

## New England Hosts *FIVE* World's Biggest Disc Golf Tourneys

by Steve Hartwell

The official press release said "A Million Throws in One Day". On May 9, 1992, nearly 300 golfers gathered at courses in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut to participate in the World's Biggest Disc Golf Tournament, the brainchild of promoter John Hauck of Irving, Texas. With the purpose of introducing new people to disc golf, the tournaments were very successful, as the majority of players had never played before. Each participant received a golf disc and a T-shirt for only \$10, and got to play a round of golf besides. The following reports from our remote news bureaus summarize the action.

### Sunridge Development, Rindge, N. H.

Only two disc golfers represented the Granite State on May 9. Playing in an early morning drizzle, Peter Anderson bested Toddy Brodeur on Mach II poleholes with an even par 54 to win the Open (and only) division.

### Wachusett Mountain, Princeton, Mass.

68 people registered at the central Massachusetts World's Biggest site, the Wachusett Mountain Ski Area. The course was spectacular, winding its way up, down and around the lower ski trails, dodging patches of snow, traversing through the woods -- variety made for an interesting course for the veteran and newcomer alike. TD Steve Hartwell awarded prizes in eight categories -- Peter Anderson & Jason Southwick, Men's Open, 46; John Gakeler, Men's Amateur, 52; Chuck White, Men's Novice, 52; Joy Hartwell, Women's Open (pro tees), 65; Christine Zajac, Women's Amateur, 53; Deborah Baiano, Women's Novice, 62; Scooter Feely, Master's, 52; Martin Desch, Juniors, 59. Peter Anderson nailed an amazing s-curve ace on hole #13. Thanks to Wachusett Mountain Ski Area and Boston Kite for sponsorship.

### Burgess Park, Marstons Mills, Mass.

Lev and Nancy Malakhoff hosted the Cape Cod version of the World's Biggest at the permanent object course in Burgess Park. 87 entrants were tallied, of which 43 were new players. Competition was stiff, and tiebreakers were needed in three of the four divisions. Dan Griffith took the Men's Open with a 56, Nancy Malakhoff won Women's Open with 67, Bill Thomas bested the Novice Men with 62, and Mike Marralson topped Juniors with 65. The first few foursomes went out in misty raw weather, while everyone else was treated to beautiful warm sun-

shine. The local Cape papers had a field day running stories and pictures of the event, making it the best publicized disc tourney seen in New England in a many years. A great time was had by all, and the most frequent quote of the event was, "When are you going to do the next one?"

### Roseland Park, Woodstock, Conn.

Though competing with two spring festivals, a regatta and a Ku Klux Klan rally, 45 players enjoyed the Connecticut World's Biggest, of whom nearly 90% were first timers. Toddy Brodeur tied with Carl Emerson for the best score of 46. Carl Emerson and Jonathan Williams each recorded an ace during the tournament. TD Neal Leon thanked Leroy Falconi, the Jazzy Jasmine Disc Catching Canine Show, the Woodstock Sky Divers, and the 40 business sponsors who helped make the event a success. Even better, because of the positive press, Roseland Park is now considering the installation of a permanent disc golf course.

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## Local Junior Styles with Tony the Tiger

by Joy Hartwell

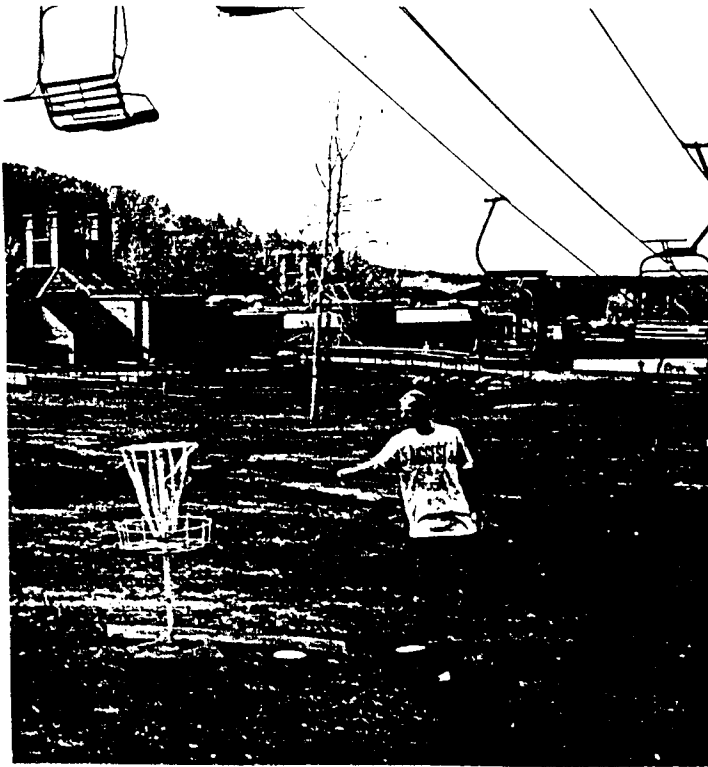
Imagine being selected from the top Junior freestylers in the country to audition for the starring role in a television commercial in Hollywood, California. This and much more became a reality for local junior, Kyle Black of Plympton, Mass.

