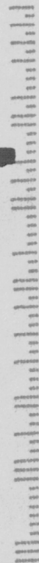




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Ted Oberhaus, current World Pairs Freestyle Champion,
showing how he got a leg up on the competition in 1998

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Lame Duck Hole

By Tom Whiffen

Dear NEFA,

What a great NEFA Fundraiser and auction! I want to thank everyone who came out to raise money for NEFA and the Christopher Reeve Foundation. We raised over \$500 for each cause. It was exactly what I had envisioned at the end of 1996 when I had my end of the year banquet. I think a tradition has now been established which will be around for years to come. Great job Kelley, Jason, Ed Fletcher and Gordy!

Two years ago when I decided to run for President I was very excited about the possibilities this position would afford me. Over the last two years, I realized Tournament Directors and Event Organizers as much run this organization as it officers. I think that's the way it should be. The life of any organization are the people in it, not the people who run it.

I feel we have come a long way from the NEFA of 1996, but there is still so much that can be accomplished. The question is...who should decide the direction of NEFA... the officers or the membership? Our group is unlike this country where elected government officials like a governor, mayor or selectman can make a decision that a little over half the populace agree with and contrary to the other 49%. In NEFA, we're all basically in the same boat going the same direction. Some are in the front directing. Some are in the back steering and others are just along for the ride. I think the main differences crop up when we talk about how fast we should try to get to our destination and whom we should let onto our boat along the way.

I believe my job as President these last couple of years was two-fold. The first priority was to make sure we were headed in the right direction. The second was to encourage everyone to work together to keep moving in that direction. I feel I have done my best to achieve these two goals and look back without regrets. It's hard not to succeed working with such a great group of people. We've all heard it a thousand times, but it's true - NEFA is like a big family. The atmosphere at our tournneys is very close-knit and inviting. We have something very special here and I hope we never lose it.

I would like to thank my Vice President and future NEFA President Kelley O. Southwick. She is an extremely hard worker with deep convictions and a very caring spirit whom I was privileged to have as a running mate. Without her strength and words of encouragement I don't know if I could've made it. Good luck Kelley...I know you will accomplish great things.

I would also like to thank my Administrator Rick Williams for his dedicated service to NEFA and my board. Rick bleeds NEFA blood. When a decision needs to be made, Rick can always be counted on to see through the frills and get to the heart of the matter. Few people could care or give more to an organization than Rick. Keep it up Statman...you're appreciated more than you know.

I would also like to thank the other volunteers: Steve, Mark, Gordy, Doug, Jason and Dave. I've enjoyed working, talking and sometimes fighting with each of you and appreciate the encouragement and constructive criticism you have given me to help me become a better leader.

I look forward to the next year as we enter into a new century. We will have a board consisting of many votes from all over New England. I think this could be a turning point in NEFA. We are 200 strong again and with the leadership in place for the next year, I see nothing but good things down the road. I don't plan on falling out of site but rather to start working again behind the scenes (where many have said my strength is anyway ☺.) I plan on publishing another New England Disc Golf course directory and will try and find a position on the 1999 board.

Thanks again,

Tom

NEFA Membership Report

by Steve Hartwell

NEFA ended 1998 with exactly 201 paid members. This represents a slight decrease over 1997's record 211, but still above 183 in 1996 and 186 in 1995. The Women divisions suffered a disappointing drop from 23 in 1997 to only 14 in 1998. However, our Junior divisions more than doubled, going from 5 in 1997 to 12 this year.

Of the 201 current members, 137 have not yet renewed for 1999. Of those that have renewed for multiple years in advance, Mike Mattioli is tops, being good through the year 2008, followed by Matt Allen, Tom Whiffen and Rick Williams, who have paid through 2007.

NEFA is primarily Massachusetts-based, with 92 members from the Bay State. Connecticut with 30 and Maine with 25 members are the next biggest concentrations. Twelve from Rhode Island, 11 from New Hampshire and seven from Vermont round out New England. Eleven NEFA members are from New York, and the remaining 13 are from other states. Sudbury, Massachusetts, is the town with the claim to the most NEFA members with eight (Hint: six have a last name of Cohn). Three other Massachusetts towns aren't far behind: Amesbury has six NEFA members, while Leicester (Hint: Southwick) and Franklin have five each.

REMEMBER TO RENEW your NEFA membership if your mailing label reads 1998. Otherwise, this will be your last newsletter, and you won't be entitled to receive tournament discounts. Join with NEFA in the cause of promoting flying disc sports in New England in 1999, which should be our biggest and best year yet! ¶

22 Disc Golf Courses in the New England Area

Collected and Revised by Steve Hartwell

Massachusetts

Amesbury, Town Park (13 polehole), Sean Franchi (978) 388-5833
 Charlton, Buffumville Dam, (16 post, 2 polehole), US Army Corps of Engineers (508) 248-5697
 Foxboro, Normandy Farms (18 polehole, pay), Campground (508) 543-7600
 Leicester, Pyramids (18 polehole, private), Jason Southwick (508) 753-0726
 Marstons Mills, Burgess Park (18 Mach III), Lev Malakhoff (508) 771-4619
 Princeton, Goodnow Park (9 polehole, 18 tees), Steve Correa (508) 351-9801
 West Barnstable, Cape Cod Community College (9 Discatcher), Brock Pitzer (508) 428-8759

Connecticut

Fairfield, Fairfield University (9 Mach II), Kraig Steffen (203) 330-0530
 Norwalk, Cranbury Park (18 Mach II), Adam Fasciolo (203) 852-9473
 Woodstock, Roseland Park (18 4x4 post), Dennis Day (860) 963-7690

Rhode Island

Newport, Miantonomi Park (30 object), T.M. Dyer (401) 846-3236

Maine

Brunswick, Enman Field (36 Mach I/II, pay), Bob/Dave Enman (207) 798-5000
 North Monmouth, Beaver Brook Campground (18 Mach I, pay, April-October), Richard Parent (207) 933-2108
 Trenton, Hapana (18 polehole, pay, May-October), Jay Holman (no phone)
 West Gardiner, Great Shot (18 polehole, private), Mike Pratt (207) 588-0252
 Vassalboro, Burnsboro (7 polehole, 36 tees, private), Rick Burns (207) 623-4017

New Hampshire

Center Ossipee, Terrace Pines Campground (18 Mach 1.5, pay, May-October), Mark Wright (603) 539-6201
 Durham, Hickory Pond (18 Mach IV, pay), Roy Doar (603) 778-1702

