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The Newsletter of the New England Frisbee Association

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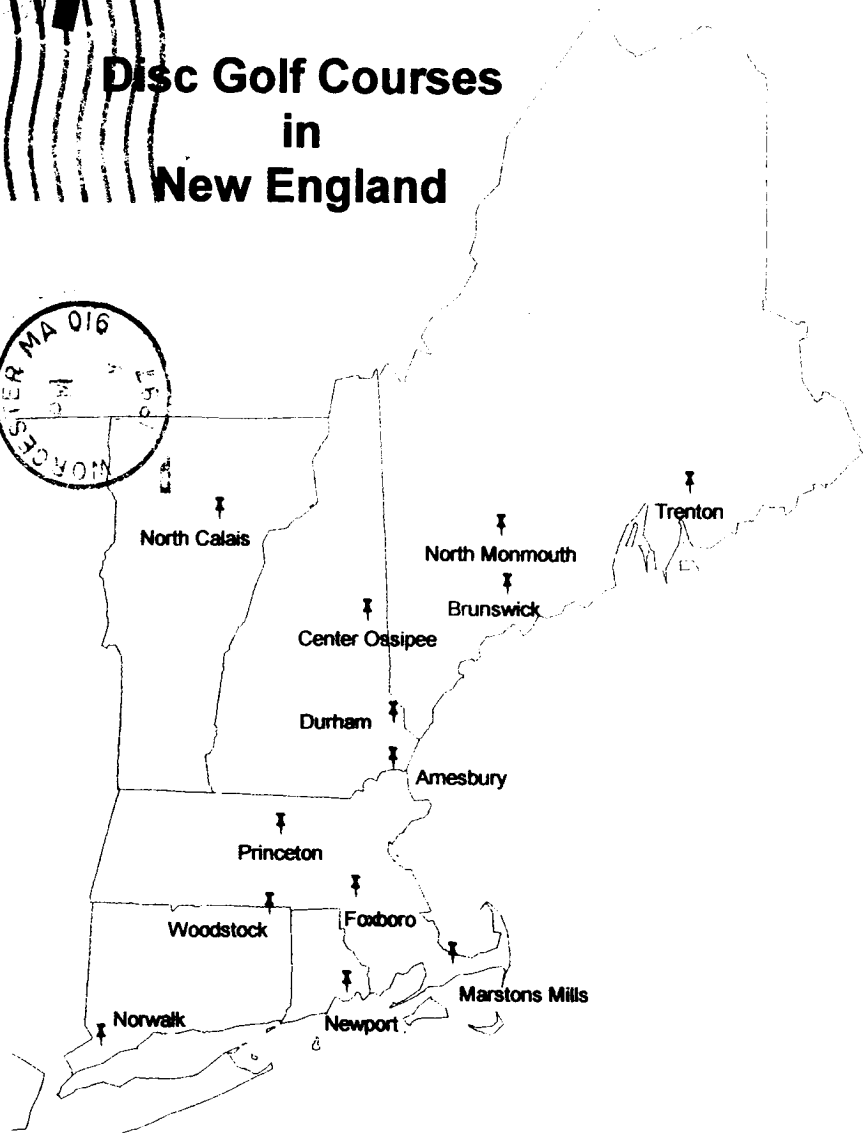
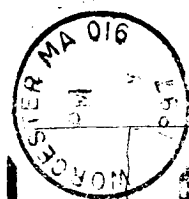
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Disc Golf Courses in New England



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Web Sites For NEFAites

For those of you connected and on-line Frisbee aficionados out there, check out the following web sites of interest:

- NE Disc Golf Discussion Group (gracias to our own Doug Russell!)

www.solving.com/discgolf/discuss/golf1.html

- NEFA Home Page (Dave Jennings has done a fantastic job with this)

www.ultranet.com/~jennings/nefa/nefa.shtml

- NEFA Schedule of Events (Mark Mudgett's Masterpiece — no refrigerator is complete without one)

www.shore.net/~mudgett/nefa/nefascled.htm

- Disc Golf Home Page (promoting the sport of disc golf to the world and beyond.... contains many new links!)

www.discgolf.com

Add these sites to your bookmarks or favorite places, and let us know about any new and great addresses you disc-cover!

New Hampshire State Results

1997 New Hampshire State Disc Golf Championships					
Player	1st	2nd	Last 9	Total	Payout
OPEN					
1 Jason Southwick	51	53	27	131	\$112
2 Bob DeCosta	54	53	27	134	\$84
3t Brent Sanderson	51	58	27	136	\$53
3t Peter Anderson	53	53	30	136	\$52
5 Doug Russell	56	55	27	138	\$42
6 Todd Brodeur	55	55	30	140	\$35
7 Rick Williams	55	58	28	141	\$28
8 Dan Desch	58	55	29	142	\$21
9 Dave Johnson	56	58	29	143	\$14
10 Tom Whiffen	59	58	27	144	\$7
11t Gordy Adell	56	60	30	146	
11t Rodney Washburn	58	58	30	146	
13 Shawn Kennedy	57	63	27	147	
14t Tim Dyer	59	61	28	148	
14t Todd Canuel	60	59	29	148	
16t Brock Pitzer	58	63	29	150	
16t Tom Southwick	59	61	30	150	
16t Josh Masters	59	58	33	150	
19 Bob Enman	63	56	32	151	
20 Stephen Ditter	62	63	27	152	
21t Jake Jacobs	62	57	34	153	
21t Jay Filuminia	64	58	31	153	
23 Brian Shoff	65	56	34	155	
24 Dwight Doherty	60	65	33	158	
25 Tim Walsh	65	64	30	159	
26 Clint Heenie	66	62	34	162	
27 Tim Klatka	69	60	35	164	
28 Jack Downs	70	67	35	172	
29 Andrew Smith	75	62	36	173	
30 Mark Ide	57	60	54	171	scratch
WOMEN					
1 Joy Hartwell	73	66	35	174	\$15
2 Kelley O. Southwick	80	71	38	189	\$5
WOMEN'S NOVICE					
1 Dayna Mankowski	79	95	46	220	
2 Lisa Webber	100	105	46	251	
3 Carolyn Casarico	103	97	54	254	scratch

New Hampshire State Results

1997 New Hampshire State Disc Golf Championships					
Player	1st	2nd	Last 9	Total	Payout
MEN'S NOVICE					
1 Phil Kennedy	61	62	29	152	
2 Lincoln Waterhouse	70	64	34	168	
3 Jim Dower	77	90	39	206	
4 Kerry Forhan	83	89	40	212	
5 Bob McCullough	87	94	47	228	
JUNIORS					
1 Wesley Hartwell	107	103	53	263	
2 Tom Dyer	76	74	54	204	scratch
MEN'S ADVANCED					
1 Scott Pyle	61	61	30	152	
2 John Mahan	58	62	33	153	
3t Dave Jennings	62	63	29	154	
3t Mike Carroll	67	58	29	154	
5 Lev Malakhoff	65	59	31	155	
6t Scott Berman	63	59	34	156	
6t Harry Stefanides	64	62	30	156	
8t Adam Fasciolo	61	66	30	157	
8t Shawn Jennings	61	64	32	157	
10t David Cronin	63	62	33	158	
10t Mark Bonner	63	63	32	158	
12 Bryan Lynch	66	60	33	159	
13 Parker Allen	64	65	31	160	
14 Rob Coffey	64	65	33	162	
15t Mark Mudgett	66	67	32	165	
15t Paul Plourde	64	71	30	165	
17t Jim Getting	65	65	36	166	
17t Bunkey Gress	69	64	33	166	
17t Mike Shay	64	68	34	166	
20 John Weber	66	70	35	171	
21 Ted McIntire	75	73	32	180	
22 Breck Breckenridge	68	64	54	186	scratch
23 Helmut Traichel	73	83	54	210	scratch

*Prizes were awarded to those placing in the top 1/3 of each division. Prizes included 33 premium golf discs, 12 PDGA rule books and 16 disc golf towels.

Frisbee Takes Over

By Tom Southwick

I believe that efforts should be made to increase the appeal of Frisbee golf to spectators. It is a great feeling to any golfer to hear the sounds of applause upon making a fine shot. As to how this should be accomplished, one needs look no further than to other successful spectator sports. The obvious choice to emulate is professional wrestling. Different factions must be created, say one headed by Jason and one by Todd. These two fine leaders would alternately be encouraged to exhibit distasteful behavior in order to polarize the crowd. Each round would be scripted to entertain and educate the crowd as to the rules. At a tournament where Jason is favored, the round could come down to one last putt which if sunk by Todd would win him the tournament. As tension mounts Todd would point to the crowd and ask an innocent spectator to "shut up." When Jason turns his head to look, Todd would blatantly break a branch that was in his way and then quickly sink the putt and begin a most ostentatious celebration while the bewildered Jason, seemingly unable to comprehend the shouts of the incensed crowd would hang his head most pitifully and walk away unaware of his foe's transgression.