This is how it all started. In March of 1992, Greg Black, Kyle's father, got a call from Don Guy Associates, a television commercial production company in California. They wanted a videotape of Kyle freestyling. Greg was skeptical and decided to call Dan "Stork" Roddick of Wham-O to see if this was something he knew about. He did. In fact, Stork had given this production company the names of six top Junior freestylers to contact for a Kellogg's Frosted Flakes commercial. Among them were Peter Albers, past Junior Champion, and Stork's son, Tyler.

Greg and Kyle made a video and sent it to Don Guy Associates and waited. And waited. They had just about given up hope when they got the call. Don Guy wanted to fly Kyle out for an audition. So off went Greg and Kyle on an all expenses paid trip to Beverly Hills! They stayed at a very posh Japanese hotel for 3 days. Kyle auditioned with 12 other actors and the 6 freestylers. Kyle and Greg then returned home.

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## Pictures of The Wachusett Mountain World's Biggest Disc Golf Tourney



*Dave Johnson doesn't let the ski lift affect his putt*



*D.J. booms a big drive down the ski slope*



*Chuck White nails a crucial putt*

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## Airmail

The following is a discourse from Bob DeCosta on the future of disc sports in New England. He offers many timely suggestions, to which NEFA president Steve Hartwell has written responses.

Somewhere in New England in the year 2035...

The NEFA board is holding its Annual Meeting; present are Steve Hartwell, President; T.M. Dyer, Vice President; Rick Williams, Treasurer; Jason Southwick, Membership; Greg Black, Theo Cade, Toddy Brodeur and John Affonso, Tournament Committee; Dave Johnson, Judy Robbins and Tiina Booth, Membership Committee.

1800 hours -- The president calls the meeting to order.

1801 hours -- Steve: "Welcome to the Annual Meeting. We're looking forward to our best year ever in NEFA. Especially since we've all retired from our real jobs! I'm glad we could all make it this year."

"I'd like to open this meeting by once again asking Sunny to please, please retire from playing so we can finally hold the Inaugural Theo 'Sunny' Cade Memorial New England Championships. And also make it possible for one of us to win the Great Grand Goony Geezer division this year."

0829 hours -- Sunny

0830 hours       kicks

0831 hours       aside

0836 hours       his

0840 hours       walker

0850 hours       and

0900 hours       retorts:

"No way! I'm going to keep playing until I've heard Willard Scott say my name twice on the Today Show. Besides, Jude said that I could play one more year so we can finally sell that [expletive deleted] R.V. I promise I'll retire by 2050."

1000 hours -- The meeting slowly degenerates below human comprehension and time ceaselessly marches on.

1200 hours -- Somebody wakes up D.J. and Rick from their morning naps and the group furiously begins determining the year's schedule of events.

1350 hours -- The board sets the lofty goal of four events this season:

- 1) The 60th Rhode Island States -- TD, T.M. Dyer
- 2) The 61st Mass States -- TD, Greg Black
- 3) The 48th Pyramids -- TD, Jason Southwick
- 4) The 57th New Englands -- TD, Toddy Brodeur

This is the busiest schedule in six years. For the first time in ten years, all of the 1993 charter members that still live are in New England for the summer. It's going to be a great year.

1900 hours -- After all this work, the board decides to take a nap....

Is this the future of NEFA? Will it always be the same dozen or so people who do all the work, or will some new blood step forward and offer to shoulder some of the load?

Will New England disc tournaments ever be run on real time as opposed to "Frisbee<sup>R</sup> Time"? How do we penalize people who are late?

What criteria do we use to determine what qualifies as a NEFA points event? Who makes the final decision?

I could go on and on, but I won't. Instead, I'll give you my ideas and ask you for yours. The following is a list of my favorite concepts. *Steve's responses on behalf of the Board are in italics.*

1) Hold an open meeting for all members of NEFA at the New England's this year. This way we can air out our dirty laundry and clean some of it up. Complaints and suggestions can be addressed as a group, and if need be, voted on.

*The Open Meeting has happened for the past two years at our New England Championships. It will happen again this year.*

2) This is actually the Vice President's "Pet Peeve", but I agree that something should be done. Set a schedule of all tournaments at the beginning of every year. This will help eliminate scheduling conflicts and give the membership a chance to adjust their schedules to it. It will also help us avoid losing players to the big national events like the U.S. Open. It also eliminates that dreaded "sometime in the fall" ambiguity.

*A tough challenge, scheduling over ten tournaments with at least six tournament directors and as many locations. We've done better this year, with a mostly complete 1992 schedule published in the April NEFA News. We promise to try harder in 1993.*

3) This one is the Rhode Island Championship Committee's biggest beef. Tournaments should be run on real time, not "Frisbee<sup>R</sup> time". Every, and I do mean every, tournament I have ever attended in New England has started at a time other than the one planned. Not only does this cause confusion, but it penalizes player's who arrive on time and wait as long as two hours to play. The PDGA has a six stroke per hole late penalty, and I think this will cure our chronic late start problems.

*Agreed, we should work with tournament directors and players to try and improve enforcement of start times -- I'm not sure we agree with the penalty.*

4) The most often heard question by TDs this year: "Is this a NEFA points event?" Starting in 1993, I think all events published in the yearly schedule should be NEFA points events. In any other league or club I've been in, every game has counted. And since players will know the schedule early in the year, they should be able to maximize their attendance. This way, everybody has a chance to win or at least place respectably at year's end.