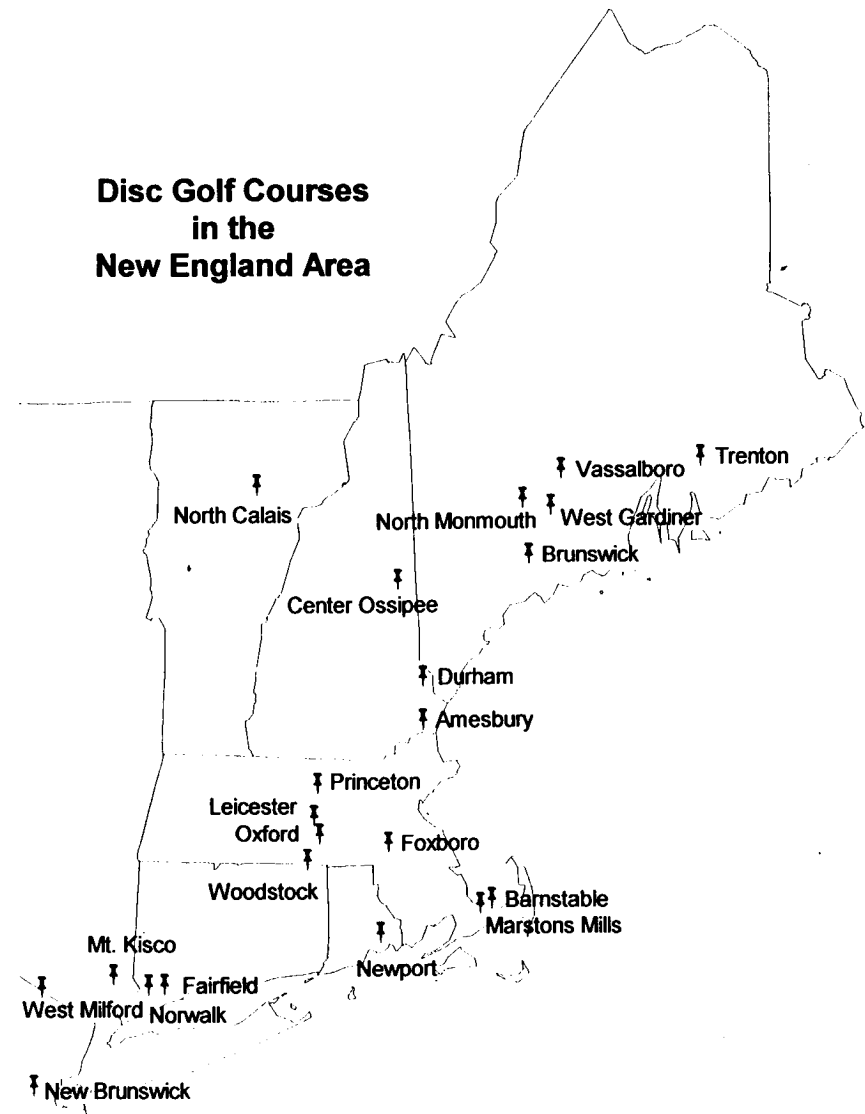
Vermont

North Calais, North Calais (18 polehole, private), Paul Olander (802) 456-7465

New York / New Jersey

West Milford, Buzzy's Creek (18 Mach III), Dan Doyle (914) 477-0001
 Mount Kisco, Leonard Park (18 Mach II), Dave Jones (914) 737-3939
 New Brunswick, Douglas College (18 Mach II), Bob Graham (732) 937-6572

Disc Golf Courses in the New England Area



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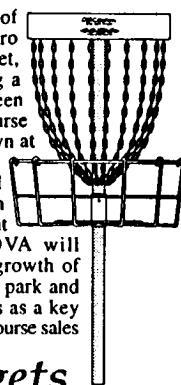
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Golf Discs

Over the years, INNOVA has given back by sponsoring hundreds of events, including within the last year: Dogwood Crosstown Classic, Bowling Green Open, Seneca Creek Soiree, Augusta Classic, Brandywinejammer Open, Florida Triple Crown, PDGA World Championships, Riverside Glide, Masters Cup, Summerline Open, South Carolina State Championships, Fall Finale, Sneaky Pete Classic, Pittsburgh Flying Disc Open, Rochester Flying Disc Open, Gator Country Classic, Lumskull Open, Warriors Lakefront Open, Inflight Open, Charlotte Open, Norcal Series, Kansas City Wide Open, Rumbletown Classic, S.C. Special Olympics & Senior Sports Classic, Bob West Memorial, Brent Hambrick Memorial, Minnesota Majestic, Spring Fling, South Western Team Championships, Halloween Classic, Faultline classic, MADC Series, Amateur National Championships, American Diabetes Assoc. Camp Kudos, Worlds Biggest Disc Golf Weekend, Ice Bowl, Sylmar Disc Golf, Awesome Akron Open, Tennessee State Championships, National Doubles, Horizons Park Classic, Summer Sizzler, Can-Am Series, Melbourne Open, Connecticut State Championships, Enman Cup, Wisconsin Tour, Girl Scout Dad & Daughter and more...

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INNOVA Disc Golf Team 1998 Super Tour Results

Crosstown Classic	Stan McDaniel 1st (M)
Bowling Green Open	Larry Leonard 2nd Barry Schultz 3rd
Seneca Creek Soiree	Mike Moser - 1st
Masters Cup	Ken Climo - 1st Geoff Lissaman - 2nd
Melbourne Open	Ken Climo 1st Brad Hammock 3rd
Greater Peoria Open	Larry Leonard - 1st Ken Climo - 2nd Barry Schultz - 3rd
Kansas City Wide Open	Ken Climo 1st Brad Hammock 3rd tie Larry Leonard 3rd tie

Champions

2nd Shootout at the Caped-Cod Corral

by Dan Desch

Sun-Tzu said:

"Warfare is the greatest affair of state, the basis of life and death, the Tao to survival or extinction. It must be thoroughly pondered and analyzed."

Indeed, and so it must. More than two thousand years ago, the Chinese philosopher and soldier Sun-Tzu set down his principles and practice of military science in a thin volume called *The Art of War* that is to this day closely studied. Its teachings are applied in disciplines that range from business to politics to actual combat. No less important that we should apply the master's lessons to disc golf, arguably the most tactically intricate and contemplative of sports.

On June the 27th, 1998, the second Shootout at the Caped Cod Corral provided true examples to illuminate his insights. I your humble tournament director shall attempt to guide you to enlightenment by reviewing the final round of the open division, where nineteen golfers contended for victory. (Many thanks to Mr. Gordy Adell, who, by virtue of his...uh...superlative and unique performance in the first round, was available to assist the tournament director by keeping score and notes during the second round.)

"Being unconquerable lies with yourself; being conquerable lies with the enemy."

What was nominally the open division had dozens tied at *four* strokes and apparently destined for shootout on hole number 1. (For comparison, consider that the Men's Intermediate group had no bogeys. Irony isn't it that some have argued the open division players be considered "pros"?) One member of this self-esteem rich company actually threw five times before pole-holing out and this stroke profligacy cost him an early exit. Dave Lane anticipated the Shootout for many months, but when the day arrived and the weather turned foul, he allowed the rain and the wind to interfere with his desires. His wetness doused the fire in his belly. Disc in the tree, then in the bushes in front, then in the bushes in back, whining about the cold, he slunk away, savoring his sour grapes.

"One who cannot be victorious assumes a defensive posture..."

Hole number 2 at Burgess Park, especially during a tournament when there is an out-of-bounds, especially when it is raining, especially when we play the shootout format which rewards caution and punishes risk, must be approached gingerly, conservatively. Harry Stephanides' drive plowed into a tree. His out shot, aptly named, went out of bounds. He finished with a 5, and incredibly, so did local star Dave Redlund. Dave brought the two of them back to the tee for the shootout and easily got inside Harry's drive to survive. Harry must be thinking how easy it would have been just to lay one up on the fairway on his initial drive. Where the risk/reward ratio approaches infinity, play a riskless game. Or, more prosaically, no pain, no gain.

Likewise did Todd Canuel err. With the end in sight and glory beckoning, he played a risky shot on the tee of hole 17 and hit a tree. Discretion, prudence, these are the watchwords of the shootout format. Hole 17 does not have to be difficult if you play for par, but Canuel bid for the birdie and yielded the bogey. So close to singular distinction, he settled for third.

"Now if someone is victorious in battle and succeeds in attack but does not exploit the achievement, it is disastrous, and his fate should be termed 'wasteful and tarrying.'"

In other words, finish what you started. Napoleon had a favorite axiom: "If you start to take Vienna, take Vienna." There is a subtle danger hidden in the format of this tournament. Because it rewards the cautious player, and a par is often just as good as a birdie, this pattern of play can invite complacency. This frailty manifests itself in two ways: failure to avoid a shootout and failure to earn a place in a shootout.

On hole 3, Doug Russell strove vigorously to be defeated—striking a tree off the tee, and then again on his approach, finishing with a bogey four on a very deuce-able hole; all other golfers should have smacked their lips and gone for his jugular. Unbelievably, not one but two others missed make-able par putts, rescuing Russell from premature demise. Mike Dussault and Rick Williams joined Doug for a shootout, and Williams, snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, came up short.

