

## NEFA News

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### D.J. Crushes Pyramids Before Being Swallowed by Angry Forest

by  
Jason Southwick

For the second year in a row it rained. And for the second year in a row it didn't really matter.

On June 30, the **Second Annual Pyramids Open** attracted 31 players, nine more than last year, to Leicester, Massachusetts. Once again the Southwick family, who own and maintain the disc golf course, provided great food and organization. The tournament featured two rounds of disc golf on the narrow, wooded course, three-on-three basketball, and freestyle. The main attraction, however, was the new world record set for the best broccoli salad ever made.

Basketball featured five teams in a round-robin format, where ringers Jeff Bercume and Mark Gordon carried their teammate yours truly to victory. Several disc fanatics enthusiastically suggested that next year the basketball should be held on a different day. This seems reasonable; however, combining the two sports was at least a novel idea.

Todd Brodeur and Rick Williams, playing with different partners, sparkled in the unjudged freestyle competition. The show featured five teams of varying ability and sense of humor.

The big event of the day, however, was the two-round golf tournament on the infamous Pyramids course. In the first round, Dave Johnson shot a remarkable eight under par to break the course record. His target-tracking discs slid through narrow windows as if charmed. His eyes took on the crazed look of a religious fanatic as he sank putts from all over and recorded nine birdies with one lone bogey. But then the forest started getting mad.

It began with a slow murmur from a big pine: "How dare this human needle us?" "He is making saps of us all!" barked a maple. The discontent branched out to the birches, the elms, the oaks. The laurel cackled its eerie laugh. The brush burned in shame. Even the lowly ferns vowed revenge.

It was a different woods that Dave entered the second time -- dark, ominous, foreboding. The murmur had crescendoed to a frenzied roar: "THAT'S HIM! GET HIM! GET HIM!"

"Don't go, Dave!" we pleaded. "It's insane to go in there again."

But brave Dave Johnson stared resolutely into the thrashing thicket and whispered, "I have no choice." He strode forward, an image of courage facing the wrath of an evil ecosystem, only to be engulfed forever in the leafy blackness known simply as Pyramids.

Round two, six over par. Second place overall. And no birds sang.

#### Pyramids Disc Golf Results

Place	Player	Round 1	Round 2	Total
1	Jason Southwick	48	49	97
2	Dave Johnson	46	60	106
3	Tom Southwick <sup>1</sup>	54	55	109
4	Dale Fuller	55	56	111
4	Steve Hartwell	56	55	111
6	Tim Dyer	54	58	112
7	Bill MacWilliams	56	57	113
7	Todd Brodeur	58	55	113
9	Greg Black	52	62	114
10	Bob DeCosta	59	58	117
11	Rick Williams	59	59	118
11	Bruce McKrae	59	59	118
13	John Affonso	61	58	119
14	Keith Boisvert	60	60	120
15	Kerry Hood	64	57	121
16	John Rushlow	62	63	125
17	Steve Wright	62	66	128
18	Lee Perloff	70	64	134
18	Joy Hartwell <sup>2</sup>	66	68	134
20	Kyle Black <sup>3</sup>	70	67	137
21	Al Southwick <sup>4</sup>	73	73	146
22	Walter Dunbar	76	76	152
23	John Bradley	81	75	156
24	Frank Desautels	81	77	158
25	Damian Hall	91	90	181
26	Brent Sanderson	56	--	---
27	Rich Wall	65	--	---
28	Jeff Bercume	67	--	---
29	Mark Gordon	78	--	---
30	Nathan Jarvi	82	--	---
31	Kevin Jarvi	84	--	---

<sup>1</sup> Won 25 and under division

<sup>2</sup> Won Women's division

<sup>3</sup> Won 16 and under division

<sup>4</sup> Won 70 and over division

## Presidents's Corner

by Steve Hartwell

The summer is in full swing, and big NEFA events are planned for the next few months. Our eventual goal is to have a state championship for every state in New England by the fall, culminating with the New England championships. This year, we'll start off with the Rhode Islands in early August, followed by New Hampshire and Massachusetts in two-week intervals. Then Greg Black is working on a BIG EVENT for a final showdown, the first two-day tournament in New England since Joe Proud's 1986 New England's in Connecticut. See the Schedule on the back page for more details.