*We will try to live up to this in 1993, with some exceptions -- e.g., doubles, out of region events, etc. We should*

*publish the entire calendar at the beginning of each season with NEFA points events clearly marked.*

5) Send out a questionnaire to all 1992 members. We should come up with a list of questions that can be tallied to get a feel for what our membership is thinking. Ask what people think can be done to improve NEFA. Find out what the favorite disc sports are, and if we should run more of a particular event.

*Great idea! Maybe we'll try it in the next newsletter.*

6) Set up a "clubs within the club" system; i.e., Miantanomi Marigolds, Princeton Petunias, Amherst Azaleas, Boston Begonias, Diamond Hill Daisies. Hold three or four team events a year with varying formats. This will give us a chance to recruit more local people to join the NEFA family. It will also promote good, healthy competition that crosses all divisional and age barriers. Families will be able to play as a unit, and we all know that "the family that plays together..."

*Another good idea! We'll cook up something for 1993; any volunteers to help figure out the format?*

7) Encourage (translation: FORCE) more people to contribute something to the NEFA Newsletter. Not enough of us submit articles to this fine periodical. This newsletter is ours and should be used as an open forum to address any issue of concern. So write a response to this article and give NEFA your ideas. The Editor will gladly print anything from someone other than the dozen or so individuals who currently take the time to write. Speak up, NEFA wants to know!

*Amen!*

There's more, but I'll save it for a future issue. I welcome all feedback on these ideas, but I'd prefer to read it here so people can judge for themselves. I'd like to add this is not a "knock" on the current NEFA board. On the whole, they work very hard and deserve a pat on the back. But they can't do it alone; help them by getting involved.

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### **Miantanomi Park, Newport, R. I.**

Tournament director T. M. Dyer's extensive publicity resulted in the biggest draw in New England -- 95 players for the World's Biggest! Best scores on the Mach 1 poleholes were Toddy Brodeur with a 52 to win the Open, and John Affonso with a 52 to win the Masters. Bob DeCosta won a sweatshirt with an ace in the hole-in-one competition. Several local businesses and a radio station helped sponsor the event, further establishing the strong presence of disc golf in Miantanomi Park, which will hopefully lead to permission for a permanent polehole course.

### **A Four State Trek**

In the drizzly dawn of May 9 in the New Hampshire woods, two lonely disc golfers began their quest to play in four World's Biggest tournaments in four states. Before

the sun set, Todd Brodeur of Millis, Mass., and Peter Anderson of Nashua, N.H., completed 72 holes of disc golf on courses in N.H., Mass., Conn. and R.I. Even more amazing, Peter posted top score in two of the four events he played (N.H. and Mass.), while Todd did the same for the other two (Conn. and R.I.) The two hope to enter the Disc-er Book of World Records for their feats! To sum it all up, Brodeur penned an epic poem of the experience:

Early morning tee in New Hampshire, in a fog.  
10:30 in Mass., down the mountain, around the logs.

It showed on his face,  
As Pete sunk an S-turn ace.

Todd said, "Add up the scores,  
And let's get out of this place."

Down on to Connecticut, as we ate lunch,  
Out on the driving range, Todd still had a hunch.

Birdie man, birdie man, Todd took Pete by one,  
Hey, maybe this game can still be some fun!

On to Rhode Island, we got there around 5,  
We were the last group and came out alive.

They said, "Here, throw more discs and win a prize!"  
We said, "No way, cuz we're 'disclimaxized'!"

Dis-cli-max (disklaimaeks) -- a normally stable ecological community altered by continuous or repeated activities by human or by other influences.

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A few weeks later Kyle got another call. They wanted him back for the final auditions. Since Greg was unable to go with Kyle this time, he sent his 13-year old daughter, Allison, in his place. Kyle auditioned again and was given the lead role to freestyle with Tony the Tiger (Dan McGinnis). The filming lasted 5 days, again all expenses paid for both kids with a healthy stipend as a bonus. Other disc-ers involved were Stork Roddick, as technical coordinator, and Cliff Towne who helped with the auditions.

The commercial involved 2 tauntors who egged Kyle on to "show them his stuff". Kyle then dazzled the onlookers with his disc prowess while jamming with Tony the Tiger. Both Allison Black and Tyler Roddick earned spots as extras to freestyle in the background. The finale features Tony and Kyle jumping into the air shouting "They're greeaat!!!!". Look for some familiar faces this summer on your local television stations and let's hear it for Kyle and Allison - THEY'RE GRREAATT!!!

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## Borderland Spring Fling

by Joy Hartwell

On a particularly warm sunny day in May, 50+ disc golfers assembled at Borderland State Park in Easton, Mass. for two rounds of disc golf competition with a hot Double Disc Court match sandwiched in between. In the Open division, it came down to a shoot-out between Dave White, Peter Anderson, and Steve Hartwell. It was a case of three steady shooters trying to bore each other to death with great drives and putts right on the money. Dave held the lead for the entire final round, just barely, with Peter and Steve trying desperately to catch him. On the last hole, Peter sunk a 75 foot approach shot for a bird which pulled him to within one stroke leader, but Dave calmly sunk a 10 foot putt for par to earn his first NEFA victory.