To educate the crowd as to the lost disc time limit the following scene could be enacted. At a Todd favored tourney with score tied, Todd's disc is lost. Jason magnanimously helps to look, but upon discovering it he looks around sneakily and seeing Todd preoccupied with the search, proceeds to kick leaves over the half covered disc and evacuate the area. As the crowd shouts to Todd and points frantically toward the location of his disc, Jason diabolically commences the countdown to a penalty. The count gets lower and Todd looks to the crowd only to misinterpret the direction of their extended fingers and frustratingly look all around the hidden disc. Just when all seems hopeless and Jason gleefully counts 5...4...3, suddenly the hysterical shouting and wagging fingers make perfect sense to Todd and with a dramatic dive, he uncovers his disc.

As time goes by and the now huge crowds have become desensitized "having seen it all" more bold and dramatic finishes would be in order. I can imagine Jason putting for the match and yearly championship as Todd stands about five feet away from the pole hole and makes barely audible noises of distraction. Steve Hartwell is called to referee, but unfortunately stands too far away to hear what is quite clear to the crowd. After five minutes of tension building suspense, Jason, fed up with his foe's distractions throws his disc at Todd in frustration. Todd seemingly defending himself puts up his hands and inadvertently chest rolls the disc right into the pole hole. As the factions whip out their rulebooks and begin bazaar interpretations of the rules, Todd, eyes wide with disbelief, and mouth agape stomps about as Jason gleefully celebrates. The golfers opposed to 150 class discs could then begin throwing them at the pro 150 classers and insisting that it couldn't possibly hurt, as countless bodies twitch on the ground in apparent unconsciousness. Yes I see great things ahead for this fine sport. ●

1997 Vermont States, North Calais

by Dan Desch

I have been playing disc golf in Vermont, at Paul Olander's course, for several years, probably six or more times a year, adding up to something in the vicinity of thirty or forty trips, and in all that time, during all those many weekends, I can not recall a single one where, sometime during the two or three day period, it didn't either rain or snow, at least a little. This tournament weekend was no exception. A monsoon drenched the course Friday night, just as the campers were setting up shop. I guess that's why the green mountains are green. Mercifully, the deluge relented after about 45 minutes, and the weather stayed fair the rest of the time.

Many other traditions were maintained. Following the example set by so many tournament directors before him, Paul Olander wasted no time self-destructing, throwing an egregious 66 in the first round, and tumbling down hill from there. Paul can be forgiven of course, first because he had the good sense to marry Sue, an artiste and genius of cookery, and second because he throws one hell of a party, which is why the Vermont States becomes more popular every year.

While Paul has a legitimate excuse, the same can not be said for the rest of the regular Vermont contingent. Brock Pitzer threw 58-62-61 for an appalling 181. George Desch's 63-62-60 showed steady improvement; good show, George, only seven or eight more rounds and you might have demonstrated some tournament level play. Todd Sternbach's limp-wristed 188 justifies expulsion from the North Calais club if not the whole state. Don Robisky, (76-74-83 for a 233) hang your head, absolutely disgraceful. And then there is I. To start off with a competitive first round 54, but follow it with an oh-my-god-I'm-in-the-lead-and-I-can't-handle-the-pressure 61, well, I gave serious thought to tossing my whole bag into the lake.

By contrast, there were some notable rounds demonstrating self discipline and improvement among the middle of the pack. Helmut Traichel, 74-82-68 and newcomer Carolyn Casarico, 118-107-101, both exhibited third round exceptionalism, while Kelley O'Southwick demonstrated rock-

Vermont States Story continued

steady consistency with a harmonious 70-70-70. Meanwhile, the Cohn clan of Tim, Eddie and Joey played with some geometric purity and offered a glimpse of the future of frisbee golf.

And then there is Jason Southwick, 57-51-58, 166, victor by six strokes over second place Pete Anderson. Why is God so cruel? Why does He test us by setting forth in our sight the annoyance of a good example, saying unto us: "Go thou and do likewise"? A paragon such as this has been presented to the New England disc golf faithful this season in general and during the second round of the VT State Tournament in particular. It is with no small irony that I note the similarity of our plight to that suffered by the siblings of the eponymous old testament prophet, many-colored-coat wearing Jason, who was righteous and faithful and respectful toward his parents, who showered him with gifts, and as a result, really pissed off his brothers royally. So they sold Jason into slavery in Egypt, problem solved, all neat and tidy. I propose that something similar might be arranged for the good example that currently plagues us; for our Jason, though hardly virtuous or God-fearing, nevertheless is really beginning to irritate the bejesus out of us with exemplary play.

Now, selling our Jason into slavery in Egypt is not something I would advocate. First, the postage to ship something to Egypt is beyond NEFA's budget. Second, there's probably a law against it. Third, who would buy him? But I'm sure we could find a very reasonably priced institution in, say, Mississippi, that I think could be persuaded by documentary evidence (past NEFA News articles) and first person testimony that Jason belongs under close observation.

Oh yeah, Jason won discathon too, and some freestylers juggled and stuff. ●

Vermont State Results

MEN'S GOLF					
	Player	Golf	Discathon	Freestyle	
1	Jason Southwick	166	03:29.3	03:42.6	3
2	Peter Anderson	172			
3	Tom Whiffen*	173	03:58.4	dnf	4
4	Dan Desch	173	04:48.3		
5	Brent Sanderson	173			
6	Ted Oberhaus	174			1
7	Greg Hinkley	176	05:07.7		4
8	T.M. Dyer	178			
9	Mark Ide	179	04:04.8	03:58.9	3
10t	Toddy Brodeur	181	04:44.9		1
10t	Jack Downs	181	05:45.5		
10t	Todd Canuel	181			
10t	Brock Pitzer	181			
14	Roy Dear	182	05:18.8		
15	Dave Redlund	183			
16	George Desch	185	05:13.2		
17	John O'Gorman	187	05:55.8		
18t	Todd Sternbach	188	04:34.0	03:59.9	
18t	Josh Masters	188			
20t	Gordy Adell	189			
20t	Richard Stanley	189			
22t	Paul Olander	200	06:08.3		
22t	Lev Malakhoff	200	06:48.0		
24	Stephan Ditter	206			
25	Brian Traichel	210			3
26	Helmut Traichel	224			
27	Dave Johnson	256			
28	Sean Franchi	265			
29	Scott Sailor	267			2
WOMEN'S GOLF					
1	Nancy Malakhoff	184	06:56.6		
2	Chrissy Malkames	204			
3	Kelley Southwick	210	07:43.5		
4	Louie Cohn	220	06:25.3		6
5	Joan Matteuzzi	221			
6	Mary Condxaxis	281			

Vermont States Results

MEN'S ADVANCED GOLF

1	Mark Bonner	197
2	David Cronin	200
3	Edward Giroux	204
4	Harry Stefanides	209
5	Paul Plourde	213
6	Robert Callow	219
7	Tom Richardson	221
8	John Kaeding	271
9t	Parker Allen	276
9t	Mark Mudgett	276
10	Peter Condaxis	282

MEN'S NOVICE GOLF

1	Charlie Hoilman	216		
2	Michael Martinez	217		
3	Don Robisky	233		
4	Jaime Stern	235	04:33.3	06:04.0

JUNIOR GOLF

1	Eric Desch	192	11:10.2	
2	Tom Dyer	198		
3	Gus Kaeding	204		
4	Tim Cohn	206	04:51.4	5
5	Adin Buck	259		5
6	Eddy Cohn	301	11:30.7	6
7	Joey Cohn	304		

WOMEN'S NOVICE GOLF

1	Debra Adamsons	230		
2	Dayna Mankowski	232		
3	Kathy Richardson	268		
4	Suzanne Desch	287		
5	Eileen Koehler	314		
6	Carole Deshaies	324		
7	Carolyn Casarico	326	09:03.4	