One of the benefits of NEFA membership is advance notice of New England disc happenings. Unfortunately, due to lead times and other unforeseen problems, the NEFA News doesn't always have the latest or most accurate information. However, we always try to list a phone number to call for each upcoming event. In addition, flyers are generally sent out to all NEFA members for major happenings (such as state championships) two to three weeks in advance.

We'll attempt to continue a tradition and have NEFA officer elections following the Massachusetts State tournament. Up for grabs are the President, Vice President, and Treasurer positions. If you have a name to submit for nomination, please send it to the NEFA post office box. New blood is desired; even if you don't want to run for office, there are plenty of appointed positions available. For example, a NEFA photographer is desperately needed to take black-and-white photos to help spruce up the NEFA News, and we're still looking for an editor.

## NEFA Officers

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*Please contact the appropriate person with suggestions or ideas.*

## Rutgers Disc Golf

by Rick Williams

A number of New Englanders competed in the Rutgers Spring Open Disc Golf Championship, held April 9 in beautiful New Brunswick, New Jersey. The golf course, located on the Cook College campus, is the first permanent polehole course installed at a university and dates back to at least 1982. Many tournaments have taken place at this historic course over the years, but this event signed up a record 62 golfers.

The weather provided plenty of sun, with the temperature favoring long sleeve shirts. The wind was just strong enough to make putting a tentative task. Three rounds of 18 holes in one day was certainly enough to loosen up the throwing arm for the rest of the summer. At the end of the day, tournament director Matt LaCourte was tied for first with Steve Deering in the Open Division. In the sudden-death playoff, it only took two holes for Matt to come out on top. As a bonus, Matt's third round tied the course record at 44.

In the Women's Division, Sandy Steger took first. Returning New Englander Mary Proud came in third by one stroke over Judy Robbins. The unstoppable Merrill Detweiler beat ex-New Englander T.J. Barber for top honors in the Master's Division. Other New England survivors of the day included Dan Berman, Joe Proud, Sunny Cade and Rick Williams.

## New Englanders Get the Virginia Viewpoint

by Judy Robbins

The 15th annual Virginia State Championships disc tournament brought out several New Englanders for the opening of disc season. The event wasn't the same without the effervescent quality of the late Pryor Hendrix, but we all played with as much spirit as we could muster in his memory. The weather cooperated for the most part during the whole weekend, which was quite unusual for the Virginia States (perhaps Pryor was overseeing this phenomenon).

Certainly Jason Southwick had the spirit, as he rode his bicycle from his abode in Leicester, Massachusetts, all the way to Fredericksburg, Virginia, for the tournament. Other New Englanders attending this year's festivities included Todd Brodeur, Dan Berman, Dale Fuller and Judy Robbins. Competition was fairly high for an early season tournament, but our contingent fared well in many events, especially freestyle. Partners Harvey Brandt (New York) and Rick Sader (New Jersey) teamed up with Judy Robbins (Boston) to win the freestyle crown, edging out the second place team of Dale Crawford, Eric Wooten and Dave Taylor. Todd and Jason gave a solid performance to take third place out of eight teams entered. Other highlights from the New England connection included Todd's prelim 12 second MTA flight, as well as Judy's third place finish in MTA.

Overall champions were both from Virginia. In the women's division, Sandy Steger played consistently well to win. Re-emerging from the woodwork, Jack Cooksey showed that he hadn't lost his touch and took the overall open title.

The competition ran very smoothly over the whole weekend. Of course, Lazlo's Weinie World concession prepared excellent health food dishes to keep the hungry competitors and spectators sated. I continue to feel that the Virginia States is one of the best East Coast competitions around. Keep your calendar open for an early April weekend next year and come to the Virginia States; you won't regret it!

## One Fine Saturday, Worlds Apart: A Serial Feature Part II

by "Herbert Herman"

### Summary of Part I

Herbert Herman, Bill MacPilgrim and Wayne Bergenflug have at the exact same moment, shot holes in one on the thirteenth hole of their respective disc golf courses. At odds of greater than 17 trillion to one, this triggered the cosmic jackpot and transported our heroes through time and space. We now pick up the adventures of Herbert Herman, still equipped with his golf bag and fresh from his hole-in-one, as he confronts a race of future super-humans on Alpha-Eden.

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### Ultimate. Anyone?

"I think I can answer some of your questions," said a female voice. A woman came forward and gently took hold of my wrist. Some of the aliens moved back to make way for this beautiful woman to lead me away. She stood at least 6'10", and her thick auburn hair flowed down to her waist, which was, like the rest of her, perfectly proportioned. "Don't blame them for staring," she began. It's just that they've never seen a live specimen of pre-antigravity man before. As people from your era might say, 'it boggles the mind.'"