In the Men's Advanced division, Steve Gaylor took honors over newcomer to NEFA, but not disc golf, Lev Malakhoff. Norm Aubin won the Men's Novice division handily over Cedric Petty. And, in the Women's Pro division, Joy Hartwell was again the winner, but finally had some competition from Lori Andres, Edie Pinka and Nancy Malakhoff (another new mom). Another encouraging sign was the field of four women in the Women's Amateur division. Jude "Stones" Cade filled the top spot with Maria Bertolino not far behind. The Juniors had a strong showing with Joey Walker and Danny Forbes tying for first place in regulation, and Joey winning an exciting playoff.

There was some very competitive DDC, especially the final hot match in the Open division between Sunny Cade/Christian Loiseau and Greg Black/Rick Williams. Sunny and Christian beat their arch rivals down and finally took it all with Greg kicking and screaming all the way. In the Novice division, the Joy Hartwell/Scooter Feely team nipped the pair of Kyle Black/Mike Cosato.

The awards ceremony was once again emceed by Greg Black at a local pub. The waiter/waitresses had a love/hate relationship with the large contingent of hungry disc-ers (who could turn down a mini with a big tip stuck to the bottom?!). Most everyone went away tired and full, but happy. A special award went to Katrina Malakhoff for being the youngest "participant" at one month old.

### Golf Results

#### Men's Pro

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	David White	52	53	105	20
2	Peter Anderson	54	52	106	19
3	Steve Hartwell	54	53	107	18
4	Carl Emerson	53	56	109	17
5	Rick Williams	56	54	110	15.5
5	Jim O'Hara	55	55	110	15.5
7	Dave Johnson	55	56	111	13.5
7	T. M. Dyer	56	55	111	13.5
9	Felix Harvey	54	58	112	12
10	Greg Black	56	57	113	10.5
10	Christian Loiseau	58	55	113	10.5
12	John Affonso	56	59	115	9
13	Jeff Affonso	58	58	116	7.5

13	Bob DeCosta	59	57	116	7.5
15	Sunny Cade	56	61	117	6
16	Brent Sanderson	63	55	118	5
17	Roy Doar	56	65	121	4
18	Colin Browne	60	63	123	3
19	Charlie Parker	61	63	124	2
20	Scooter Feely	62	108	170	0

#### Men's Advanced

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Steve Gaylor	56	55	111	10
2	Lev Malakhoff	59	58	117	9
3	Lee Perloff	61	59	120	8
4	Scott Berman	59	63	122	7
5	David Massi	64	63	127	
5	Bryan Lynch	63	64	127	6
7	Mark Miller	63	67	130	5
8	Chuck White	67	66	133	
9	Mike Cosato	64	70	134	3.5
9	Kyle Black	67	67	134	3.5
11	Jason Heine	68	68	136	1.5
11	Dave Bahsin	65	71	136	1.5
13	Brian McCauley	79	80	159	
14	Stephen DeWald	64	108	172	

#### Men's Novice

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Norm Aubin	59	59	118	
2	Cedric Petty	72	76	148	
3	Michael Koivisto	77	76	153	

#### Women's Pro

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Joy Hartwell	65	66	131	2
2	Lori Andres	73	69	142	
3	Edie Pinka	72	72	144	1
4	Nancy Malakhoff	71	80	151	

#### Women's Novice

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Stones Cade	74	80	154	2
2	Maria Bertolino	70	90	160	
3	Debbie Balano	86	82	168	
4	Edith Chase	87	84	171	1

#### Junior

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Joey Walker	60	61	121	
2	Danny Forbes	60	61	121	1
3	Jesse Anderson	76	75	151	
4	Tommy Dyer	79	73	152	
5	Allison Black	78	77	155	
6	Heather Sheldon	89	80	169	

### Double Disc Court Results

#### Open

1	Sunny Cade / Christian Loiseau
2	Greg Black / Rick Williams
3	Steve Hartwell / Dave Johnson
4	Peter Anderson / Jay Heine
5	John Affonso / Jeff Affonso

#### Novice

1	Joy Hartwell / Scooter Feely
2	Kyle Black / Mike Cosato
3	Jude Cade / Steve Gaylor
4	Carl Emerson / Norm Aubin

## Pyramids IV

by Jason Southwick

Perspective can mean a lot. Behind the stories of who got first and boneheaded forays into plastic lumberjacking, and, my God, the weather, there is, if one looks hard and long and squints just right, another story of deeper meaning.

Pyramids IV to me was like one of those big party dreams -- a gala affair with streamers and balloons where people from separate parts of my life make bizarre cameo appearances, ask unintelligible questions, utter profound non sequiturs and wander off.

It began in my parents' cellar of all places. I was rushing back and forth doing a millions things. I was two people. One of me was moving boxes back and forth, trying to organize pieces of paper into little piles on a big table, and shouting orders to no one in particular in a foreign language. There were many people I knew, from various parts of my past and present, and they were completely ignoring me. Amidst the confusion, a nagging thought kept occurring to me -- where are the pencils? The other me was watching all this from above, hovering and smirking and enjoying it all. Somehow I sensed a purpose to all this, but its exact definition eluded me. For the moment.

I was outside in my backyard where I grew up. There were still too few pencils now, and turkeys smoking, and everyone was waiting for me to say the magic words. Which words? I had no idea. This is what I said: "Score-cards nose welcome very completely organized oink pencils party welcome welcome charcoal wicki wicki wicki cash prizes arf." My friends who had come from so far away glanced at each other in silence before looking back at me, bewildered. A murmur erupted, and presently they wandered off into the woods. Someone asked me for a pencil.

