note, a friend I was playing a round of Golf with in Auburn,

California, was mystified when his XD disappeared after a roller shot on a rather open, well-clipped fairway. Finally he figured out that a player from the group ahead of us was sitting on it with the intent of making it his own.

Of course there are also those times when a disc is thrown without the expectation of recovery. This is the time honored tradition of "sacrificing" discs off a mountain top, or some spectacular promontory. Once though, I was taught a lesson when I impulsively sacrificed a mint blue first period 119 off of a mountain top in New Hampshire, and then climbed down and tried to retrieve it. The mountain was of course insulted and made sure I tripped a lot and caught poison ivy. Needless to say, my search was futile. Later I realized my sacrilegious gesture was akin to an Aztec priest having second thoughts about the virgin he just offered to the volcano.

Sometimes one must be very patient with a lost disc. Early last winter I had one that went into hibernation. It slithered away from me onto thin ice on the Chicopee River and there was nothing I could do about it. But I kept it in the back of my mind, and one day in mid-winter with the ice hard and free of snow, I skated to where I'd last seen it, though I figured it long gone. But there it was, asleep, a white bubble under several inches of ice. Ten minutes of chipping with the back of my skates brought it out well rested and none the worse for wear.

And then there are those instances where you haven't really lost a disc, it just wants to trade owners. This spring I couldn't for the life of me find one I'd thrown by the banks of the Chicopee River despite its having disappeared just a few feet ahead of me, and eventually I gave up. Two weeks later we had a river cleanup in conjunction with Earth Day. A neighbor of ours across the street returned from the river absolutely delighted that among all the trash he'd found this pearl of plastic, the same disc I'd lost. He said because he'd found it, it was his to keep. I didn't argue much because I realize that's a disc's way of voting with its feet.

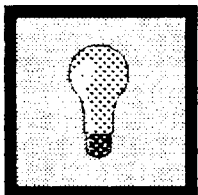
The most dramatic instance of a disc that did come back to me, though, was about ten years ago at Chappaquiddick on Marthas Vineyard. It was a 119 I had been throwing MTA's with on the barrier beach there. After one of my throws it disappeared in a

froth of breaking wave, and I spent 20 futile minutes looking for it in the surf. No luck. So I gave up and went back to the cottage to eat lunch. Later that afternoon I returned to the beach to go swimming, and as I entered the water felt a nudge on my leg, reached down and pulled out the 119 I had lost earlier! At the time I took this little miracle as an omen from heaven that this woman I was foolishly hung up on would, like that disc, come back into my life. But she just continued her slow drift away like pond scum. I've since lost track of that 119 too. #

*Dave Johnson is the former distance record holder. Most recently he won the 15th Rhode Island State Championships, held on August 10, 1991. Way to go Dave.*

### More News From Lil Rhody

by Bob DeCosta



We're going to try something a little bit different at Miantinomi Park in Newport this fall. We're calling it The First Annual NEFA Team Challenge -- It will consist of 18 holes of Disc Golf, Accuracy, DDC and Distance.

Tentatively scheduled for October 19, this tournament will be a winner-take-all event. Each team pays a twenty dollar entry fee. The winning team takes all the cash and a very nice trophy.

I have come up with a few simple rules for the day, but they are not cast in stone yet. Any comments or suggestions will be welcome.

1) Each team will have four players. Two players must be NEFA members. One must be in a division other than Men's Open.

2) An handicap agreed upon by the teams will be used for players in all other divisions.

3) This will be a mobile event with the winning team assuming responsibility for running the next year's team challenge.

Send ideas and advice to:

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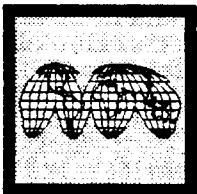
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by Judy Robbins, Foreign Correspondent

## Colorado High Flying



Given the sweltering heat and humidity in New England, and the abundance of disc tournaments around the country, it was impossible for me to resist a high-flying adventure in Fort

Collins, Colorado at the intermountain Footbag and Frisbee Championships. The long weekend of disc and footbag competition/fun was excellently hosted and coordinated by The Wright Life's head-honcho, Bill Wright. Typically, the days were in the high 80's-low 90's and the winds were bearable.

The full weekend of events included a slew of footbag activities including mixed doubles, doubles, and singles Footbag Net, Buda Sepak Takraw (the large wicker ball that is played similarly to Footbag Net), and Footbag freestyle. Simultaneous disc events were being run throughout the weekend as well (which unfortunately kept most of us disc players separated from the footbag action). Disc events ran smoothly with two rounds of Disc Golf at a new Mach III polehole course at Edora Park and a nine-hole final at City Park, a nine-team round-robin DDC match up, and Freestyle in Open and Mixed Pair divisions.