On hole 4, local player Dan Mullaly, suffered a bogey 4. Now, as those of you who've played Burgess Park know, hole 4 is not much of a challenge—sometimes you birdie; sometimes you hit something and you salvage your par. I can personally attest that Mullaly is one of the stronger golfers on the Cape Cod tour, and I would bet he can count on one hand the number of times he's bogeyed hole 4 in the entire 5 year period it has existed. Everyone else parred or better, and Mullaly dropped to the side, all because he could not at least gain a place in what would have been a ten-way shootout.

On Hole 13, the same sort of weakness was demonstrated by another local of some repute. What ought to have been a trivial 45 foot approach shot to save par, dribbled 30 feet short. And I happen to know, 30 feet is well outside this golfer's putting comfort zone. For the want of some gusto on a straightforward, nothing-to-it progression, he resigned the field in disgrace.

Hole 9 incited the other variety of this peculiar failing. Offered an easy putt for par to earn his way out of the bogey-group shootout, George Desch flubbed it. Brought out to the middle of the field for the playoff, he clearly did not have his mind on his business (probably thinking, "wait a second, I shouldn't even be here") and hyzered his approach way left. That brief moment of incompleteness, of lack of closure, forced him out only halfway done.

"If you engage in battle in marshes or wetlands, you must stay in areas with marsh grass and keep groves of trees at your back."

Some scholars interpret Sun-Tzu's writings as almost entirely allegorical. And to be sure, much of it seems (to use a non-PC appellation) inscrutable. (Consider his characterization of the army: [it] "likes heights and abhors low areas, esteems the sunny (yang) and disdains the shady (yin). It nourishes life and occupies the substantial.") But much of Sun-Tzu's advice is highly practical and direct.

On hole number 5, Mike Dussault and Brock Pitzer both bogeyed and Mike, owing to his better finish in the first round, had right of selection. Now, normally, being able to select the tee site is an advantage, because it allows you to choose a position for the shootout that suits your game. But Mike, unaccountably ignoring the sage's advice, put a grove of

trees right in front of him, and, as you may expect, connected his disc with one of them not ten feet ahead; thus Brock's approach shot, which was mediocre at best, proved sufficient to earn him an advance. Mike remained behind, and was heard to mutter, "What was I thinking? Why did I not keep the groves of trees at my back?"

Similarly, on hole 15, Brent Sanderson, despite the object lesson and sacrifice of Dussault on 5, made the same blunder. Shooting out with Dan Griffith and Todd Canuel, Brent picked a spot on top of the hill, with numerous trees between them and the basket. Griffith and Canuel approached in workmanlike fashion. Sanderson hit one of the trees an embarrassingly short distance in front of him. Departing the field, he at least had the consolation of inspiring merriment and chortling among his friends.

"The means by which enlightened rulers and sagacious generals moved and conquered others, that their achievements surpassed the masses, was advance knowledge."

Ah, inside information. The home course advantage. Doing one's homework. Advance knowledge. Call it what you will, if Sun-Tzu had played ball golf, he would have understood the value of tipping the caddy generously. In disc golf, we don't have caddies, so we must fall back on our own devices. On hole 6, the locals most dramatically distinguished themselves from the mainlanders by throwing the only drives to reach the vicinity of the green. Malakhoff, Redlund, Griffith, Pitzer, one or two others, all found easy birdies or pars. By contrast, the over-the-bridge types struck trees the way Chicagoans vote, early and often. Most eventually eked out pars, but Jerel Davis could not hit his long saving putt, and ended with bogey four to join the onlookers.

"In general, commanding a large number is like commanding a few. It is a question of dividing up the numbers. Fighting with a large number is like fighting with a few. It is a question of configuration and designation."

Here's a tip to bring with you into next spring when we do this again: when you are involved in a shootout with a large number of people and you are the one to select the tee-off position, pick something simple and straightforward. You go last, and rest assured, someone ahead of you will screw up. That is the advantage of playing well in the first round.

Nine players bogeyed the Nemesis, hole number 7, and the first round leader established a seemingly trivial CTP position. Sure enough, right on cue, in a foreshadowing of his sick-nun-like Caped Cod Open play, Brock Pitzer tossed a dead pigeon out on the fairway. Subsequent throwers easily surpassed Pitzer's pitiable bid. In dividing up the numbers, when large numbers vie, one can count on there being a Pitzer in the crowd.

"In General, in battle one engages with the orthodox and gains victory through the unorthodox."

A more unorthodox approach to playing hole 10 you would be hard pressed to devise than Tom Whiffen's mind bogglingly unusual path through the shrubbery. All the other golfers directed their discs via the clear space commonly called a fairway. Whiffen, employing the non-linear thinking that has distinguished his NEFA administration and flouting conventional logic, buried his disc in a bush within spitting distance of the tee. Such was the consternation among the other golfers, four others besides Tom bogeyed

the hole. In the ensuing shootout, Scott Pyle, apparently flummoxed by Whiffen's eccentricity, forgot what he was supposed to be doing and decided to attempt the bush-whacking strategy himself. This hyperbolic trajectory which had worked so astoundingly well in the first phase of the play on this hole turned out not to be prudent during a closest-to-the-pin struggle. The other players, including Whiffen reverting to a more normal straight-ahead flight, easily closed the distance and Pyle, having learned the right lesson but at the wrong time, paid for his mistake by withdrawing from play.

"Thus if you make the enemy's path circuitous and entice them with profit, although you set out after them you will arrive before them. This results from knowing the tactics of the circuitous and the direct."

A three way shootout into a gusting wind revealed the wisdom of enticements on hole 14. Todd Canuel, throwing first might have attempted an ordinary medium range finesse approach. Instead, he directed his shot wide (along a "circuitous" path), apparently offering an opportunity to be easily surpassed by his opponents, Lev Malakhoff and Tom Whiffen. Malakhoff, throwing next, swallowed the bait. Lulled into complacency by expectation of easy profit, he smacked his disc into a tree just five feet away. Whiffen, though no doubt also dazzled by Canuel's tactics could not fail to better Malakhoff's disastrous bid. The shining prize blinded Lev to the lurking dangers. In occidental terms, all is not gold that glitters.

"With the near await the distant; with the rested await the fatigued; with the sated await the hungry. This is the way to control strength."

They say golf, either the disc or the stick variety, is not a particularly aerobic sport. True enough. But the game can be tiring nonetheless. Joints in the arms and back are mechanical devices after all, though of the fleshy rather than the metallic kind, and where they flexed smoothly in the morning, they creak and grind by afternoon. Muscles tire, especially the small ones that do not get called into action in our workaday lives. And most of all, this sport demands mental discipline, and the relentless concentration taxes even the sturdiest psychology. For the second year in a row, Pete Anderson's well ran dry before the harvest, at the same place and in the same way. By hole 16, the building pressures of the competition from the dwindling number of contenders and the scrutiny from the every enlarging gallery snapped his well-known composure. He missed a short putt, almost identical to the fateful one that came up lacking last year, leaving him the only bogey and putting him out. Among the observers, heads solemnly shook; some whispered of the Anderson Curse; others gaped in shock and dismay. But it's really just a matter of conserving (or not) one's resources to last through the final link.

"In general, whoever occupies the battleground first and awaits the enemy will be at ease; whoever occupies the battleground afterward and must race to the conflict will be fatigued. Thus one who excels at warfare compels men and is not compelled by other men."

In the American Civil War, Confederate cavalry general Nathan Bedford Forrest had a simple motto for achieving victory at a given site: get there first with the most men. Lev Malakhoff took this lesson to heart and very literally on hole 11. Driving with all his might, (evidently thinking getting his disc to the basket fastest would be the best way to get it there first) he overdrove this 90 foot hole by about 50 feet, straight into the thick

brambles and cat briar of which the Cape Cod locals are justly proud. It seemed that Malakhoff was done until Dave Redlund got himself into trouble shanking his drive to the left and caroming off some trees into deep rough. Malakhoff then miraculously found a window in all that thicket to save par while Redlund struggled for the only 4 on this very birdie-able hole. Dave allowed himself to be driven by events instead of taking control of his own play.