I was in the garden now. There were lots of cars and people I knew. I had completely forgotten what I was doing there, but I was no longer worried. The other me was taking care of whatever needed to be taken care of. I was leaning on a hood laughing. The rain had stopped. The turkeys, headless and slightly brown, were teeing off on hole one. They seemed to be suspended on strings, the way they hopped along.

Next there was a huge feast. We mixed noodles and chocolate cake. Everyone was playing silly games. I had to go talk to someone's mother. One of the turkeys was holding Ed down while the other sawed his arm off with a carving knife.

"Best Ed I've ever had," said the guests.

Later the party had dwindled down. There were about eight of us and I was talking. "Today was the best day of my life," I said. "There were so many people who came today. People from all parts of my life. Somehow you're

all very special to me." My friends glanced at each other nervously, awkwardly, silently.

I had been looking all day. There were pencils strewn all about my apartment. And I had found the magic words.

### Golf Results

#### Men's Open

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Brent Sanderson	51	52	103	18
2	Tom Southwick	50	53	103	17
3	Dave Johnson	52	52	104	16
4	Peter Anderson	51	54	105	15
5	Toddy Brodeur	53	54	107	14
6	Dale Fuller	56	53	109	13
7	Sunny Cade	54	58	112	11.5
7	Greg Black	53	59	112	11.5
9	Bob DeCosta	57	56	113	9.5
10	Tim Dyer	52	61	113	9.5
10	Steve Hartwell	59	55	114	7.5
12	Rick Williams	55	59	114	7.5
13	Bill MacWilliams	56	59	115	5.5
13	Charlie Parker	53	62	115	5.5
15	Carl Emerson	63	53	116	4
16	John Gakeler	63	54	117	3
17	Doug Russell	63	57	120	2
18	John Affonso	58	65	123	1

#### Men's Advanced

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Jack Maxwell	56	60	116	8
2	Jim Malone	58	60	118	7
3	Mark Ide	61	60	121	6
4	Kyle Black	62	64	126	4.5
4	Ed Fletcher	65	61	126	4.5
6	Mark Miller	62	66	128	3
7	Bob Yokota	65	64	129	
8	Rich Little	66	65	131	2
9	Mike Cosato	65	67	132	1

#### Men's Novice

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Todd Canuel	70	70	140	1
2	Michael Klassner	71	69	140	
3	Chris Taylor	84	81	165	

#### Women's Pro

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Joy Hartwell	66	68	134	1

#### Women's Novice

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Edith Chase	91	79	170	1

#### Junior

Place	Name	1	2	Total	NEFA Points
1	Danny Forbes	63	63	126	2
2	Joey Walker	63	68	131	
3	Tommy Dyer	75	83	168	
4	Heather Sheldon	86	89	175	1

## NEFA Points Leaders

as of June 30, 1992

### Men's Open

Name	Points	Events
Peter Anderson	47	3
Steve Hartwell	45.5	4
Dave Johnson	42.5	3
Todd Brodeur	41	3
Bob DeCosta	39	4
T.M. Dyer	38.5	4
Theo Cade	38.5	4
Rick Williams	31	3
Brent Sanderson	29	4
Dale Fuller	28.5	3

### Men's Advanced

Name	Points	Events
Scott Berman	19	3
Lee Perloff	12	2
Steve Gaylor	12	2
Lev Malakhoff	9	1
Mark Miller	9	3
Jack Maxwell	8	1
Jay Heine	8	2
Kyle Black	8	2
Mike Cosato	8	3
Jim Malone	7	3

### Men's Novice

Name	Points	Events
Greg Platt	6	2
Richard Little	4	1
Scott Pyle	3.5	1
Ed Garabedian	2.5	1
Jeff Blaney	2	1

### Women's Pro

Name	Points	Events
Joy Hartwell	5	4
Eddie Pinka	1	1

### Women's Novice

Name	Points	Events
Edith Chase	2	2
Samantha Scott	2	2
Stones Cade	2	1

### Junior

Name	Points	Events
Danny Forbes	3	2
Heather Sheldon	1	2

## The Inner Game of Folf:

### Putting to the Oldies

by Dave Johnson, Official NEFA Philosopher

The disc polehole is a dancing fool. I've approached to within ten yards, and it's doing the frug and the shing-a-ling, shaking, rattling, and rolling, just daring me to putt. "How low can you go?", I exclaim. My scorecard has turned into a dance card. Once again, it's time to apply my exclusive principles of *The Inner Game of Folf*...

Remember disco? Well, the theme song of just about every polehole I ever met was "Disco Duck," until I began to apply *Inner Game of Folf* techniques. These were passed to me on high at a mystical castle at Miantanomi by a mangy man named "Dog". (Out of modesty, he never told me until the very last that he spells his name backwards, but that's another story).

This first thing Dog told me about putting is "It's all in your mind".

"I know", I answered. "That's why I'm out of my mind -- then I don't have to face what's in there!"

"Well", barked Dog, "Sometimes you just have to face the music. What is essential for good putting is tuning up and down your mind and finding just the right song theme for that perfect putt.