"Are you someone from the government here to help me?" I asked suspiciously. Flying saucers of various size and color zoomed over us silently. The sun shone as we walked a spongy boulevard to ... to the holding cell for illegal aliens? to their leader? to the circus? "Step right up and feast your eyes [or maybe just feast] on the little dude in the dirty sweatpants," I imagined.

"No, I'm not from the government." The idea of government seemed to amuse her; her smile belonged in a toothpaste commercial. "In actuality, the body most closely resembling what you might consider a government has allowed me the task of being your guestgiver, your hostess. I get to show you around. And as for going home, you just got here. Consider yourself a free man, with all the privileges we enjoy. You never know, Herbert, you may like it here."

"Wait a second! How did you know my name?" I exclaimed.

"I know a lot about you, Herbert Herman. I've viewed the major events in your life thoroughly," she said. This raised my pulse a bit. I could think of a few "major events in my life" I wouldn't want viewed by anyone, least of all this Miss Amazon woman who was giving me an inferiority complex anyway. I was sure she could bench press more than me.

"Which leads me to the next barrage of questions," I began. "Who are you? What is 'here'? And, where are we going?"

"My name is Gelinda. Welcome to Alpha-Eden, 6012 A.D. As to where we are heading, I thought you might like to see an Ultimate tournament before the party."

An Ultimate tournament before the party? This was a new twist. "Well, I suppose I can hang around until Monday," I said.

A worried expression spread over Gelinda's gorgeous face. We walked on in silence. There was a lot to think about. My thoughts drifted back to my disc golf course, if not the cause, at least the runway of this trip to tomorrow.

### The Accident at the 13th

The thirteenth hole of my golf course heads downhill and curves right along a path in the deep woods. The target is a thin wooden pole jutting out of an old telephone wire spool. The spool sits on a dam next to a pond on one side and a 20-foot dropoff on the other. It's a tricky throw, but not a long one; the target is 250 feet from the tee. You've got to keep your disc down and doglegging right. But even if you nail this arching window, watch out for the pond on the left; it's OB. Throw too far right and you're over the dam facing a 40-foot uphill putt. It's the classic New England disc golf hole: low and narrow, through the trees and treacherous. The favored discs here are Ultimate-like golf discs. You want a disc that floats rather than sails through the air, and plops rather than glides when it meets the ground. Either a Wham-O 71 or an Innova Apple will do the trick; my preferred weapon is the DGA Soft Approach.

When it left my hand, I knew it was good. I had that magic feeling where time stands still, as you watch your disc approach the target as if remote-controlled. It hit the middle of the wooden pole. The ace put me five under for 13 holes; the 14th would have to wait.

Not far from this hole sits a rusting pickup truck -- for all I know, it's still rusting there -- wearing a bumper sticker that tells the story far better than I ever could. "Frisbee Changed My Life," it says.

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## New Disc Golf Course at Greenwood Lake, New Jersey

by Sunny Cade

There is a lake that bisects the northern border of New Jersey called Greenwood. On the southwestern tip of that lake, in Brown's Point Park in the town of West Milford, lives an exquisite new disc golf course designed and birthed by the husband/wife team of Dan and Donna Doyle. Large steel tee signs with monster numbers, sponsor names, and course information adorn and attract attention to the new 18-hole course.

In the first major tournament there this spring, Harvey Brandt powered and finessed the course by birding seven of the final nine holes for the win. He beat out Mark Danna, who was not even bummed out being second to such a display of disc golfery put on by The Harvey.

A highlight of the event was the presence of "Flying" Joe Cava who hails from the Pacific Northwest. Joe's unusual choice of flight paths and deep, yet convivial reparté, get my vote for him for the "Spirit of the Games" award.

If you are ever travelling to the northern New Jersey area, give the Doyles a call at (201) 728-7885 and treat yourself to the fruits of their creative disc golf architecture.