MEN'S OVERALL

Jason Southwick	1
Tom Whiffen	2

WOMEN'S OVERALL

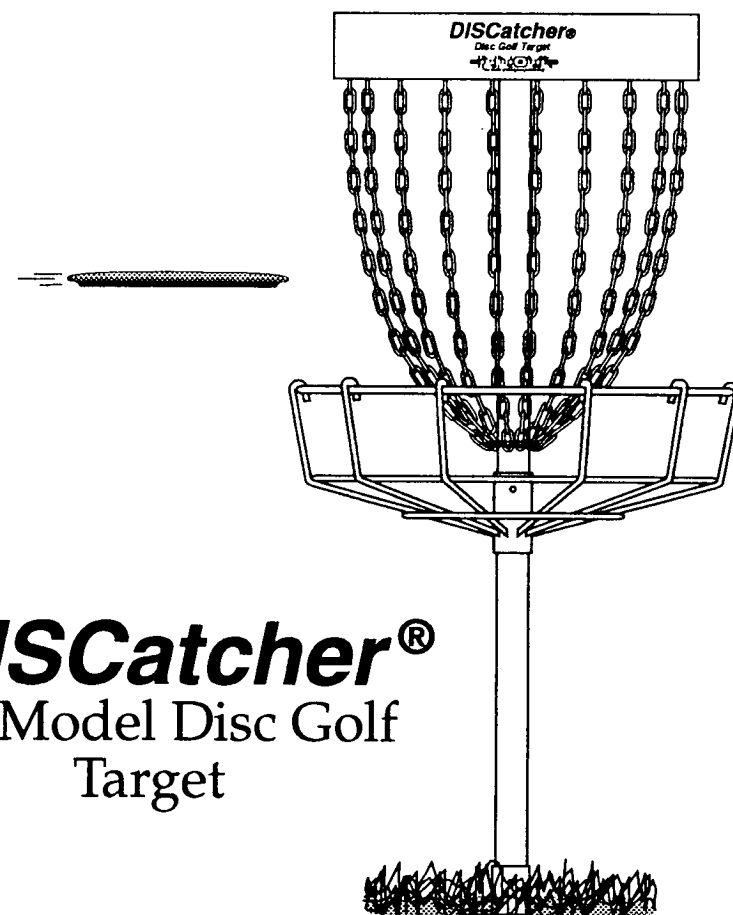
Louie Cohn	1
Nancy D.-Malakhoff	2

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WHAT FOOTFAULT?!

By Harry Stefanides

Me footfault? Never. Right? Look people, we all footfault from time to time and often it's purely accidental. Okay fine, so now what? It's my understanding that NEFA wants to legitimize itself within the eyes of the PDGA. Well that's fine too, but NEFA first has to adhere to a universal set of rules. This doesn't mean just footfaults, but for the sake of this article, I will focus on this.

I know what you're thinking: All these rules are going to take the fun out of the game.

The simple fact is that if footfaulting is freely allowed, then the footfaulter has one less thing to worry about.

Especially with such a touchy subject as footfaults. Nobody wants to call them and if you do you're an asshole. People will also say "What difference does it make if someone is a couple inches over the line?" What if you get a hole in one? The simple fact is that if footfaulting is freely allowed, then the footfaulter has one less thing to worry about. This gives him/her an advantage over you. Look, I don't want to make everyone paranoid foot watchers, but this is one of the few details that needs to be addressed.

It is my understanding that if one footfaults, one gets a warning and on subsequent infractions one loses a stroke. This sounds like a fair and just rule. The warning makes the player aware of his/her situation, in hopes of correcting the indiscretion. What I hope is that in the long run this will help make all of us better players and make NEFA a more recognized organization within the PDGA. ●

1997 CAPE COD OPEN FLYING DISC FESTIVAL

October 4th 1997

TOTAL FIELD = 67 PLAYERS

CASH PURSE = \$345.00

OPEN (31) BLUE TEES	ROUND			Total	Cash Option	Safari	Total	Cash Won	Accuracy
	1st	2nd	3rd						
Doug Russell	48	51	27	126	YES	13	139	53	7
Jim O'Hara	50	51	26	127	YES	12	139	81	
Dan Desch	53	49	26	128	YES	12	140	32.5	10
Brent Sanderson	50	53	25	128	YES	12	140	32.5	10
Dave Johnson	55	49	28	132	YES			13	10
Steve Hartwell	50	54	28	132	YES			13	11
Bill Newman	54	51	27	132	YES	13	145	17.5	5
Dave Redlund	52	50	30	132	YES	13	145	17.5	8
Peter Anderson	51	52	30	133	YES			10	7
Tim Walsh	50	53	31	134	NO				10
Roy Doar	51	58	26	135	YES				5
Tom Whiffen	51	56	28	135	YES				8
Bob DeCosta	51	57	28	136	YES				
Dan Griffith	52	58	26	136	YES				
Jim Pierce	49	60	29	138	NO				4
Bob Belmore	55	57	28	140	NO				7
Gordy Adell	55	56	29	140	YES				10
Scott Sailor	57	53	32	142	NO				10
T.M. Dyer	56	55	32	143	YES				8
Dave Baker	59	55	31	145	YES				
John O'Gorman	60	54	31	145	YES				4
Jay Filuminia	58	57	30	145	YES				8
Mike Frekey	56	60	30	146	NO				
Todd Canuel	61	56	33	150	YES				2
Mike Martin	59	61	30	150	YES				
Brian Hughes	59	56	36	151	YES				4
Lev Malakhoff	57	64	33	154	NO				5
David Massi	63	62	30	155	YES				
Jim Robinson	57	66	34	157	YES				3
David Lane	56	58	SCR		YES				
John Tserpes	65	69	SCR		YES				

Jim O'Hara wins closest-to-pin Safari tiebreaker over Doug Russell

Cash Option - 27 players - \$270.00 purse - top third payout

Caped Cod 97

WOMEN - PRO (7) BLUE TEES	ROUND			Total	Cash Option	Safari	Total	Cash Won	Accuracy
	1st	2nd	3rd						
Nancy D-Malakhoff	60	62	30	152	NO			37	7
Kate Cason	63	62	27	152	NO			18	6
Joy Hartwell	59	66	28	153	NO			13	6
Joan Matteuzzi	70	70	38	178	NO			7	3
Mary McIntyre	77	75	37	189	NO				
Edith Chase	85	80	35	200	NO				
Eileen Koehler	82	88	SCR		NO				
Pro Women - 7 players - \$75.00 purse - top half payout									
Donnelly-Malakhoff wins on 2nd hole of sudden death playoff with Kate Cason									

Johnson, Hartwell, Newman & Redlund tied after 2 1/2 rounds. Closest-to-pin for 5th & 6th
Safari spots. Bill Newman and Dave Redlund advanced. Course shortened - darkness

INTERMEDIATE MEN (18) BLUE TEES	ROUND			Total	Cash Option	Safari	Total	Cash Won	Accuracy
	1st	2nd	3rd						
Mike Mattioli	55	51	29	135	NO				8
Dave Jennings	57	56	25	138	NO				9
Scott Pyle	58	56	26	140	YES				5
Shawn Jennings	55	56	29	140	NO				9
Mike Carroll	61	54	27	142	NO				
John Mahan	56	60	32	148	NO				
David Cronin	56	63	32	151	NO				8
Michael Shay	61	63	28	152	NO				
Mark Mudgett	58	63	32	153	NO				
Paul Plourde	64	61	28	153	NO				6
Larry Malakhoff	66	63	29	158	YES				1
Steve Solbo	67	64	32	163	NO				
Ted McIntyre	67	62	36	165	NO				
Tom Richardson	69	62	36	167	NO				
Sean Carroll	69	72	34	175	NO				
Harry Stefanides	62	65	SCR		NO				1
Harry Graham	66	66	SCR		NO				
Todd Lapham	69	scr	SCR		NO				

Caped Cod Results continued

NOVICE WOMEN (7) WHITE TEES	ROUND			Total		Accuracy
	1st	2nd	3rd			
Debra Adamson	67	65	29	161		
Lisa Webber	68	76	31	175		
Kathy Richardson	76	70	32	178		
Carolyn Casarico	72	81	32	185		
Tricia Moran	64	59	SCR			
Lisa Lunedei	75	61	SCR			3
Carol Mihelik	76	69	SCR			

JUNIORS (3) WHITE TEES	ROUND			Total		Accuracy
	1st	2nd	3rd			
Tommy Dyer	61	59	28	148	*	3
Tyler Doar	60	65	28	153	*	3
Tanya Merrill	82	77	41	200		
NOVICE JUNIORS (1) RED TEES						
Lecia McKenna	66	68	31	165		
					*scorecard errors	

ACES: 1st Round - Jay Filuminia - Hole #11
2nd Round - Gordy Adell - Hole #5
3rd Round - David Massi - Hole #13

OVERALL: Men - 1. Steve Hartwell,
2. Dan Desch
3. Brent Sanderson
Women - Nancy Donnelly-Malakhoff
Juniors - Tyler Doar, Tommy Dyer

"Albert Belle, Roberto Alomar, Dennis Rodman...the list goes on and on. Every sport has one. In NEFA we have Jason."