"Oh", I said, "like 'Missing You' by the Rolling Stones; that's one of my favorites!"

Dog pawed the ground in disgust. "No!", he growled. "You'll do just what the song says and miss your putt -- don't you see? Hum something like 'I Can't Take My Eyes off You'; then you'll have half a chance -- get it?!"

I got it, and every day now, I get down on my knees at the local pound and thank Dog for everything. His simple advice turned my putting game around. Here I am on hole 12 at Pulpit Rock. The polehole waited for me on that thin sliver of land between the pond on one side and the stream on the other. My tee shot has miraculously stayed dry, landing about fifteen feet from the basket. Full of confidence, I begin scanning my mind-dial for the right theme song for this crucial putt. "Splish, Splash, I was taking a bath..." suddenly blares out of my head.

"No, that won't do, I'm shaking enough already", I tell my mind. "How about something relaxing, soothing; some easy listening favorite to ease my disc right into the chains." My mind scans back and forth, pauses, and I hear garbled cuisinart bits of Englebert Humperdink, Barry Manilow, John Denver. But the worst is yet to come. I fixate on the grungy back beat of "Wild Thing" by the Troggs. My battered Aero leaps like "Freebird" out of my trembling hands, and the polehole begins seductive undulations. Suddenly it's "Na na na na, na na na na, hey hey, good-bye" playing. Splash! I'm taking a bath.

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## Proposed Disc Golf Rule Changes

by Dan Doyle, PDGA #310, Greenwood Lake, NY

Because of archaic and unfair Disc Golf rules, most Disc Golfers are unable to record a score that accurately reflects their true ability. With a few breaks and the following rule changes, which have been unofficially incorporated into all rounds played by Skylands Flying Disc Club members at the Buzzy's Creek course in West Milford, New Jersey, scores have become more realistic, thereby allowing for a more enjoyable Disc Golf experience.

I. A player may throw as many tee shots off the first tee as is necessary to obtain a satisfactory result. Everyone recognizes that a good player needs to loosen up, but members of the plastic community are genetically pre-disposed to tardiness, have barely enough time to lace their footwear, and should therefore not be penalized for unpreparedness beyond their control.

II. A disc thrown into an unplayable or out-of-bounds area may be placed in the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into that area. Such veering right or left frequently results from friction between the palm of the hand and the edge of the disc. Players should not be penalized for erratic behavior of the disc resulting from such uncontrollable physical phenomena.

III. A disc hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. Hitting a tree is simply a matter of bad luck and has no place in a scientific game. The player should estimate the distance the disc would have traveled had it not hit the tree, and play the disc from the nicest available throwing position.

IV. A disc that has its flight path suddenly diverted by a gust of wind may be placed at the theoretical landing spot had these meteorological conditions not occurred. It is a known fact that excessive dependence upon higher fluorocarbons, in association with atmospheric pollution wrought by war-related Kuwaiti oil fires, has permanently altered our planet's ozone layer. That gust of wind is most likely the result of this damage. Global weather changes should not be a concern of Disc Golfers, and we should therefore not be penalized when our flight paths are altered.

V. There shall be no such thing as a lost disc. The missing disc is on or near the course somewhere and eventually will be found and claimed by someone else. It thus becomes a stolen disc, and the player should not compound the felony by charging him/herself with a penalty stroke.

VI. Even in the case of a disc seemingly disappearing into a water hazard, keep in mind that sometime in the not too distant past or future, this water hazard may have been or may become dry land, in which case the disc wasn't even in a penalty area to begin with. We should not be allowed to think we can play the game with a total disregard for geological evolution. No penalty for a water grave.

VII. When playing a shot from a horrendously difficult position (e.g. heavy brush or jungle-like growth), a disc which remains in a poor location may be rethrown as many times as is necessary in order to extricate oneself from this precarious position, without any extra strokes being recorded. It is only reasonable to assume that the shot could have been executed properly on the initial attempt if the player had time to concentrate on his/her shot, instead of being concerned with hurrying so as not to delay playing partners, or being preoccupied with preparing a response to the laughter that might result from a poorly executed shot.

VIII. Current rules state that if a disc becomes lodged in a tree greater than two meters off the ground, a one-stroke penalty is incurred. Good players wouldn't throw discs into trees if they were allowed to concentrate on shot execution instead of stresses being placed on cranial processes from a foreign system of measurement that requires the use of a calculator or conversion chart. No penalty stroke for a disc stuck in a tree.

IX. A "mulligan", or re-throw, will be allowed whenever a shot is so poor that the only rational explanation for such a pitiful attempt is that the player must have suffered a sudden, acute seizure resulting from a dependence upon drugs or alcohol. The 1992 "Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)" recognizes this dependence as a legitimate physical handicap, and those individuals must not be discriminated against. As athletes concerned with the "Spirit of the Game", and the wellness of our fellow competitors, it is only right that we have compassion for those with handicaps. Allow a rethrow with no penalty strokes incurred.

X. If a disc passes directly over the polehole target without dropping into the chains or the basket, it is deemed to have dropped. Newton's laws pertaining to gravity hold that any object attempting to maintain a position in the atmosphere without some form of support must drop. Laws of gravity supercede those of Disc Golf.

XI. If a disc comes to rest on the top of the polehole, or somehow hangs on the edge of the basket, your reaction may have been or may be, "No way...How can this be?!" You're right. It can't be. Count it as in. Illusion or trickery has no place in Disc Golf.