"To effect an unhampered advance, strike their vacuities..."

Okay, this would seem to fall into the category of the abundantly obvious, but there were two holes played during the shootout where players forgot a fairly obvious rule, to wit, discs do not travel well through solid objects, particularly trees. Rather, one must aim for the spaces between the trees. On hole 8, George Desch and Steve Correa both attempted to refute this principle. Desch attempted his break with orthodoxy off the tee, and was re-educated with the efficiency of the Chinese gulag. Sufficiently chastised, he resumed the conventional inter-tree trajectory, and found his way to the green to save par. Correa attempted one further tree penetrating experiment and was rewarded with the sole bogey for his freethinking efforts, and so, was excommunicated from the company of golfers.

Despite the brutality and ruthlessness of the inquisition on 8, the I-can-throw-my-disc-through-a-tree heresy reappeared on hole 12. There, Tom Whiffen and Doug Russell dabbled in nonconformity. Even after being tortured on their original drives and bogeying, both attempted the same strategy during their shootout. Russell's reproof turned out slightly harsher than Whiffen's and so Doug wandered off to confess his sins.

"Thus one who excels at warfare first establishes himself in a position where he cannot be defeated while not losing [any opportunity] to defeat the enemy."

Dan Griffith is something of a legend at Burgess Park. A one-time local player who still makes an occasional appearance on the links, he has the visage of an Old Testament prophet and the patois of a new age guru. Plus, he can throw the disc a mile and putt as easily as throwing rocks into a pond. But dammit, he seems unable to grasp this simple concept: On hole 18, first of all, get out into the field. Get out into the field. GET OUT INTO THE FIELD. (Sigh. Does he listen to me? No.) It doesn't matter really if you throw it 200 feet, 250, 300 or 350, you still have a lengthy approach shot, but if your drive ends up in the woods, you are guaranteed a 4 or worse. Dan attempted the grand gesture, the mythical odyssey, the crowd-pleaser. He bid for the big drive. And of course, he landed himself in a bad place. His out shot was so hindered by obstructions, he ended up with a 5 on the hole. Tom Whiffen's conservative play yielded him a 4 and an easy victory, for the hole, and for the tournament. ‡



Cranbury Park 1st Tournament

November 14, 1998 / Norwalk, Connecticut

Open

Mike Dussault	53	52	105
Gordy Adell	52	57	109
Joe Proutl III	55	54	109
Anthony Barber	55	55	110
Brock Pitzer	56	54	110
Daver Coats	57	53	110
Ted Phillips	55	55	110
Rick Williams	55	56	111
Adam Fasciolo	57	56	113
Gary Oberrieth	59	55	114
David Jones	54	60	114
Todd Canuel	55	59	114
Mike Mattioli	56	61	117
Danzo Damon	61	57	118
Ted Oberhaus	62	56	118
James Malone	62	60	122
Jerel Davis	60	62	122
Paul Mihalec	62	60	122
Steve Correa	61	62	123
John Affonso	65	61	126
Bill Newman	56	DNF	DNF
T.M. Dyer	DNF	DNF	DNF

Men's Advanced

Pat Skidd	53	59	112
Josh Polur	60	55	115
Sonny Mehta	57	59	116
Phil Kennedy	57	59	116
Jay Rohrer	63	54	117
Matt Landry	58	59	117
Quinn O'Neill	58	61	119
Aaron Craig	57	63	120
Gabe Buzasi	61	61	122
Jeff Hayward	60	63	123
Bunky Gress	62	61	123
Kevin Bivona	62	63	125
Mike Gilmore	63	63	126
Ken Miller	60	68	128
Bill Bureau	64	66	130
Tom Mahoney	64	67	131
Ritch Capriotti	69	63	132

Jed Lewis	65	68	133
Mikhail Frank	69	67	136
Warren Fix	70	66	136
Tony Tortorella	72	65	137
Gintas Radze	69	73	142
Jim DeWitt	78	66	144
Helmut Traichel	69	75	144
Rich DeAngelis	70	79	149
Nick Newman	69	DNF	DNF
Mike Harvey	DNF	DNF	DNF
Bill Harvey	DNF	DNF	DNF

Men's Novice

Patrick Hughes	64	61	125
Nathan Leonardelli	62	65	127
Ben Meister	66	67	133
Rick Rehkamp	65	70	135
Jim Totten	71	68	139
Alec Rome	72	75	147

Juniors

Justin Miele	75	66	141
Joe Proud IV	82	75	157

Women

Alicia Relano	60	67	127
Chrissy Malkanes	66	69	135

Women's Novice

Dianne Hart-D'Amato	98	80	178
Barbara Ladd	96	86	182

This Just in at the Last Second More Tournaments

North Calais New Year's Tourney - Jan 2 (Paul Olander, 802 456 7465)

North Calais Ice Bowl - Jan 17 (Paul Olander, 802 456 7465)

Burnsboro Ice Bowl - Jan 23 (Greg Hinkley, 207 445 3903)

North Calais Ron Reagan B-day party - Feb 6 (Paul Olander, 802 456 7465)

NCDGA - Mar 6 (Paul Olander, 802 456 7465)

Before the Bugs Bite Classic - April 17 (Greg Hinkley, 207 445 3903)

NCDGA - April 24 (Paul Olander, 802 456 7465)

The Mental Game

by Jason Southwick

I'll bet there isn't a single golfer out there who doesn't play really bad at least some of the time, and we can laugh about it and we can talk about it but still we have to wonder *What's up with that!* How we respond depends whether we set out to face our desires and our fears, or set out to hide them from ourselves — often it's a complicated combination of the two.

Success will always naturally spiral towards subsequent failure, while failure, that greatest of all teachers, is certainly the quickest and most honest road to success. This balancing act between winning and losing, success and failure, is the essence of competition. The lowly will rise, and the mighty will fall. In disc golf we measure this balance with simple numerical scores. And each of us deals with it in his or her own way. Probably some of us beat ourselves up over it.

Aren't we all authors of legendary collapses and unbelievably stupid shots on the disc golf course? And our failures are so stinging obvious to us when we compare them to what we're actually capable of...but somehow failed to do. Perhaps we consult our very own internal guru, who presents, upon witnessing yet another failed putt, his/her authoritative diagnosis: "You do indeed stink." The funny thing is, this is often the point when we start shooting straight again. The pressure's off. We can see-saw back to what we're capable of — nice easy throws. And it's all in our mind, sometimes in the form of unwanted messages that flash at the moment of release a disc. Messages conveying to us in one way or another a lack of self worth. Often these messages are linked to long-rooted insecurities, in almost all cases relating directly back to a traumatic high school gym class.

A major part of how we rate our own performance is expectations. The better we do, the higher we strive. After a second place, a fifth is no longer noteworthy. It is our nature to strive higher. But we're also capable of giving up and going home, sometimes — in our own mind at least — a loser. One way out of this bind is to deny a desire to win and a fear of losing. Some people begin drinking earlier than usual, others grow angry and blameful, a few others move on to other activities before "the game" is over. The rest of us face our numerical ratings with a mixture of frustration and bemusement. How often we think *if only...if only I didn't suck*.

The trick is to keep our expectations reasonable, while having faith and staying focused. Always take your best shot, regardless of the last one. Avoid anything that limits your chances of success, like wearing the wrong clothes or not sleeping for 36 hours prior to tournament day. *And never ever make excuses, especially to yourself*. But to really be okay with competition, to accept it as a good thing, we have to perform the mental trick of *honestly* trying to win while accepting possible defeat. Before we can win, we have to know that losing is somehow okay. We have to accept sometimes sucking at disc golf as part of life.

One comforting theory we are free to believe is that all failures make you better, faster and more bullet-proof. Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Sounds good, but if it's true, then why do the same old demons forever return to plague our game — the putting demon, the anheiser demon, the tree demon, the I suck demon — all of them hardwired to our psyche's deepest scars.