Todd Brodeur

Public Disc Golf Courses in New England

Massachusetts

Goodnow Park

(18 tees, 9 pole holes)

Princeton

Contact: Jeff Cardillo (508) 464 2959

Burgess Park

(18 Mach III pole holes)

Marston Mills

Contact: Lev Malakhoff (508) 771-4619

Normandy Farms Campground

(18 pole holes)

Foxboro

Contact: Normandy Farms (508) 543-7600

Amesbury Pines

(9 pole holes)

Amesbury

Contact: Sean Franchi (508) 388 5833

New Hampshire

Hickory Pond

(18 Mach-4 pole holes)

Durham

Contact: Roy Doar (603) 778-1702

Terrance Pines Campground

(18 Mach 1.5 Lites)

Center Ossippe

Contact: Mark and Jane Wright (603) 539-6201

Rhode Island

Miantonomi Park

(30 objects)

Newport

Contact: T.M. Dyer (401) 846 3236

Connecticut

Roseland Park

(18 five-foot high round posts)

Woodstock

Contact: Carl Emerson (203) 928 1363

Cranbury Park

(18 object, soon to be pole holes)

Norwalk

Contact: Adam Fasciolo (203) 852-9473

Vermont

North Calais Disc Golf Course

(9 pole holes, 9 objects)

North Calais

Contact: Paul Olander (802) 456 7465

Maine

Beaver Brook Campground

(18 Mach I pole holes, open April to October)

North Monmouth

Contact: Campground (207) 933 2108

Enman Field

18 pole holes

Brunswick

Contact: Bob Enman (207) 729-5215

Former Happy Banana

(10 pole holes, open May to October)

Trenton

Contact: Jay Holman RR1 Box 125F, Trenton, ME 04605

1997 Caped Cod Open Safari Golf and Awards Gallery



Brent Sanderson drives



Dan Desch approaches



The Leader Board



Awards Banquet



Nancy Malakhoff presents to
Safari Champ Jim O'Hara



Junior Champ Tyler Doar

Amesbury Tournament

Amesbury Pines 2nd Annual October Disc Golf Open (1997)			
OPEN			
1	Tom Whiffen	106	\$20
2	Bob Belmore	107	
3	Gordy Adell	109	
4t	Sean Franchi	110	
4t	Rick Williams	110	
6	Dave Balkema	114	
7	Doug Russell	116	
8	Roy Doar	125	
9	Mitch Hinard	132	
MEN'S ADVANCED			
1	Joe Franchi	119	
2	Sean Roberts	120	
3	Dan Oullette	121	
4	Andrew Helleck	124	
5	Paul Franchi	125	
6	Jerrel Davis	126	
7	Rich Schalch	129	
8	Harry Stefanides	130	
9t	Steve Kennedy	131	
9t	Tim Kelleker	131	
11	Paul Plourde	134	
12	Steve Correa	135	
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14	David Po	139	
15	Dwight Doherty	142	
16t	P.J. Gruen	143	
16t	Matt Frye	143	
16t	Doug Holt	143	
19	Mike Cronin	146	
20	Eric Labbatte	152	
21t	Chris Franchi	?	
21t	Peter Schalch	?	
21t	David Fernandez	?	

Amesbury 97 Results continued

MEN'S NOVICE	
1	Rich Parcelli 111
2	Ken Blackadar 112
3	Tim Cohn 113
4	Andy Dryver 147
WOMEN	
1	Jen Jensen 136
WOMEN'S NOVICE	
1	Kathy Richardson 139
2t	Linda Porcelli 165
2t	Nicole Whaler 165
JUNIORS	
1	Rachel Franchi 153
2t	Kathy 171
2t	Nolan 171
4	Elizabeth 181
5	Sarah 196

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*Buzzys Creek or Warwick NY (Proposed course — call for details)
Dan Doyle (914) 477 0001 for info
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*Mt Kisco NY
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Cranbury Park Course Update

by Adam Fasciolo

The plans for a Disc Golf course at Cranbury Park in Norwalk, CT have hit a new snag in October but are by no means dead. The Parks & Recreation Dept. now stands firmly behind the idea of putting in an 18 hole course with Mach III poleholes. This is a giant step forward from where we stood just last year at this time. The stumbling block can be described and summed up in one succinct word that says it all ... "politics".

The story goes like this. The Parks & Rec Dept. in Norwalk has to have any money appropriations and any permanent changes to a park approved by the common council which is made up of the Board of Governors. This board has committees who meet periodically and discuss topics being presented to the board and pre approve or reject them. Now, for the purpose of this story, let's get it completely clear that these are people who know NOTHING about the sport of Disc Golf. However, during the last committee meeting they did pre-approve the idea of putting in a course.

The snag came when they set the agenda for the Board of Governors meeting and did not include it for a vote. This means that it cannot even be considered again for a vote until at least January.

That's the bad news. The good news is that since the appropriations committee has pre-approved the idea, it should be only a formality for board approval. But, (more "politics") we now have the issue that there is an election between the two meetings and the possibility of new council members and new committee members. For this reason I have put together a local petition to try and drive the idea home. For this reason too, I have

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lost some hair and nearly gained an ulcer in my attempt to work with (read fight) City Hall.

What does all this mean to NEFA members you might be asking yourself? Well, two things. If the course goes in, it means that we will all have a new Mach III course in CT and New England to play disc golf on. It also means that we have a cause to support until the above happens. Now, by supporting the cause what I am really suggesting is this. If you haven't already committed yourself physically and spiritually to playing another course on The Worlds' Biggest Disc Golf Weekend, please now consider playing Cranbury Park. There will be 18 temporary poleholes there for the event. What I'd like to do is hedge the bets on city hall and show them that there is no reason to deny the city of a course.

In the meantime, we have our fingers crossed that the January meeting will be the cake walk that we thought the November meeting was going to be. Also, we are fine tuning the pole placements so that we will be ready when pole hole planting season comes. And, if anyone is interested in playing the object course now as it is, you are more than welcomed (in fact you are encouraged) to do so. There is an informal pick-up group that plays every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.¶

Bill Mikuliewicz Strikes Again!

The Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association (CRPA) will be having its annual trade show on November 18, 1997. NEFA member Bill Mikuliewicz (who is also a member of the CRPA) will be there for the 2nd year in a row with a display promoting the sport of Disc Golf. The trade show will be at the Hastings Hotel and Conference Center on Sigourney St. In Hartford, CT and will go from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Any NEFA members wishing to attend and help Bill man his promo booth are welcome and should contact Bill at (860) 848-7595 to find a good time to help out.

EARLY FRISBEE HISTORY: Flying Discs Revisited

By David H. Oberlander

Real flying saucers were seen and caught by many among the green rolling hills of New England about the same time that alien spaceships were reportedly spotted in the skies of New Mexico in 1947. While UFOs were responsible for the recent hoopla surrounding the 50th anniversary of the reported mysterious crashes of aliens from outer space, I can attest to flying discs of another dimension soaring above the campus lawns of two schools I attended in the Northeast in the late 1940s and early 50s. Frisbee — today still a hugely popular plastic disc game — was actually introduced in the late 50s, but some ten years earlier kids in New England were playing a similar disc-tossing game with names like "frizby" and "frisbie." We used round metal covers called cookie-tin lids from pastry containers, which are still available today as gift boxes at Christmastime or potato chip lids.

Even earlier, maybe, but certainly a decade before the first plastic Frisbee® was introduced by the Wham-O Company, circular metal lids with half-inch deep edges were tossed — or "scaled" — between two or more players. Astonishingly, some older eyewitnesses gave credit to students at Yale as early as 1920 seen "frisbie-ing" with empty pie plates from the nearby Frisbie Pie Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut. I certainly know about early "frisbie" and flying disc history because I frequently played a saucer game with classmates on New Hampshire campuses and soon mastered the art of scaling the sharp-edged cookie tin lids salvaged from their colorful containers. My hands and fingers still bear some scars from tossing and grasping the spinning lids with dented and torn edges. As a student at Dartmouth, I helped introduce the game to other fraternity members, and we soon developed formal rules of play and the gentlemanly conduct required. In late 1954 we staged a historical match recently recognized by some Frisbee authorities as the first documented "world frizby championship".