NEFA members Toddy Brodeur and Judy Robbins fared well against players from all over the US and a handful from Norway and Belgium. Two of the seven women in the tournament participated in all the disc events and showed intestinal fortitude against the men in the Open division of DDC and Freestyle. Seattle Washington resident Mary Jorgenson teamed up with this Boston resident to surprise the hotly contested Open Freestyle competition by finishing second out of nine teams.

### Top Finishers

#### Disc Golf Open

1st T.J Lawrence  
2nd John Schiller

#### Disc Golf Women

1st Mary Jorgenson  
2nd Judy Robbins

#### DDC

1st Harvey Brandt & Robbie Robison  
2nd Jon Freedman & Rick LeBeau

#### Freestyle Open

1st Dave Murphy & Mike Connaway  
2nd Judy Robbins & Mary Jorgenson

#### Freestyle Mixed Pair

1st Dave Murphy & Mary Jorgenson  
2nd Mike Connaway & Judy Robbins

## New "Joisey" State Championships

Overall disc competition in "Joisey"? Impossible! What exit and when?

It all took place at Greenwood Lake in West Milford, New Jersey on a hot fourth of July weekend. Dan and Donna Doyle hosted a four-event tournament, with Golf, Discathon, MTA and Freestyle. Although the field of competitors numbers only 14, athletic disc prowess was quite evident. One of the visiting Finnish players made the trip with two NEFA members and he proved to be the surprise of the weekend.

The ambitious schedule of events ran smoothly in part to the small number of players. Four rounds of Disc Golf were played over two days. A challenging discathon course was set up around and through the poison ivy lined woods. Penalties for missed test shots not only included a romp through that botanical nightmare, but also sinking your disc into poleholes! MTA proved difficult because of the light, swirly winds and small, uneven fields. Finally, the competitive field was treated to some flashy Fourth of July Freestyle fun from the New York team of Ted Oberhaus, Rich Rielly and Jamie Chantillis, and the creative cooperative choreography displayed by Rick Sader, Judy Robbins and Rick Williams.

Thanks to the Doyles for their excellent efforts and the nice handcrafted "Buzzy Creek" metal trophies.

### Overall Results

#### Men

1st Rick Sader  
2nd Tony A.  
3rd Ted Oberhaus

#### Women

Judy Robbins  
Donna Doyle  
Jude Cade

by Judy Robbins

Since the last reporting of transitions, many disc players have appeared in and around the New England vicinity. We would like to acknowledge these players and thank them for adding to the NEFA community with their skills and enthusiasm while they were visiting.

**Stacey Anderson:** Many-time World F.P.A. and U.S. Open Women's and Mixed Pair Freestyle Champion blew into Boston and New York for a few days this past June. Although her east coast trip was brief, it was great to have her "jammin'" with us, demonstrating why she is one of the best women freestylers in the world today.

**Harvey Brandt:** Top overall World's, U.S. Open and Seniors champion -- to name just a few of his triumphs -- paid Beantown a fun-filled visit before going on the disc competition circuit this summer. For the last year, Harvey has been in Tempe Arizona teaching Blind children and enjoying a different lifestyle.; Harvey has proved in the last few tournaments that a knee injury and subsequent operation can't prevent him from continuing to blow away the majority of overall players.

**The Finnish Ultimate Team:** The Finns invaded Boston to play some Ultimate and participate in disc events before heading off to the World Club Ultimate Championships in Toronto. They next travelled to Santa Cruz to compete in the World Flying Disc Championships. NEFA members had the pleasure of hosting these disc players in Boston. We wish them a wonderful visit.

**Jim and Liz Herrick:** 1989 U.S. Open Overall Champion and former New Englander, and 1990 U.S. Women's DDC champ showed up unexpectedly to play at the Third Annual Pyramids Classic, held at Jason Southwick's Disc Golf course in Leicester, MA this June. The visiting San 'Diegans were spending time with Jim's family before the birth of their first child. NEFA wishes best of luck to the Herricks on the new addition to their family and ours.

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### THE NEXT GENERATION

We are happy to congratulate the Hartwell's, Steve and Joy, on the birth of their second child. Darren Augustus Hartwell was born August 12 at the Hartwell home. He weighed in at 8 lb., 11 oz. Way to go!

### Quotable

What's the difference between a good arm  
and a Maserati?

Answer: You can rent a Maserati.

Stork

By Rick Williams and Doug Korn

The 1991 World Senior Flying disc Championships were held in Santa Cruz, CA from June 25th to 29th. Highlights included a delegation of 12 players from Taiwan, with most in the Senior Grand Master division. A total of 53 players competed in the tournament with 25 Masters (age 35-44), 12 Grand Masters (age 45-54), 12 Senior Grand Masters (age 55+), and 4 women (age 35+). New Englanders who made the trip were Sunny Cade, Jude Gladstone, and Rick Williams. Ex-NEFA players present were Harvey Brandt and Pete Fust.