So what, then, is the answer? I guess the answer is practice. From practice will come confidence. Pronouncements like these sound almost scriptural, like advice from a drunk who suddenly turns into Jesus and utters the profoundest thing you've ever heard. *Practice makes perfect*: it's so true it's cheap, as if it's been right under our noses for thousands of years. For example, the *Yoga Sutras* endorse "grounded practice", defined as practice without break, for a long time, and in all earnestness. 1) Without break — I'd have to say for frisbee golfers practically every week, though every day would be better. 2) For a long time — from now until we die seems about right. 3) In all earnestness — tournament conditions. In other words, focused like you would be at a tournament. You can manufacture pressure by betting money, or even simply through provocative commentary. A little intensity can be a good springboard for enormous fun, while at the same time preparing us to deal with our own nervousness during "official" competition.

But if the thought of always practicing like you play seems too harsh and unfun, reverse it and try playing (at tournaments) more like we practice (in friendly groups at our home courses). I think many of us — at least subconsciously — are striving toward an enlightened state where we have fun even when we totally suck the big one. This is perhaps the hardest mental game of all. Ø

"That form of government is best which includes monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy."

Polybius (125 BC) *Histories*

In 1999, NEFA will add a Board of Representatives to its organizational structure. This Board will be made up of representatives from the disc golf courses and Frisbee clubs around New England. The Board of Representatives will assist the Officers in making decisions by voting on proposals brought forward by the members. We will have a "Virtual" Board web site discussion page where we can "debate" the issues before we cast our votes. Votes will be made by e-mail or phone call to the Officers.

The different New England disc golf courses and clubs will be contacted in January to name their representative to the Board. Stay tuned...next issue we'll publish the names of the 1999 NEFA Board of Representatives. ☺

Caped Cod Open Results

September 26, 1998 / Marstons Mills, Massachusetts

#	Player	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Safari	Total	Accuracy
			Open			
1	Jason Southwick	49	48	24	121	15
2	Doug Russell	50	48	24	122	
3	Dave Balkema	49	50	26	125	12
4	Tom Whiffen	51	48	28	127	8
5t	Dan Griffith	48	51	29	128	7
5t	Bob Belmore	52	49	27	128	14
7	Brent Sanderson	51	50		101	11
8	Jim O'Hara	52	50		102	
9t	Mike Dussault	50	53		103	7
9t	Kraig Steffen	51	52		103	12
11t	Dan Desch	51	53		104	11
11t	Dave Johnson	54	50		104	13
13t	Dave Redlund	51	54		105	10
13t	John Ferry	53	52		105	
15t	Gordy Adell	50	56		106	10
15t	Paul Mihalec	55	51		106	10
17	Dan Mullaly	53	54		107	8
18t	Roy Doar	53	55		108	10
18t	Bill Newman	54	54		108	10
18t	Trevor Bechtel	55	53		108	10
21t	Chris Chamberlain	53	57		110	
21t	Lev Malakhoff	54	56		110	5
21t	Steve Hartwell	54	56		110	13
21t	Rick Williams	55	55		110	15 (1st)
25t	Jerel Davis	53	58		111	6
25t	Mike Mattioli	57	54		111	8
27t	Tim Klatka	56	56		112	
27t	Steve Correa	60	52		112	6
29	Andy Klatka	55	58		113	
30t	Stephen Ditter	57	57		114	11
30t	Dean Testa	58	56		114	11
30t	Tom Beksha	62	52		114	
33t	Jay Filuminia	56	59		115	9
33t	Brevar Daniel	56	59		115	
35	Brock Pitzer	54	62		116	8
36	Scott Pyle	55	62		117	5
37	Matthew Borr	59	62		121	
38	Donald Payne	63	60		123	
39	Tony Dirienzo	63	63		126	
40	David White	61	66		127	
41	Jason Cheshire	63	68		131	
42	Mark Wilkins	69	63		132	
43	Rob Rushton	70	64		134	2
44	Rob Plummer	74	63		137	

		Women			
1	Nancy D.-Malakhoff	57	64	121	
2	Joy Hartwell	70	59	129	8 (1st)
3	Carol Hinton	69	66	135	
4	Kelley Southwick	71	69	140	4
		Women's Novice			
1	Shelley Tomyl	61	60	121	
2	Cristina Palaganas	63	60	123	
3	Cathy Steffen	62	63	125	4
4	Carolyn Casarico	61	65	126	
5	Erin Friedman	64	64	128	
6	Kathy Richardson	71	67	138	
7	Edith Chase	127	62	189	
		Men's Advanced			
1	Mike Carroll	51	59	110	
2t	Sean Green	56	54	110	15
2t	Shawn Jennings	53	57	110	9
4	John Mahan	60	52	112	
5t	Dave Jennings	57	56	113	10
5t	Adam Fasciolo	53	60	113	
7	Scott Connell	61	53	114	
8	Paul Carlstrom	59	58	117	8
9	Kerry Kerber	60	60	120	10
10t	Jacob McKean	59	62	121	4
10t	Brian Hladick	64	57	121	
12	Justin Bissett	63	59	122	
13	Nick Boucher	63	60	123	
14	Brian Harrington	63	61	124	
15	Dave Talley	61	64	125	
16	Doug Bechtel	66	60	126	9
17	Steven Tumicki	64	64	128	5
18t	Stephen Bechtel	68	64	132	6
18t	Tom Richardson	67	65	132	
18t	Anthony Filuminia	66	66	132	4
21	Dan Cohen	64	70	134	
22t	Ken Orcutt	66	71	137	
22t	Pat Lerner	67	70	137	
24	Jim Wiper	72	68	140	
25	Paul Evans	59	126	185	
26	Robert Gallagher	65	126	191	
		Men's Novice			
1	Felix Rentschcor	49	50	99	5
2	Gary Hillman	54	53	107	6
3	John Vanderpool	55	55	110	
4	Chris Ohm	84	87	171	
		Juniors 13-16			
1	Matt Swett	127	59	186	
2	Christina Rockwood	127	113	240	
		Juniors 12 & Under			
1	Nick Newman	47	49	96	6 (1st)
2t	Kyle McDonald	59	50	109	
2t	Brian Zagaski	60	49	109	
4	Ben Cronin	60	50	110	
5t	Wesley Hartwell	65	55	120	4
5t	Steve Roberts	61	59	120	
7	Riley Wilkins	83	85	168	
8	Darren Hartwell	88	99	187	0

VP Corner by Kelley O Southwick

Season's Greetings to All of You!

I hope you and your families all enjoy a very peaceful, happy Christmas season, and that the New Year brings you much joy and happiness. I am happy to report that our Fun Raiser doubles tournament/NEFA Banquet/Auction was a HUGE success. My thanks to all of you for coming, playing, donating and buying at the auction and for all your support the year through. What fun it was to play doubles, a format we should use more often in New England, and what a blast to gather with friends and family to celebrate. It was a fitting end to a great year for us in NEFA 1998. We've already started making plans for Fun Raiser II and our auctioneer Ed Fletcher is already excited about next year's auction! So many thank-yous need to be given to those who made the NEFA Fun Raiser such a success. Thanks to Rick Williams for all his help with the day and evening, to Gordy Adell for his certificates (everyone who attended received one!) and many thanks to our President Tom Whiffen for acting as MC all evening. More thanks to Ed Fletcher, our spectacular auctioneer and all of you who brought items to be auctioned and who bid on the stuff we had. And on a personal note, the contribution made to the Christopher Reeve Foundation will go to help make miracles happen, and for that there are no words.