Quoting from the story in *The Shield*, the national magazine of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity: "The First Annual International Frizby Championship Match was won on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 1954, by the Blossom Brother's Five ... in the now famous Ommie-Deut Open-Air Frizby Pit ... defeating the less experienced Tweedy Free-Throwers from Montreal, Canada by a stunning 21-16 score." The original spelling of "frizby" in my published story was purely accidental. Several years later in May 1959, Wham-O registered the name Frisbee®, a close derivative of the original bakery named Frisbie. After that the name stuck for good. The toy company had produced earlier and less successful models including the Pluto Platter, Sailing Satellite, and Sputnik, sold mainly at county fairs in the northern Midwest.

An inventor named Fred Morrison is generally credited with the first crude molded plastic disc made in 1948 with help from Warren Francioni, who is rarely mentioned in disc history. Morrison barely edged out Ernest (Bill) Robes of Meriden, NH with the first plastic disc. Robes' mold, shaped like the cookie-tin lid, failed to produce an

acceptable flying model. Incidentally, Robes was my prep school ski team coach in 49-51 and he later hired me as a ski instructor for the Dartmouth recreational program after my competitive days ended in injury.

Frisbee — frizby or frisbie — historians and researchers have largely been unaware of our historical match in 1954 until recently. Indeed, Escabana in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is generally recognized as the site of the first Invitational Frisbee Tournament ("IFT"), held in 1958, hosted by the Healy family, who used a Wham-O plastic disc during a summer picnic, a year before Frisbee® was actually produced. Most important, today some officials in regional Frisbee organizations now believe that the Frizby we played in Hanover is actually the first documented international disc tourney which involved two teams of five players each, comprised of Theta Deltas and our Canadian college guests in town for a rugby match at Dartmouth.

Frisbee, of course, has continued to grow in popularity and today is much more than a plastic toy or a youngster's temporary amusement. It's now a global phenomenon, expanding from California to Taiwan to Sweden, with new designs and serious team and individual competitions in versions called *Guts*, *Ultimate*, *Extreme Frisbee* and *Disc Golf*. Frisbee is contested at all levels ranging from informal play to highly organized competitions around the globe involving thousands of active enthusiasts in specific age groups ranging from Masters (over 35) and even Grandmasters (45 plus). In fact, there is a category for "Legends" for those of us now over 65!

Individual event stars have developed inspiring trick routines featuring speed, distance and accuracy and special performances employing disc-snatching canines. Events have been played before huge crowds of 50,000 and more in stadiums like the Rose Bowl. Active Frisbee team members play at numerous local and regional tournaments and vie for nomination to national teams selected from the finest players who meet biennially for the so-called "World Frisbee Championship" title — sponsored by World Flying Disc Federation. Most recently this tourney was held in Sweden (1996) while Minnesota will host it in 98. Frisbee even has its own Hall of Fame established at Lake Linden, Houghton County, Michigan near the site of the Healy brothers' first Invitational tournament, later named the International or "IFT".

As my original story (1954) says, "Frizby can be enjoyed in any social group, any age, any weather. Providing hours of enjoyment for players and spectators alike, most often in a humorous vein with players required to wear coats and ties, Frizby is reaching international publics as well as local."

Fact or fantasy, the flying disc saga of Frisbee (frisbie or frizby) has enjoyed an odyssey of gamesmanship that promises to continue a most pleasurable journey of fun and frolic for another 50 years.

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Airmail

Mr. Rick Williams
New England Flying Disc Association

September 25, 1997

Dear Rick,

On behalf of the 345 disc athletes who competed in the 1997 PDGA Disc Golf World Championships (The Worlds), I would like to thank you for NEFA's **\$100 Tee Sign sponsorship.**

The 1997 World Champions are:

Ken Climo-Open	Elaine King-Women
Stan McDaniel-Master	Sheila Jackson- Women Master
Dr. Rick Voakes- Grand Master	Patti Kunkle- Women Grand Master
Jim Palmeri-Senior Grand Master	Ralph Williamson-Legend

These champions and all the other competitors seemed to genuinely enjoy this year's event. The constant refrain from all involved was-"This is the best Worlds ever." With your financial help, we were able to introduce a number of "firsts" this year, including pre-arrival tee assignments, a Worlds Web site, nightly postings of scores on the Internet, and a Champions Dinner. The tournament also set several records including greatest number of competitors (345) and highest total payout for a disc golf event (\$51,000+). The success of this year's Worlds reflects well on NEFA and all the other sponsors involved.

Once again, thanks for your support in elevating the sport of Disc Golf to a new level.

Sincerely,

Harold Duvall

97 Disc Golf World Championships
P.O. Drawer 4979
Rock Hill, SC 29732

Airmail

Hi there NEFA friends,

On July 19, 1997 I attended the "Shoot Out at the Caped Cod Corral" event directed by Dan Desch. Not only was the weather perfect, the turnout was wonderful too. We had people down from Maine and Vermont!

The day started off with one round of golf with a shotgun start. Threesomes were randomly selected. This is always a great way to meet new people.

Once the totals from the first round were tallied, we grouped again by threes for the second round.

At the end of the day, the top 19 place scores for the Men's division were posted. They ALL teed off from the first tee. The person with the most points was eliminated. If there was a tie, there was a "closest to the pin" shoot out. The one furthest away was eliminated. The remaining 18 moved on to the next hole and shot again. Repeating the elimination process until the final two men got to the 18th hole. They then shot and whoever got the best score on that hole won the prize money.

There was also a Women's and Novice/Junior division. The same shoot out was held for them. Prize money was awarded in each category.

What was so impressive and made things run so smoothly was an ingenious system Nancy Donnelly-Malakhoff sort of "borrowed" from an event she had attended earlier in the year. (Editor's note: the system is a leader/score board) Which made lining up the teams and passing out the score cards such a breeze. She, of course, fine tuned the system into a most impressive, easy to follow, method. Complete with clipboards to hold the scorecards with a little attachment to hold the pencil. I have enclosed a picture of this system. You may want to print it in the next NEFA newsletter. Anyone can do it. Judging by a few of the tournaments I have attended recently, some people should consider it.

Find a bi-fold slatted door. Stain every four to six slats. This helps indicate the different teams. Skip a few between each four to six stained slats (this will separate your groups nicely). She used different colored cards to designate who was in what category (Men's, Novice, etc.) She also attached a board to the back of the doors to hold the clip board in place behind each group's name cards. These clipboards held the score cards and pencils. The picture is pretty self-explanatory. I hope you like it.

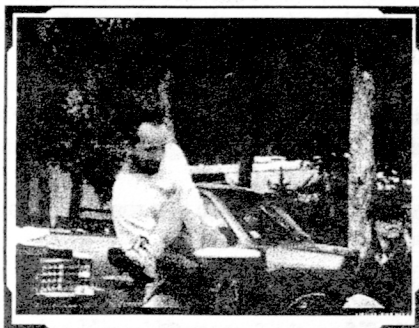
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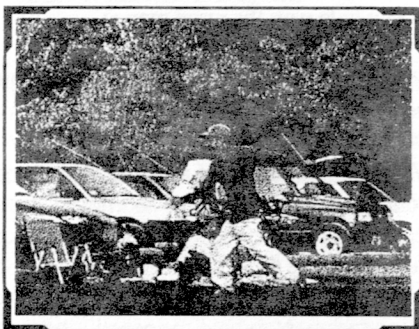
Rick Williams & Alan Caplin



Toddy Brodeur



Jason Southwick



Gordy Adell



Eddie Cohn



Johnson, Hartwell & Tree

In the Shadow of the PDGA

The Rules of the Game

By Kelley O. Southwick

Lately the rules of disc golf are a hot topic in NEFA circles. This discussion and scrutiny of the rules include such burning issues as: What rules should we use? When? Why? How?

Whether we decide to adopt PDGA Rules or to continue to use the modified hodge-podge currently semi in force, the big question in New England remains the same — when and to what extent should we *strictly* adhere to a written set of rules, regardless of setting, seriousness and mood of the round?

I believe we should use the PDGA rules for disc golf. We already have several PDGA officials amongst us who can help us with the “tough” transition (Mark Mudgett and Roy Doar to name two). It seems a simple issue. After all, most of us *rarely* feel the need to refer to rules or an official as we play a round. And sometimes mistakes made are simply honest mistakes, without any intention to gain some kind of advantage. Most of us never consciously or willingly “break” the rules in order to improve our scores. But, on closer analysis, watch the foot faults, falling putts, and foot placement in your next round. These “little” infractions are still *against* the rules. And the players committing the foot faults or other small violations are gaining an advantage, albeit unintentionally. Did you know, for example, that your foot may not touch your marker disc when you throw?