XII. A disc that passes through the chains but doesn't stay in the basket counts as being in. A plastic disc parting metal chains violates all laws of physics. We must not defy the law.

XIII. A disc that stops close enough to the polehole to inspire such comments as "You could blow it in" may be blown in. This rule does not apply if the disc stops more than two disc widths from the polehole, because no one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Happy flights... Smooth Sailing... Fondle Plastic....

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### Disc Demo at High School

King Philip North High School in Norfolk, Mass., sponsored a health fair on the evening of May 7. The fair was billed as a family activity night, and included a variety of displays in the school cafeteria and library, an aerobics class, the King Philip Jazz Ensemble, a volleyball tournament, and a flying disc demonstration. Half of the school gym was used for the disc performers Todd Brodeur and Rick Williams. Basic throws and catches were first demonstrated to the crowd, followed by a freestyle routine. Five "Barry" baskets were placed around the perimeter of the gym for people to try disc golf. Students and adults were also challenged with organized events like "floor" accuracy, golf putting, speed flow, and the hold-your-plastic game (continuous disc catching). Many of the students made several attempts at a nail delay, an encouraging sign for the future of freestyle. The two disc athletes also had their picture taken with one of the New England Patriots. Thanks go to Jean Poolen for allowing the healthy activity of disc sports to be a part of the King Philip Health Fair.

### Bostyle Performs at Telethon

The Genesis Fund provides resources for children born with genetic anomalies which can make day to day living a challenge. A telethon is organized each year by the Genesis Fund and WCVB-TV, Channel 5 in Boston, to raise

money for the fund. This year, the telethon was broadcast from Fanueil Hall Marketplace on Sunday, May 31. For the third year in a row, the Bostyle Flying Disc Freestyle Team provided entertainment. Rick Williams and Todd Brodeur delighted the crowd with body rolls and aerial catches between music and magic acts. Channel 5 caught some of the freestyle action at 2pm; however, for those tuned in, a blink of the eye would have missed the hot moves. Thanks to Jane O'Connor, Telethon Coordinator, for inviting Bostyle to perform.

### Transitions

Judy Robbins, in pursuit of a lucrative teaching career, has moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Many know Judy as an accomplished freestyler, but she also has been involved with organizing disc festivals and tournaments over the years in New England. She also was the first person to introduce Steve (current NEFA president) and Joy Hartwell to New England's flying disc community.

Congratulations are in order for Tress and Carl Emerson on the birth of Joshua, born January 27, 1992, and weighing in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Also, Nancy and Lev Malakhoff are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Katrina Deanna, who participated in the World's Biggest at one month, nine days.

Petri Isola and Paula Hall exchanged wedding vows on June 20 in Buffalo, New York, and on June 26 in Helsinki, Finland.

### A Goodwill Gesture

August 15, 1992. Miantanomi Park, Newport, Rhode Island. Be there! The idea is to get fifteen people there to work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., then eat and play a round of golf. The proposal is that we could, in those six hours, install a telephone pole stairway leading up the front hill of the park to the stone stairs. The work would include cutting and moving of poles, and digging post holes to pin poles in place.

The cause is further enhancing the relationship with the park commission in hopes of installing a permanent disc golf course. Many hands make light work. This volunteer effort needs tools, food and drink, supervisors, and a willing spirit. Please contact T.M. Dyer if you would like to help in any way -- if you can't swing a pick or shovel, then help prepare and serve the food. As a group, this could be a fun day with a lot of good to show for ourselves.