Out With the Old, Ring in the New

At this time of year our thoughts naturally turn to the future as we reflect back on the events of the past year. A look through this year's newsletters reveals a truly fantastic year for us in NEFA. The points tour was a great success and we had more tournaments and more players than ever before in New England. Old favorites like New Hampshire, Hickory Pond, and Cape Cod did not disappoint. New ones in Norwalk, CT, Cape Cod, and Charlton promise future disc golf fun. As always, NEFA runs on volunteer efforts and we need some new volunteers to run things in 1999. So far Tom Whiffen has agreed to tackle the position of NEFA Schedule Coordinator: (Many thanks to Mark Mudgett for his years of work on the schedule. He is retiring as of Dec. 31, 1998.), and Scott Connell has agreed to become our NEFA Webmaster. Doug Russell has also been of enormous help with his pro bono Internet consulting.

But there are still three other important positions to fill:

NEFA Competition Director: PDGA rules consultant for NEFA. Decides on admissibility of PDGA rules deviations at NEFA Points Events. ➡

NEFA Public Relations: Someone to help us spread the good news in the media and to the general public.

Course Developers/Tournament Directors: NEFA has 18 portable pole holes that can easily be set up on a temporary course of your design.

If you are willing to serve in any of these capacities please let me know.

Please take a few moments now to complete the enclosed ballot and questionnaire and share your thoughts and feelings about how you would like NEFA to perform for you in 1999. And please renew your membership now for 1999. The price for membership in 1999 remains \$15, \$10 for juniors.

By now you probably realize that I have decided to run for President of NEFA for 1999 and I ask for your vote and support. Steve Hartwell is running for Vice President and Rick Williams for Administrator. I would like to emphasize that we have an open door policy — all comments, concerns, and ideas are welcome. Please call me at 508 753 0726 or e-mail NEFA at nefamail@aol.com, we welcome your input.

And finally, a heartfelt thank you to Tom Whiffen and Rick Williams. It's hard to put into words what these two exceptional people do for all of us. My thanks to you both for all you do. Your efforts have made all the difference and we simply could not do it without you.

See you at the Ice Bowls and Frozen Fruits.

Peace,
Kelley ☺

Transitions:

Engaged: Dan Desch and Carolyn Casoricio

Born: Public Disc Golf course at Buffumville Lake Dam in Charlton, MA (Many thanks to the US Army Corps of Engineers and Bryan Longcore for their support and efforts, and to Bill Mac for assuming the role of course pro.)

Leaving on jet planes: Brian Hubbard is moving to Seattle, Washington to work at Immunex. NEFA will have to also say goodbye to Paul Mihalec, who is moving to Santa Barbara, California.

NEFA OPEN MEETINGS FOR 1999:

PYRAMIDS @ Leicester, MA / Sat. March 6, 1999

WORLD'S BIGGEST SATURDAY NIGHT @ The Barn in Amesbury, MA

The small print: photographers submitting pictures to NEFA News will no longer receive \$5. ☹

1998 New Hampshire

#	Player	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Total
Open				
1	Jason Southwick	55	51	106
2	Jake Jacobs	56	51	107
3t	Doug Russell	52	56	108
3t	Brent Sanderson	51	57	108
5t	Pete Anderson	57	52	109
5t	Bob Belmore	56	53	109
7	Mike Pratt	53	58	111
8t	Gordy Adell	55	57	112
8t	Dave Balkema	53	59	112
8t	Bill MacWilliams	56	56	112
11t	Daryl Cormier	53	60	113
11t	Brock Pitzer	54	59	113
11t	Dave Johnson	53	60	113
11t	Toddy Brodeur	58	55	113
15	Mike Dussault	55	59	114
16t	Tom Whiffen	59	57	116
16t	T.J. Barber	60	56	116
18t	Bob Enman	59	58	117
18t	Tim Walsh	59	58	117
18t	Tim Klatka	60	57	117
18t	Rodney Washburn	58	59	117
18t	Brian Traichel	55	62	117
18t	Drew Smith	57	60	117
24t	David Coats	59	59	118
24t	Steve Hartwell	61	57	118
26	Rick Williams	60	59	119
27t	Jerel Davis	59	61	120
27t	Bill Newman	63	57	120
29t	Steve Ditter	59	62	121
29t	Scott Pyle	62	59	121
31t	Steve Correa	59	63	122
31t	John Ferry	59	63	122
33	Andy Klatka	58	65	123
34	Brian Shoff	61	63	124
35	Mike Mattioli	58	67	125
36	Mark Bonner	65	62	127

Please Support NEFA

What organization offers more than 23 Disc Golf Courses? What organization offers more than 35 Tournaments a Year? (Why that's three per month!!) What organization offers 18 Portable Pole Holes?

The answer is the "New England Flying disc Association"! Be a part of it! Now is the time to renew your membership. If your mailing label says **1998** in the upper right hand corner, then this will be your last newsletter, unless you renew! Keep current, keep active! Renewal is only \$15 per year. Renew for one year or for several in advance! Send a check made out to **NEFA, PO Box 4152, Andover, MA 01810-0813**

Other Benefits

Four NEFA News newsletters a year, invitations to all NEFA Points Events as well as many other tournaments, a five-dollar discount at NEFA Points Events, a delightful mini disc (first time members only), a nifty laminated membership card each year, and the knowledge that you are supporting disc sports in New England.

Events

1. Disc Golf
2. Distance
3. Accuracy
4. Double Disc Court
5. Discathon
6. Freestyle
7. Self Caught Flight (Maximum Time Aloft & Throw Run Catch)

Divisions

1. Open (any player)
2. Men's Advanced
3. Men's Novice
4. Women's (any woman)
5. Women's Novice
6. Juniors 13 to **15 (This is new, used to be 16)**
7. Juniors 12 & Under

1998 NEFA Survey

In case you didn't fill it out the first time. Results next issue...promise.

- 1) How many NEFA Points Events did you attend in 1998? _____
- 2) List your top three and include what you liked about them.

- 3) Name the worst NEFA Points Event you attended in 1998 and give your reasons.

- 4) Rank from 1 to 6 in order of importance the following aspects of a tournament:
____ The course (layout, length, targets, grooming, fairways, tee pads, etc.)
____ Value for your money (entrance fee vs. player's package, food, prizes, etc.)
____ Geography (How far away is it?)
____ Other events besides golf (overall tournaments)
____ Tournament atmosphere
____ Weather
- 5) Name your favorite three courses in New England and why.

- 6) Name your least favorite New England disc golf course and say how you'd improve it.

- 7) Should pole holes and only pole holes be used at NEFA Points Events? Yes or No.
- 8) NEFA expenses are about \$2000 a year. Do you support the idea of NEFA receiving/collecting \$5 from each NEFA Points TD for each non-NEFA member who attends his/her tournament? If no, how then should NEFA raise funds?
- 9) Do you feel you get your money's worth from you NEFA dues? _____ What would you like NEFA to do in 1999?

NEFA Ballot for the 1999 Frisbee Year

Indicate your choice (circle or write in a name) for each of the three elected NEFA Positions below:

President:

Kelley O. Southwick Other: _____

Vice President:

Steve Hartwell / Other: _____

Administrator:

Rick Williams / Other: _____

Membership Form

Send your check for \$15 per year, or \$10 for juniors (**15** or under), payable to NEFA, along with this form to:

NEFA, PO Box 4152, Andover, MA 01810-0813

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

October 24, 1998

State Championships

37	Scott Berman	64	66	130
38	Dale Fuller	65	67	132
39	Breck Breckenridge	65	126	191

Men's Advanced

1t	Bryan Lynch	63	59	122
1t	Ted Liszewski	60	62	122
3	David Wollner	61	62	123
4t	Phil Kennedy	62	62	124
4t	Scott Connell	65	59	124
6	Felix Rentschler	63	62	125
7	Saul Stenbak	64	63	127
8	David Cronin	66	64	130
9	Adam Fasciolo	66	65	131
10t	Bunky Gress	63	69	132
10t	Parker Allen	63	69	132
12	Matt Allen	69	65	134
13	Mark Mudgett	67	70	137
14	Bill Bureau	72	67	139
15	Helmut Traichel	70	71	141
16	Mike Connell	71	75	146
17	John Vanderpool	69	79	148
18	Joe Fleischer	83	68	151
19	Kyle Enman	106	73	179
20	John Weber	87	126	213