## The Princeton Light / Heavy Experiment

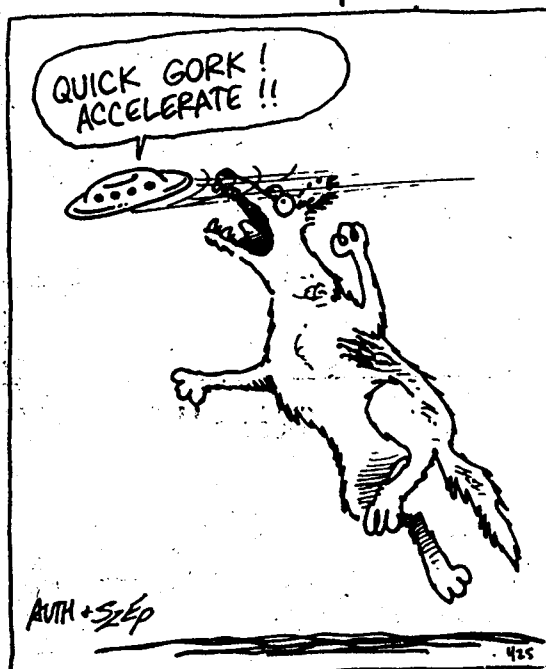
by Sunny Cade and Steve Hartwell

On June 2, 1990, a dozen NEFAns gathered at the Theo Brown Memorial Disc Golf Course in Princeton, Massachusetts, to try some golf competition using different types of golf discs. "Light" plastic was defined as discs from the pre-beveled-edge era, or the basic Wham-O 165g, 141g, and 119g. "Heavy" plastic was anything goes, or the latest technology. We tried a mix, playing 18-holes heavy, 18-holes light, and then a final nine with alternating holes heavy and light.

The results after 45 holes found Judy Robbins atop the Women's division with a total of +3, besting Joy Hartwell with +8. Sunny Cade successfully rode the home course advantage to win the Open with a -10. Rick Williams came back big time on the final 9 with -5 to squeeze out 2nd place with a total of -7 over Steve Hartwell's -6. Todd Brodeur was on Steve's heels in 4th with -5 and Dale Fuller had -3 for 5th. Noteworthy performances on individual rounds were Judy Robbins' -4 with light plastic, and Bill MacWilliams -5 with heavy plastic. It was nice to see Mitch Hinard and newcomers Colin Brown of Boston and Felix from Providence, who did well in their first Princeton outing.

A splendid day was had by all, with the general feeling that though the experiment was interesting to try, the new technology is more fun, offering longer distance, more variety of shots, and more overall control of the game. Pot luck prizes and a NEFA board meeting finished up the day. Steve Hartwell donated a trophy sized mini-polehole as a travelling trophy for informal NEFA tournaments; he was pleased to present it to Sunny as the first victor. [Editor's note: Jason Southwick subsequently wrested the polehole away on June 30 with his victory at Pyramids.]

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## ***SCHEDULE***

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| Saturday, July 28     | <b>K-9 Competition, Braintree, Massachusetts</b><br>* 10:00 a.m., Braintree High School, Ath Complex, 128 Town St.<br>* Contact Joseph Darche (617) 843-8842  |
| Saturday, August 4    | <b>WHAM-O Junior Frisbee Contest Regional Qualifier, Braintree, Mass.</b><br>* Contact Todd Brodeur (508) 378-2024  |
| Saturday, August 11   | <b>14th Annual Rhode Island State Championships, Mianantomie Park, Newport, Rhode Island</b><br>* Two 18-hole rounds of Golf, Freestyle, and Discathon<br>* Four divisions: Open/Pro, Women, Amateur, Junior<br>* Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., Golf starts at 9:00 a.m., Freestylers register by 1:30 p.m.<br>* Awards ceremony at HoJo's<br>* Contact Tim Dyer (401) 846-3236 |
| Sunday, August 12     | <b>Beach Party Jam, Narragansett Beach, Rhode Island</b><br>* Contact Todd Brodeur (508) 378-2024   |
| Saturday, September 8 | <b>New Hampshire State Disc Golf Championships, Rindge, New Hampshire</b><br>* Two rounds of 18-holes plus playoff<br>* Contact Steve Hartwell (508) 664-2888   |
| Saturday, October 20  | <b>Massachusetts State Championships, Borderland State Park, Easton, Mass.</b><br>* Golf, Freestyle, DDC<br>* Contact Greg Black (617) 585-9568   |
| September 29-30       | <b>New England Championships, Normandy Farms, Foxboro, Mass.</b><br>* A weekend of Golf, Freestyle, DDC and MTA<br>* Luxurious campground accommodations, including use of 4 swimming pools and golf carts for top finalists<br>* Contact Greg Black (617) 585-9568   |

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