The rules are not meant to be cruel — they are there to give us *all* an equal playing ground. People tend to take rule enforcement against them personally, but it is no different than putting into a tough target (like a milk crate) — the same challenge exists for everyone. Sure, the game we love is not meant to be a rule-ridden one. However there are seemingly endless situations that arise where knowledge of the rules helps us to play a cleaner, fairer round. We all should know when to take a penalty stroke. Knowing how to play an out-of-bounds shot or a disc in casual water or high up in a tree should be *mandatory* knowledge for anyone but the most novice of players. Courtesy violations abound and should not be so prevalent. Un-signed, unchecked scorecards and scorecards not handed in are fairly common here in New England. Cigarette butts and other litter are still tossed onto the ground.

Most of the rules are fairly simple and practical. And it's always better to ask than to assume if you're not sure about a rule. The rules are designed for everyone — not just the “top” players. It should be your responsibility to know them *before* you play. The rules are easily accessible from the PDGA or on the Web (PDGA.com) or by calling an officer to send you a copy. Ignorance has never been a valid excuse in our country. Know your sport! Ø

Very Important Announcement

Hear Ye, Hear Ye. Annual Dues Increase: NEFA Memberships will now cost \$15 per year as of January 1, 1997. Renew now for only \$10. After January 1, 1998, the cost will be \$15 per year. Pay your membership dues for the next decade!

Testimonial from Rick Williams: "Only \$10 per year! Wow! What A Deal! Sign me up for 10 years! Here's my check for \$100."

This is your last chance to renew at \$10! Check your mailing label. If it says 1997, it's time to renew! Renew for as many years in advance as you want! Send NEFA membership form in this issue with your check/money order made payable to NEFA.

NEFA Grant Winners Announced!

I am happy to announce the following winners of the first ever NEFA grants. We look forward to seeing the improvements and developments at their courses!

Grant #1: Brent Sanderson was awarded a \$100 grant for course development at his "Dun Roamin' Disc Golf Course" in Sutton, MA.

Grant #2: Harry Stefanides was awarded a \$100 grant for course improvement at the public disc golf course located in Princeton, MA. (*stay tuned for Harry's next tournament on New Years Day)

Grant #3: Sean Franchi was awarded a \$100 grant for course development and improvements at the Amesbury Pines Disc Golf Course, Amesbury, MA.

Thank you all for your applications. We look forward to more applicants and more grants in 1998!

Kelley O. Southwick

NEFA Around the World

by Rick Williams

New England has its share of disc tournaments, but the summer of 1997 had some major disc events which drew NEFA members literally around the world. Starting in Seattle in mid July with Discapalooza, the Northwestern Freestyle Championships. The tournament was well attended by hot freestylers, and flip cards were used by the judges so that spectators could see immediate results. Playing with different partners, Rick Williams and Steve Scannell entered the Open Division. Winds were tough and Rick and Steve finished in the prelim pool at 6th and 7th.

Next, up the road into Canada for the Masters World Flying Disc Championships in beautiful Vancouver. This overall tournament was hosted by NEFA last year. Steve Scannell, resting all week while the other events took place, shredded to first place in freestyle in the Grand Masters division. Last year Steve took first with partner Doug Korn. This year he teamed up with Mike Esterbrook and Steve Hayes to take the title. Rick Williams took 3rd in DDC, 4th in freestyle, and 10th overall. After the Masters tournament, the World Ultimate Championships took place in Vancouver. Teams from Boston and New England were represented, including the NEFA disc golfers Stu and Susan Farquharson.

The premier event of the summer, and perhaps the decade, was the WFDF World Overall Flying Disc Championships in Finland. Making the long trip from NEFA-land were Alan Caplin, Petri Isola, and Rick Williams. Two days before the worlds, Rick played in the two-day 13th Annual International Seppo Nieminen Finnish Flying Disc Golf Classic held in Helsinki and on an island complete with fortress to play on. He didn't place last. For the worlds, the competitors were taken by train and bus to a sports resort four hours north of Helsinki. The tournament even had opening ceremonies, complete with speeches, flags being raised for the nine countries represented, and a performance of traditional Finnish folk dancing. The tournament was well staffed with high school students who received credit for their work. The sports resort looked like a beautiful rural college campus with woods, fields, and a lake. Players stayed in dorms. The food in the cafeteria was awesome. A permanent disc golf course at the resort was lengthened for the tournament. The first three days of the tournament were held at this great resort facility. On day four, players were bussed to fields in a town about an hour away. On day five, sports fields in Helsinki were used for the semifinals. On the last day of the tournament, the finals were held in a popular park in Helsinki. Large crowds enjoyed the finals of golf, discathlon, DDC, and freestyle. Petri brought home the silver medal in freestyle playing with Visa Ruuhinen and Jan Ekman. Alan and Rick teamed up with Thomas Finborud of Norway to take ninth in freestyle.

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After the WFDF Worlds some of the players went to Lahti, Finland to demonstrate freestyle at the World games. Freestyle was performed at The World Games Village located in a park at the center of town. Disc golf was also played in a remote location on the edge of town. Players from Finland, Japan, and the United States gave the locals a taste of disc sports. Japan will host the World Games in the year 2001. Flying Disc Sports will be an official event. The Japanese team stated that room and board will be free for the flying disc players.

Disc Golf showed extreme popularity when a record 345 competitors vied for honor and cash in the PDGA World Disc Golf Championships, held in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Rock Hill, South Carolina, the second week of August. Steve Hartwell, NEFA's lone competitor, entered the Master's Division and won neither, finishing near the bottom of the pack. However, the 4 disc golf courses were world class, the tournament organization was top notch, the camaraderie was tremendous, and the final round competition featured a huge gallery. Steve highly recommends the PDGA Worlds for a chance to experience disc golf at its highest level; next year's event is in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The last stop on this world tour is Washington DC for the National Frisbee® Festival on Sunday of Labor Day weekend. The first national festival was held in 1977 and every year thereafter until 1991. After a five year absence the festival is back in full swing with players demonstrating and teaching the public about disc sports. This year Alan Caplin, Jeff O'Brien, and Rick Williams were the NEFA reps. Jeff performed MTA, distance, DDC, and freestyle for the large crowds, and got his picture on the front page of the Washington Times newspaper. □



NEFA players Rick Williams, Petri Isola, and Alan Caplin, with tournament director Seppo Nieminen just off the train en route to the WFDF World Championships in Finland.

1997 NEW ENGLAND OVERALL FLYING DISC CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 27-28, 1997, Normandy Farms Campground, Foxboro, MA

by Kelley O. Southwick

I'm not quite sure where or how to begin this article. The vast feeling of relief that the tournament, an event of now epic proportions in my mind, is now over needs to be supplanted with a new feeling — a wrap up, a historical perspective. I've barely spoken to Tom Whiffen since the tournament and haven't attended any NEFA events since. Sort of like the war veterans who bond intensely during their tours of duty, never to see each other again once returned home. Nothing quite that extreme will happen to me, however, since next weekend we're hosting the NEFA fund raiser doubles tournament and I'll go back into NEFA mode.

At any rate, the two-day New England Overall Flying Disc Championships, co-hosted by Tom Whiffen and Kelley O. Southwick, with a huge number of people cast in supporting roles, was a big, resounding, satisfyingly thank-you-very-much success. We were able to pull off all seven events in two days, although we ran out of daylight both days, much to the consternation of those running the discathon and MTA finals. We were also able to offer a really neat players package (Voyager golf disc, mini, cookies, combs, coupons, long sleeve T-shirt, PDGA rule book, Zantax, etc.), three pretty decent meals (if I don't say so myself) and some great competition and camaraderie. Tom didn't play much so he could tape the spectacle, and neither one of us got a lot of sleep, but Sunday evening, giving out awards in the lamplight while Rick scanned his laptop for results with a flashlight, we felt pretty good about the whole thing, and those last brave souls remaining reinforced that warm, fuzzy feeling of a job well done, time well spent, friends well met.

The legions of thanks-you's is almost as daunting as writing out the thank you notes after our wedding. I hope I don't forget anyone, but ask forbearance if I do. The memories are fading and I didn't take notes. Mark Mudgett, David Cronin, Scott Pyle, Jason, and Roy Doar were instrumental in getting the disc golf course in shape, with three sets of tees and lots of clear markings and flags. Ginny Filuminia and Helmut Traichel did a lot off chopping and slicing and running to the market to help me prepare the meals. Tammy Melish and her family did much to help Tom put together the players packages in assembly-line like fashion late into Friday night. Rick Williams helped where help was needed, and tabulated the results — you know, the Statman thing. Every time I turned around, Gordy Adell and Dan Desch were helping me or somebody else run something. Jason too. Nothing much would have happened without Mark Mudgett — amazing in his competence and generosity. Many of us camped at the Safari site both Friday and Saturday nights, and shared our supplies, provisions, and equipment. On to the events:

1. Accuracy: run by Jason Southwick

We had four accuracy targets set up in the field, 39 people competed. In an exciting finish, Dave Johnson and Mark Ide tied at 31 total and had to go into sudden death accuracy. DJ edged out Mark for the win at the second station.