Women

1	Kate Cason	67	63	130
2	Kelley O. Southwick	70	68	138
3	Julie Deshaies	72	77	149

Women's Novice

1	Christina Palaganas	94	84	178
2	Lisa Weber	104	126	230

Juniors 12 & Under

1	Nick Newman	57	54	111
2	Wesley Hartwell	65	67	132

5th Annual Indian Summer Inn-Vitational

Hickory Pond, Durham NH / October 17, 1998

OPEN

1	Doug Russell	100 (-8)
2t	Toddy Brodeur	103
2t	Gordy Adell	103
4	Dan Griffith	109
5	Scott Pyle	111
6t	Bill MacWilliams	112
6t	Rick Williams	112
6t	Brock Pitzer	112
9t	Bob Belmore	113
9t	Dean Testa	113
11	Dan Ouellet	114
12t	Greg Hinkley	116
12t	Drew Smith	116
14	Ted Liszewska	117
15	Scott Berman	118
16	Jason Chesser	126
18	Mark West	DNF

ADVANCED

1	Ed Giroux	118
2	Scott Connell	120
3	P.J. Grucn	121
4	Don Jenkins	124
5	Mark Mudgett	132
6	John Woodward	142
8	R. Alvin Connell	151

NOVICE

1	Robert Creevy	124
2	Earl Rowe	126
3	Dean Smoronk	DNF

JUNIORS

1	Tyler Doar	115
2	Ben MacWilliams	121
3	John Griffith	126

Rappin' John Houck Interview, By Bill Newman

John Houck started playing Frisbee sports seriously while a college student in Connecticut. He's gone on to be a world champion freestyler and one of the major promoters of disc sports in the world. Through his company Circular Productions in Austin Texas, he wholesales discs, designs courses, and runs Worlds Biggest and National Doubles every year. He's also proud to be a former New England overall champ. I interviewed John via e-mail in November.

John, when, where, how, and why did you first get into tossing plastic?

I played in Buffalo, where my first disc memory is from about 4th grade. I was playing with a friend, and I thought the way it flew and hovered was so cool that sometimes I wouldn't even catch it. I just watched it slowly drop to the ground — Frisbees used to do that, you know. When I got into high school we started playing 3-on-3 Ultimate during the summer, and I learned sidearm and thumber throws.

When was your first tournament play?

I went to the first Western New York Flying Disc Open in August of 1978. I learned a nail delay that week, but I didn't get to show it off, because my partner didn't show up. The next week I headed off for my freshman year of college, and during the next four years I know I spent more time playing Frisbee than studying.

New England tourney's that you fondly remember?

My best memory is of winning the New England Overalls in 1980, I think. I was so excited, because I had beaten Jim Herrick, and he had just finished 6th overall in the Rose Bowl that year. There were lots of great players like Stick Dissosway, and freestylers like John Dwork, Jason Salkey, and my partner, Mark Regalbuti. I also have fond memories of Mass States (we played to an opening of WC Fields and Bill Cosby — I know you remember that, Bill —:na na na na na naaaaa...), Connecticut States, Vermont States...

What is your current job?

Owner of Circular Productions. I have doubled my staff this year, so I don't pack discs in boxes too much anymore. Packing discs and answering the phone was the biggest part of it for the last 5+ years. For awhile I ran 20-30 tournaments a year, but I got pretty burnt on that. Now I run National Doubles and World's Biggest, and next year we'll bring back Texas State Overalls. World's Biggest is a huge job. I design generally 6 or more courses a year, I write articles for DGWN and the Journal; and do all the promotional work for Millennium, which I co-own with Harold Duvall.

The big excitement now is that we're taking the first step into pay-for-play disc golf. We're working on a beautiful 106-acre property that will have two 18-hole courses, pro shop, Circular Productions warehouse, staff housing, and maybe even a few home sites. It's going to be amazing, and I'm more excited about this project than I've been about anything in years.

How long have you been almost making a living solely from disc sports?

From 1982 to 1984 I traveled around the country doing freestyle demonstrations, but that income was augmented by periodic checks from mom...I started Circular in '84, but the first year or two I also worked nights. So disc sports exclusively would be since about '85 or '86. But I had to borrow a lot of money to get through the first 10 years — I'm still working on paying it all back.

Is it true that you're always located at the epicenter of the world's disc tossing community?

I'm still looking for the epicenter — I'm hoping it's quiet, like the eye of the hurricane. I've been proud to be the first to do certain things in disc sports; I did do a little stint as the commissioner of the PDGA. I'm also happy to be on the leading edge of private course development. But I think the epicenter is actually in New England somewhere.

Disc golf is splitting at the seams in Texas. Why?

I think Texas has had the right people in the right places at the right times, and that goes back to way before I got there. But I think the fact that there's so much land — new cities keep popping up, and they often manage to have good amounts of parkland that are undeveloped. In New England the parks are 200 years old — in Texas we get disc golf courses written into the plans before they even break ground. But I think the biggest thing is that once you get it started, it just snowballs. That will happen in New England, too; there are already signs that it's starting.

What do you feel are the best ways to jump-start a region disc golfwise?

Just get those first few courses in. Then the next town over hears about it, and they get interested. And of course it helps to have lots of people playing the existing courses — I hope World's Biggest has been able to help with that.

What do you see the future of DG being?

I'm not sold on big sponsorship and big money pro tours, as a lot of players are. I think we're starting to see a backlash against pro sports in this culture. I think the future of disc golf may be more in good healthful recreation. I like to imagine a future with lots of great courses, lots of comradery, lots of kids learning about emotional control, strategy, and sportsmanship through disc golf. I don't see any reason why disc golf shouldn't someday be as big as ball golf. I just hope we can make sure it manages to make a positive contribution to our culture, even if it's just in helping people stay relaxed and happy.

What's your best advice for tournament directors?

Go into it with the idea that your job is to serve, not to dictate. Be patient. Know that people with complaints have louder voices than people with praise, but that doesn't mean there are more complainers. Don't make changes unless everyone knows, and in some cases, unless everyone agrees. Have fun.

You've seen the world's best up close. What advice would you give tournament players?

Practice a lot. Play in a lot of tournaments. Do overall conditioning. Relax and stay confident, no matter what. Have fun.

What do you tell beginner golfer to help them start to improve?

Don't try too hard. Take it one step at a time, starting with learning how to throw 100 feet accurately. Do most of your practice away from the course. Have fun.

What discs do you give to beginners?

If it's just one disc, my preference is the Aurora MS. Other all-around discs like Sharks are next, or straight-flying putt/approach discs like Omegas and Aviars. If they're getting 2 discs, I'd usually go with a nice light Stingray and a good putter.

What tips can you give us all to improve our golf games? →

The same advice I give beginners, plus this: the biggest killer is usually setting your expectations too high. Ever have a terrible round and get all frustrated? As soon as you say, "OK, I'm out of it now," you start playing well. Keep the pressure off and... have fun.

What discs do you find help more experienced players improve?

I think most improvement has to do with technique and mental factors, not discs.

Tell me more about your disc golf ranch project- do you think this is a trend for the future?

It sure could be. The private course concept has a lot going for it: no conflicts with other park users, a fully-stocked pro shop, a staff who really cares about maintaining the course, and an owner who has a vested interest in getting new players to come out. The key to our success will be that we already have thousands of players. I don't think I would have had the nerve to do what your guys in Maine are doing — starting a course in an area unfamiliar with disc golf. I sure wish them luck.

What other future projects do you have in mind?

I haven't even allowed myself to think about new projects for the last several years. That's part of why I'm so excited about the ranch. Beyond that, I'm hoping to do more private complexes — I'd love to do one in New England some day.

World's Biggest seems to be a great success every year. What's the future of WB?