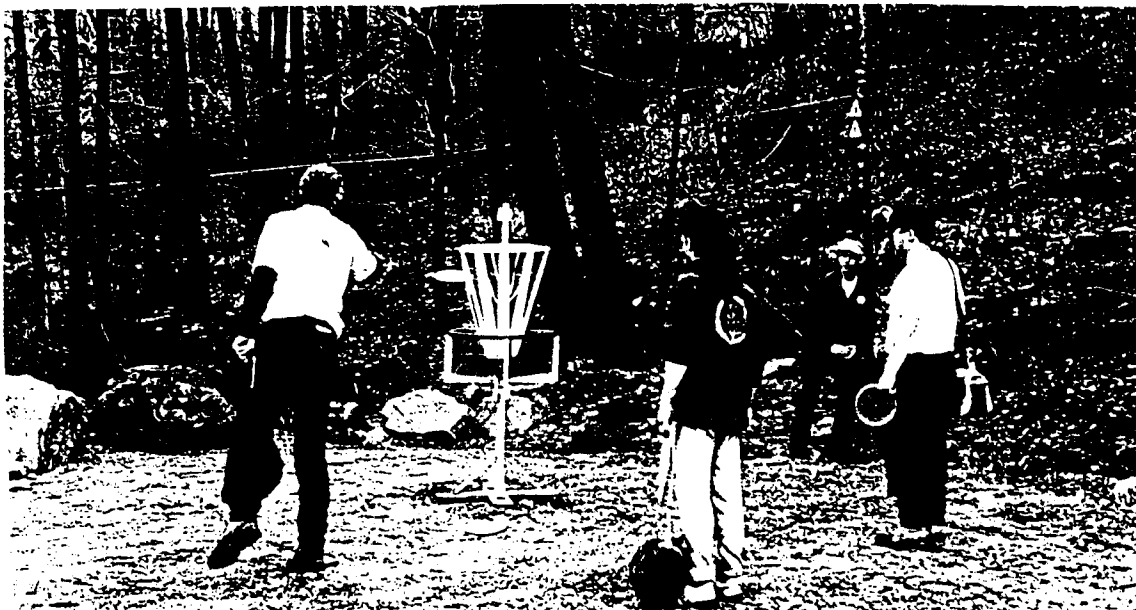
### New Permanent Course in Foxboro

Flash! Greg Black announced at press time that a permanent 18 hole disc golf course is now in the ground at Normandy Farms Campground in Foxboro, Mass. More details will be forthcoming in the next NEFA News. Congratulations to Greg and his team of helpers from all the starved New England disc golfers!

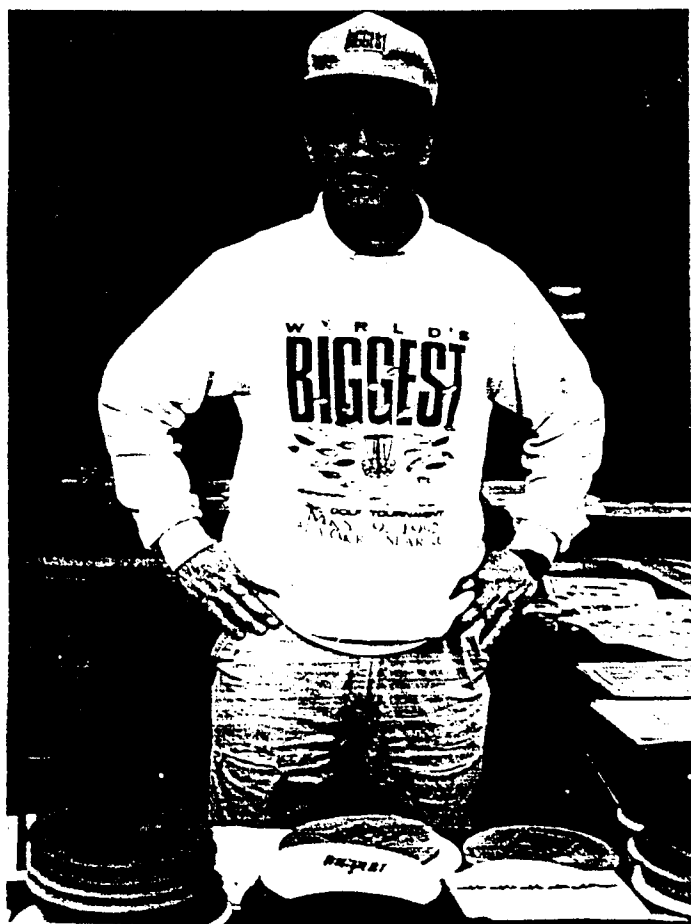
## Upcoming Events

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July 7-11	<b>World Seniors Championship</b> * Rochester, New York * Full format, 7 event competition for ages 35+ * Contact Jim Palmeri at (716) 381-6000 x6520
July 18	<b>Rhode Island State Championships (NEFA points)</b> * Miantanomi Park, Newport, Rhode Island * Golf, Accuracy, Discathon and Freestyle * Contact T. M. Dyer at (401) 846-3236
July 20-26	<b>U.S. Open Flying Disc Championships</b> * Fort Collins, Colorado * Full format, seven event competition * Contact Bill Wright at (303) 484-6932
August 8	<b>Massachusetts State Championships (NEFA points)</b> * Borderland State Park, Easton, Massachusetts * Disc Golf, DDC, Freestyle * Contact Greg Black at (617) 585-9568
August 17-22	<b>PDGA World Disc Golf Championships</b> * Detroit, Michigan * Contact Duane Utech at (313) 656-5111
August 29-30	<b>New Jersey State Championships</b> * Brown's Point, West Milford, New Jersey * Golf, Discathon, MTA, Freestyle -- Team Challenge! * Contact Dan Doyle at (201) 728-7885
September 12	<b>New Hampshire Disc Golf State Championships (NEFA points)</b> * Three rounds at Sunridge Development, Rindge, New Hampshire * Contact Steve Hartwell at (508) 664-2888
September 26-27	<b>New England Championships (NEFA points)</b> * Normandy Farms Campground, Foxboro, Massachusetts * Golf, MTA, Accuracy, DDC, Freestyle * Contact Greg Black at (617) 585-9568
October 3	<b>Cushing Invitational (NEFA points)</b> * Disc Golf at "The Ledges", Newport, Rhode Island * Contact T. M. Dyer at (401) 846-3236
October 10	<b>Connecticut State Championships (NEFA points) -- tentative</b> * Golf, plus ??? * Contact Carl Emerson at (203) 963-2057
October 17	<b>Caped Cod Open (NEFA points)</b> * Burgess Park, Marston Mills, Massachusetts * Golf, MTA, Distance * Contact Lev or Nancy Malakhoff at (508) 771-4619

## More Pictures of the World's Biggest Disc Golf Tournament



*The crowd gathers at #18 at Wachusett Mountain*



*Steve Hartwell sez, "Wanna buy a disc?"*



*Katrina Malakhoff is nonplused by it all!*

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