New Englands

2. Discathon: run by Mark Mudgett

Mark set up a well-marked, interesting discathon course around the trees, backstop and 16th hole, including a hula hoop and accuracy tests. Unfortunately, we ran out of daylight and some people were running rather blind in the night. Finals were held Sunday morning, with Jason Southwick and Mark Ide running neck and neck, Southwick winning by 10 seconds.

3. Disc Golf: run by Roy, Tom, Kelley et al

At 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, I handed out the last players package (#70) and closed registration. It was a huge field. After two rounds to play, the top third finishers would compete on Sunday morning. At the end of the day, 13 Open players would go on, 7 Men's Advanced, 3 Men's Novice, and 4 Women would tee off one by one on hole 1, playing a selection of 9 holes. Pete Anderson battled Jim O'Hara and rolled his drive on hole 15 for a birdie to finish two strokes ahead. Jason Southwick sunk a 50 ft birdie to tie for second with Jim O'Hara and Dan Desch. Scott Pyle grabbed the Men's Advanced crown, and Chrissy Malkames and I went into sudden death for three holes before I sank the putt to end the agony.

4. Distance: run by Tom Whiffen

In an erratic, ever-shifting, sometimes blustery wind (better to drown out all the wind-is-shifting complaints of the competitors) on a sunny Sunday afternoon, DJ just barely made the finals, but in the end repeats his victory of the year before. Michael Dussault had the day's longest throw: 399'6"!

5. Double Disc Court: run by Greg Black

If we could ever manage to get the DDC courts set up in a timely fashion, this event might not be such a colossal headache to run. At least those who participate absolutely love the game. This year J.C. Cohn and Todd Brodeur took DDC.

6. Freestyle: run by Bill MacWilliams and Chris DePaola, music by Mark Mudgett

Emceed by an easygoing Chris DePaola, the event was won by Paul Kenny and Steve Scannell, who came just for the freestyle competition. Newcomer Scott Sailor impressed as the new kid in town. (Can you believe this guy has been playing less than a year!)

7. MTA: run by T.M. Dyer and Bob DeCosta and several people holding stopwatches

Rounding out two days of great competition, MTA competitors did not let up. In the twilight sky, many great catches were made. Mark Ide took the Maximum Time Aloft finals with a 10:28. Best time of the day — Jason Southwick: 10:38, not including a Mark Ide drop over 11 seconds.

Overall winners: Jason and Kelley O. Southwick.

P.S. I'd like to work on getting those camping fees reduced or eliminated for next year (I know some people took a double hit on entrance \$\$.)

Mass States Story

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FLYING DISC CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 16, 1997

Borderland State Park, Easton, MA

Tournament Director Greg Black

by Kelley O. Southwick

It was a beautiful summer day for an outdoor wedding. It was also a nice day for a disc tournament. Borderlands was host to both this past August 16 as disc golfers and wedding goers shared the facilities of an ever beautiful state park. With music in the air, about 59 of us participated in disc golf, double disc court and controlled pace discathon. There were only two divisions offered — Men's or Women's Open, Men's or Women's Novice (a few juniors also played) This was a hotly debated topic as the Men's Open field had 42 players! After two rounds of golf, Jason Southwick, Dave Johnson and Tom Whiffen finished 1, 2, and 3.

Double Disc Court was won by partners Greg Black and Mark Ide, who just snuck by Todd Brodeur and Chris DePaola to take the MA State DDC title for the year. A controlled pace discathon course was set up in the park. This event looks like complete chaos. Participants throw every thirty seconds, thus "controlling" the pace as they advance through the course. Despite these constraints, Jason Southwick won, followed by Mark Ide and Roy Doar. After the competition, most of us convened under the wedding tent nicely left for our use (some of us went to the wrong building and missed the ceremony), and ate pizza while Greg entertained us with his awards ceremony and the tent guy dismantled around us. Overall winners for the day: Men: Jason Southwick, Women: Kelley O. Southwick

Massachusetts State Results

#	OVERALL	Golf	DDC	Discathon	Total
1.	Jason Southwick	1	7.5	1	9.5
2.	Tom Whiffen	3	5.5	4	12.5
3.	Mark Ide	11.5	1.5	2	15
4.	Todd Brodeur	6	3.5	6	15.5
5.	Dave Johnson	2	5.5	11	18.5
6.	Kraig Steffen	6	9.5	5	20.5
7.	Brent Sanderson	8.5	7.5	9	25
8.	Bill Newman	10	9.5	12	31.5

#	Controlled Pace Discathon	Time
1	Jason Southwick	11:10
2	Mark Ide	12:09
3	Roy Doar	12:22
4	Tom Whiffen	13:01
5	Kraig Steffen	13:04
6	Todd Brodeur	13:10
7	Greg Black	13:36
8	Tom Southwick	14:10
9	Brent Sanderson	14:35
10	Peter Anderson	15:06
11	Dave Johnson	15:10
12	Bill Newman	15:36
13	Mark Bonner	18:09
14	Mark Mudgett	21:32
15	Kelley O. Southwick	21:49
16	Dan Griffith	22:02

PLACE	OPEN GOLF	SCORE
1	Jason Southwick	51-52-103
2	Dave Johnson	53-52-105
3	Tom Whiffen	53-53-106
4	Tom Southwick	53-54-107
5T	Todd Brodeur	56-53-109
5T	Peter Anderson	58-51-109
5T	Kraig Steffen	57-52-109
8T	Brent Sanderson	54-56-110
8T	Dan Griffith	54-56-110
10	Bill Newman	56-55-111
11T	Dan Deuch	56-56-112
11T	Mark Ide	54-58-112
13	Jay Filaminia	58-55-113
14T	Bob Belmore	56-58-114
14T	Brock Pitzer	57-57-114
16	Gordy Adell	59-56-115
17	Doug Harmon	58-58-116
18T	Scooter	57-60-117
18T	Bob DeCosta	60-57-117
18T	John Alfonso	60-57-117
21T	David Cronin	54-64-118
21T	Roy Doar	62-56-118
23	Adam Fasciola	59-60-119
24T	John Pizzi	60-60-120
24T	Todd Camuel	57-63-120
24T	Dan Mullaly	61-59-120
27T	Greg Black	60-61-121
27T	Ken Miller	63-58-121
29T	Tim Walsh	58-64-122
29T	Jeb Monk	57-65-122
31	Mark Bonner	63-60-123
32	Dan Ouellet	60-67-127
33	Dale Fuller	60-67-127
34	Paul Plourde	67-64-131
35	J.L. Cormier	57-76-133
36T	Harry Stefanides	64-70-134
36T	Roy Weatherbee	68-66-134
36T	John Rushlow	69-65-134
39	Mark Mudgett	67-70-137
WOMEN		
1	Kelley O. Southwick	70-64-134
2	Joan Matteuzzi	70-72-142
MEN'S NOVICE		
1	Tom Richardson	63-63-126
2	Steven Kennedy	72-65-137
3	Seth Kerr	68-71-139
4	John Caffone	73-69-142
5	Scott Rogers	75-78-153
WOMEN'S NOVICE		
1	Karen Plourde	78-80-158
2	Eileen Koehler	88-86-174
3	Kathy Richardson	90-89-179
DNF	Ann Fry	86-
DNF	Pauline Ghyon	88-
JUNIORS		
1	John Alfonso	64-65-129
DNF	Tyler Doar	83-
DNF	John Griffith	85-

President's Hole

Hi Everyone,

The season's coming to a close. It has been such a great learning year for me. I have met so many new friends and welcomed many of them into the NEFA family. We have seen, far and away, the best turnouts at tournaments in the history of our organization. We continue to have incredible growth in spite of ourselves... basically because we are a group of dedicated individuals who are striving to spread the fun and competition of disc sports to our friends and others. This is why we have been so successful.

Are we on the right track? I think we are. It is a long, arduous process of introducing disc sports to everyone in New England. But more and more I run into people who have at least heard about what we do during our weekends. Keep up the good work of telling others and getting them out to play!