Snapper Pierson won the overall in the Master's division, claiming firsts in Accuracy, DDC, and SCF. Harvey Brandt finished a close second, with a first place in Discathon.

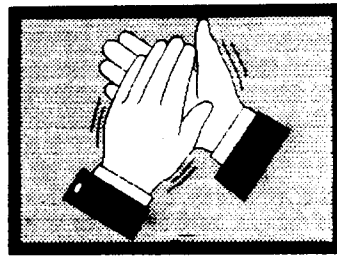
In the largest Grand Masters field ever, Sunny Cade defended the overall title for the third year in a row! He took first in discathon and teamed with Joe Messner to win Freestyle and with John Tallent to win DDC.

In the women's division, Jude "Stones" Gladstone put together a well-rounded performance in all events to tie for second overall.

#### Results

Name	Division	Acc	DDC	Dth	Dst	Fre	GlF	SCF	OVERALL
Rick Williams	Masters	18	4	9	18	3	20	17	14
Sunny Cade	Grand Masters	2	1	1	9	1	5	5	1
Jude Gladstone	Women's	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3

By T.M. Dyer



Here in Rhode Island we play in anything the four winds blow our way. At 6:55, the day of the tournament, we stood in the middle of Miantonomi Park in full foul-weather gear. My crew of diehard enthusiasts laughed and joked about the wet day to come as we set up the tent, stage, tables, poleholes, Accuracy and Distance areas, etc. True to tradition, by 9:30, the sun had appeared to stay and the 54 entrants readied themselves for the first round of golf. The rest of the day went like clockwork.

Dave Johnson took Golf with a 2 over as well as Overall. Hartti Suomela, a member of the Finnish National Ultimate Team, finished second overall, winning both Accuracy and Distance. Tiina Booth won women's. Patrick McAlary won Amateurs and once again, Kyle Black dominated the Juniors.

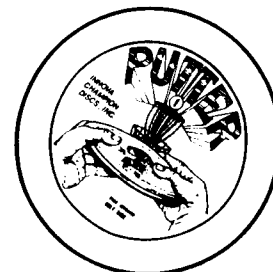
I want to express my gratitude to everyone who showed up in the rain. Special thanks go to my good friend Bob DeCosta for being there the whole way. Other staff members deserving applause are Margaret Dyer, Mathew Benson, Bill Russell, Scott Skrivian, Liz Sawyer, Jamie Sawyer, Renee Malgieri, Maria Thomas, and Marty. Also deserving credit are John and Jeff Affonso, Jim Malone, Rich Little, Charley Parker, Ed Garabedian and Jeff Walker.

We will be holding the 16th Annual RI State Championships at the end of July, 1992, and of course the Frostbite Classic on the second weekend of next January.

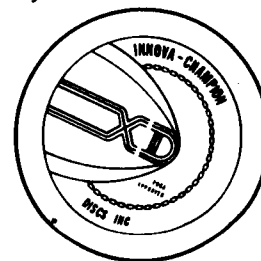
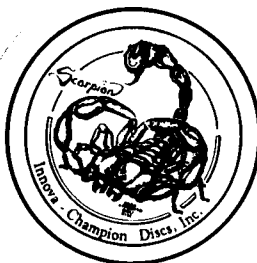
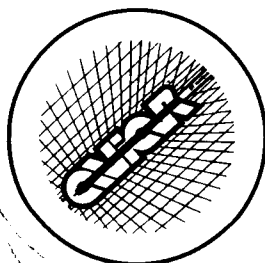
Finally, the crew at Miantonomi Park would like to invite everyone to come play golf with us any Sunday at 2 p.m., rain or not. Hope to see you there and may all your putts be true.



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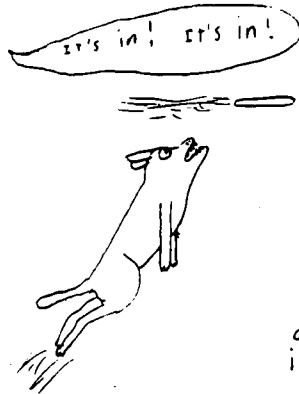
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September 7                      New Hampshire Disc Championships, Ringe, NH  
Events: Golf                      Info: Jason 508-798-0704

September 21-22                  New England Disc Championships, Normandy Farms  
Campground, Foxboro, MA  
Events: Golf, DDC, MTA, Discathon, Freestyle  
Info: Greg 617-585-9568

October                              Massachusetts Disc Championships, Borderland State Park,  
Easton, MA  
Events: Golf, DDC                      Info: Greg 617-585-9568



Rex made the catch  
and became an  
icon to all annoying  
frisbee dogs.

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