We have decided to raise the membership fees from \$10 to \$15 for the 1998 year. This is not done to squeeze the membership just to increase our capital but rather to eventually get away from making the tournament directors pay for NEFA's services which would include advertisement of the tourney in the NEFA News and mailing labels of all current members. Tournament directors are the heart and soul of NEFA and should be rewarded for their tremendous efforts.

We are also working to create a traveling pole hole set. This would give new courses a head start in creating local support from players and town officials. Any ideas on how to fund this project or interest in the set please let us know.

I want to thank everyone who helped Kelley and me at the New England Championships. We couldn't have done it without you.

If you haven't been there yet don't miss the NEFA home page, the NEFA schedule, and Doug Russell's hot NE disc golf discussion thread.

I look forward to another great year!

Tom

1997 Maine State Disc Golf Championships

Beaverbrook Campground, N. Monmouth, ME.

By Greg Hinkley

I would like to announce that the 1998 Maine State Disc Golf Championship will not be a money event. Prizes only will be awarded. Money has brought an element that we do not need our juniors and new players exposed to. The unsportsmanlike conduct of a few players witnessed at the 1997 tournament truly made me sick. I do not want to be associated with anything like this again.

I admit everything did not go as planned. For this I take full responsibility. But remember I do this at a loss of money. I do this to enjoy playing with all of you. Next time you have a problem, take me aside after to talk about it. Don't complain openly while others are receiving their awards. They deserve your respect and so do I.

The prizes planned for 1998 include a pole hole to the Open winner, and mini poleholes and discs to the other divisions. Hopefully this will eliminate past problems and make it a more enjoyable event for everyone. After all, fun is why I started doing this in the first place. I definitely do not do this for financial gain or because I like to tick people off (though I do a good job of this).

If anyone would like to help me in 1998, please give me a call. I could definitely use the help. Disc golf in Maine has come a long way in the past few years. I want to help this growth with better run events that promise fun and competition.

I am proud to be associated with the K.D.G.A and NEFA. I am also proud of the growth I have seen and hope that together we can nurture the seed that was planted in 1995.

To those of you who helped with the scoring a HUGE THANK YOU! I could not have done it without you. You are what our organization is all about. Gordy Adell, Kelley O. Southwick and Tom Whiffen held it together for me by tabulating all of the final results. Another special thank you to John Cyr for overseeing the Juniors all day long. I hope you and Corey come back for years to come. People like you are what we need and strive for to help the growth of our sport.

If any of you have suggestions or ideas that would make for a better tournament, please call me. I am open to all ideas. Please come to Beaverbrook in 1998. It will be a better run and more enjoyable event. ☼

Maine State Disc Golf Championships

#	Player	1 st	2nd	3rd	Total	Payout
OPEN						
1	Jim O'Hara	47	44	44	135*	\$100
2	Jason Southwick	44	47	45	136	\$50
3	Tom Brown	47	46	45	138	\$30
4	Rick Williams	45	47	48	140	\$20
5	Bob Enman	43**	49	50	142	
6	Doug Russell	48	48	47	143	
7t	Glen Morin	50	48	48	146	
7t	Todd Brodeur	45	52	49	146	
9t	Tom Whiffen	53	48	46	147	
9t	Jake Jacobs	49	53	45	147	
11	Mike Pratt	53	43**	52	148	
12t	Richard Stanley	51	51	47	149	
12t	Brian Schoff	47	50	52	149	
14	Rick Burns	51	48	52	151	
15t	Brock Pitzer	53	53	46	152	
15t	Roy Doar	53	47	52	152	
17t	Jack Downs***	52	54	47	153	
17t	Gordy Adell	52	53	48	153	
19	Chris Blanchette	51	50	54	155	
20t	Rick McGibney	49	54	53	156	
20t	Greg Hinkley	53	50	53	156	
22	Dave White	52	49	56	157	
23	Daryl Cormier	54	55	61	170	
24	Brian Badershall	54	54	108	216	
*Tournament record **Ties course record ***Closest to the pin, hole 3						
MEN'S ADVANCED						
1	Tom Dostre	43**	49	53	145	\$50
2	Scott Morin	51	46	52	149	\$30
3	Clint Heenie	50	51	52	153	\$20
4	Dave Philbrick	51	51	52	154	
5	Ed Giroux	59	48	51	158	
6t	Jamie Ritchie	54	53	52	159	
6t	Kevin Norcross	54	51	54	159	
6t	Rob Coffy	52	51	56	159	
9	Jerry Dostie	55	54	51	160	
10	Phil Descharmes	54	54	54	162	
11	Paul Plourde	52	55	56	163	

Maine State Disc Golf Championships

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MEN'S ADVANCED continued...						
12t	Mark Bonner	53	54	57	164	
12t	Dan Ouellette	52	57	55	164	
12t	David Cronin	53	52	59	164	
15	John Damren	56	58	54	168	
16	Harry Stefanides	61	55	58	175	
17	Mark Mudgett	57	58	60	175	
18	Jason Burill	58	58	60	176	
19	Nate Lantz	58	61	60	179	
20	Pete Burns	60	65	92	217	

WOMEN

1	Kate Cason	55	58	54	167	
2	Kelley O. Southwick	59	64	60	183	

MEN'S NOVICE

1	Bob Leach	57	55	55	167	
2	Kyle Enman	54	59	61	174	
3	Richard Leach	59	61	61	181	
4	John Dehart	59	63	61	183	

JUNIORS

1	Corey Cyr	53	54	46*	153	
2	Tyler Doar	63	60	65	188	
3	Alex Russell	68	64	68	200	

*Junior course record

SUNDAY'S VINTAGE PLASTIC ROUND

#	Player	Score	Payout
1	Greg Hinkley	50	\$30
2	Jason Southwick	51	\$10
3	Scott Morin	55	
4	Harry Stefanides	59	
5	Terry Gregor	62	
6	Rick Burns	63	
7	Mark Gagnon	71	
8	Kelley O. Southwick	73	
9	Mark Mudgett	75	
10	Joey Gagnon	83	
11	Pete Burns	89	

How a Course Was Born

by Sean Franchi

In the olden days we couldn't wait to toss that 165 World Class, or for those lucky enough to have one, a 133 moonlighter. Naturally we had to wait until the temp was above 50 or those fine lids would crack. Woe to him who left his Wham-O in the trunk overnight. At that time there were two courses, one in Amesbury and the Executive course in Newburyport. Targets ranged from trees and benches to statues and wishing wells. Tunnel holes were revered. A 350-foot par 5 was not uncommon. The fateful day came when we were challenged by a duo carrying hard plastic. Oh how we marveled at the distance they could get out of a disc! Look at the speed! Look at the glide! Still there was resistance to change. Those golf discs were so small one often missed hitting the tree, where a larger Frisbee would have nicked it for the par. These new discs confounded us! No matter how hard we threw them they always went hard left! Slowly we came to understand their wondrous qualities. Alas we outgrew the Executive course. No longer could the Amesbury layout be rampant with criss-crossing holes. For the first time safety became a factor. It was 1995.

Somehow we heard about this Frozen Fruits Tournament. We attended and were humbled. We felt it aptly named. Joining NEFA, we learned that we could rent the Amazing Pole Holes. Furious planning ensued. We would hold our tournament in October, 1996. Every spare moment was spent designing a course that would challenge, yet fit the park. Moments not spare were used to sell advertising space on discs. September found us in negotiations with the Mayor of our fair city. We were prepared with an 18 hole map and a diagram of 9 holes just in case. He agreed to the 9 holes to start, with admonitions of making sure we laid it out in a manner that allowed for expansion to 18 once town folk got used to this strange new pastime. Tournament days were different. We would be allowed to set up the full 18! Whew, for we had already sent out invites. Roy gave instruction on how to prepare the sacred ground to receive the Pole Holes. As the Tourney drew nearer, weathermen predicted a hurricane to hit. Thankfully it waited until Sunday. Our volunteers met us at the course at 6 a.m. Disc golfers were arriving hither and nither and we hadn't even finished setting up! The Mayor and a council member suddenly appeared. Dear God, The Mayor wanted to give an acceptance speech and throw out the first disc! We nervously eyed the ensuing gathering. They looked, as Doug put it, like a pretty crunchy crowd! Helen schmoozed the city officials. Rich gave them a disc each, at cost. Time stretched to a standstill and then miraculously ticked on as the Mayor announce he had to attend some benevolent function for the society and preservation of the whatchamacallit. Against all odds the event was under way. How the experienced must have laughed at our categories (pro instead of open). The dogleg hole was openly ridiculed. Oh the humility! Oh the humanity!

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