It's been great, but it could be so much more. I've never had the time to do everything I want to with it, and I still can't afford to hire someone to work on it full-time. But I hope someday we'll be able to give the local clubs and promoters more support, to help them find ways to get the sport to really take off in their areas.

When are you going to return to the New York and New England area to help us kick the area into gear?

You don't need me. I'm sure I could never kick anybody as hard as Nancy could, anyway. I will be on staff for Pro Worlds in Rochester, and I'm hoping to help get things going in NYC. If the private course works out down here, I really would love to do one in the Buffalo area in the next few years. After that, who knows?

How can I and other NEFA geriatric freestylers get better (besides new bodies)?

The best way to learn moves is to practice them over and over by yourself. At your age — OK, our age — the best way to get motivated is to go out and play with somebody good, or to teach kids. Teaching kids new moves really pumps me up.

Johnny, you've been a top "styler" for ages. Give me a health report on the freestyle scene.

Well, every year the average age goes up about a year. I think 2 years ago at FPA Worlds, there were maybe 3 competitors under 30, and plenty who were past 40. This year in Seattle, there were maybe a dozen junior competitors, all very accomplished. If they stick with it, freestyle competition won't die out in the next ten years. Other than that, we don't see many new jammers.

What things have you done in Austin to attract more female golfers?

We did a big mixed pairs event once, but we mostly just broke up relationships that day. It's tough, though — look at the guys out there. If you were a woman, would you want to hang out with them? OK, I'm kidding. It's just going to take time. Some Austin women have just started a Texas disc golf league; that should be a big help.

NEFA has some real enthusiastic juniors. Do you get many juniors in Texas?

Not enough. That will take time, too.

There hasn't been a PDGA tourney in New England in decades. What would the benefits be, and what are the requirements? Is it worth it?

I've never really felt like PDGA sanctioning helped the tournament as much as it did the PDGA. There are extra fees and extra paperwork, so that's not too much fun. But you do get your tournament in the official PDGA listing, so that might attract more players, and you might get some players who are looking to add up PDGA points. In your case, I think the best reason to have a PDGA event is just to get the feeling that your hooked up with the rest of the disc golf world and to support the PDGA.

What's in the works with Millenium?

Millennium is not looking to make a lot of discs. We want to keep it very simple for people. So far we're very pleased with what we have. I think the Polaris LS matches up against any driver out there. The Aurora MS is the perfect all-around disc, the Omegas are awesome. We just want to make the perfect turnover discs now.

At disc golf's current stage of development, it would seem beneficial for the major manufacturers to work together more on promotion- why doesn't this happen more?

The manufacturers don't really do much in terms of promotion, but they do support the clubs, TD's, and promoters —and the PDGA — who do the work. There have been some hard feelings generated over the years, and getting that particular group of people together could be tough.

What discs do the top players really use (besides Millenium)?

I really think your readers know this, but: The top drivers are the LS, XL, Gazelle, and Cyclone, probably — not necessarily in that order. Next would probably be Banshee, X-Clone, Cheetah... Top putters would be Aviar, Omega, and Magnet, again not necessarily in that order. When you talk about top pros you'll also see a lot of Rocs, I think.

John, thanks a lot for your views on things. Have a great winter and I hope to see you in Central Park in New York City for World's Biggest in May 1999!

My pleasure, Keep em' flying!!

Calling All Private Disc Golf Courses!

by Rick Williams

I am gathering information on the private, and mostly unknown, disc golf courses in New England. I plan on collating this information for an article in a future NEFA News. This is not an attempt to publicize your course, so that dozens of golfers descend upon your disc golf course, or keep your phone ringing all the time! Instead, the number of relatively unknown courses will demonstrate to those unfamiliar with our sport the popularity of disc golf in the New England area. At the same time I hope to keep your private course still private. If you have, or play, a course that's private or unknown to most people, please contact me toll free (daytime) at (888) 577-1500 x 2265 or e-mail me at rwilliams@genetics.com. Thanks for your help. Rick Williams

New Course in Massachusetts

The Legacy of Bryan Longcore

by Jason Southwick

Who? Bryan Longcore is a 23-year-old disc golfer from Michigan who did a Student Conservation Association (SCA) internship for the US Army Corps of Engineers at Buffumville Dam in Charlton, MA from September to November this year. The expansive, elevation-rich landscapes at the dam — the center of a beautiful property meticulously cared for by the Corps' Rangers — inspired Bryan to design a course there. It features several 350-foot-plus shots through wide-open, mowed fairways, some big downhill throws set scarily over water, a few tight and tricky woods holes, and a nice mix of middle-distance doglegs requiring both anheiser and heiser mastery. It is awesome, among the best courses in Massachusetts already.

Right now Charlton has 18 tee posts, and 16 post targets along with a real polehole and an old Brent-made Pyramids abomination. Ironically, after Bryan put countless hours into building the course, he left to go back home to Michigan (Bill Mac and I finally met him during his last week here!) Project Manager at the dam, David Stiddem and the other Rangers on staff are enthusiastic about having a disc golf course at their site. In addition, plans are now underway to have a local technical high school build 17 more poleholes, to be paid for through a cooperative program with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps has an office on-site, and will provide loaner discs and a course scorecard / map for anyone wishing to play. Public restrooms are located near Tee One and Hole 18, along with plenty of free parking. The upshot of all this is that we have another public course in New England! Other pluses: the course has already been superbly laid out by Bryan, and the Corps will maintain it. This is a tremendous addition to disc golf in our area.

Bill MacWilliams has stepped up to the plate, agreeing to serve as NEFA's liaison to the course. Bill and the Army Corp of Engineers have scheduled a NEFA Points Event there for April 3, 1999. Before he left, course designer Bryan said he'd like to come back to visit the course, and maybe even play a tournament there. This would be a perfect opportunity for him to do just that, and a chance for us to thank him for his contribution to New England disc golf.

For more information, call the Corps office at Buffumville Dam: (508) 248-5697

Course record: -8 (Bill MacWilliams)

Number of short tees: 3

Total course distance: 4809 / 4444

Longwood Links

by Rick Williams

On October 26, 1998, the day after the New Hampshire State Championships, a disc golf tournament was held in Greenfield, NH. The golf course is on property belonging to Toddy Brodeur. Toddy invites players twice a year for a casual tournament on a not so casual golf course. Eight players played two rounds, and two players played one round each. Results can be found in this newsletter.

Because the course is still in development (occasionally), and each hole has a variety of possibilities, it was interesting to evaluate the difficulty of each hole. Each hole was played eighteen times that day by players of reasonable ability. The table below shows the low and high score on each hole. The median score is the middle of the high and low scores. The average score is the average of all eighteen scores on the hole. The average score determines the difficulty of each hole. Hole #11 is the hardest on the course, with an average score of 4.1 strokes. Hole #10 is the second most difficult, even though hole #5 has the same average score, the median score on hole ten is higher than hole five. The easiest hole is #16, with an average of 2.4 strokes. Hole #14 has the same average, but the median is lower, thanks to an ace by Jake Jacobs! Jake also established the lowest back nine score with a 23, and the lowest total score for a round with an amazing 53! The lowest front nine was carded by Drew Smith with a 27, who had the dubious honor of having the worst front nine and total scores of 40 and 69, respectively. If all of the low scores were on one person's card, the 'dream round' would be a 42. Conversely the nightmare round would be a whooping 83 using the high scores. The average and median of these scores are the same number, 62.5. The true average for the day was 59.4, showing that players tend to play closer to the low score for each hole rather than the high score. The course is obviously not easy, but there is potential to play under par. I say "good luck".

Hole	Low	High	Median	Average
1	2	4	3.0	2.8
2	3	4	3.5	3.3
3	2	4	3.0	3.3
4	2	5	3.5	3.4
5	3	5	4.0	3.9
6	2	6	4.0	3.3
7	3	5	4.0	3.8
8	2	5	3.5	3.3
9	2	5	3.5	3.4
10	3	6	4.5	3.9
11	3	6	4.5	4.1
12	2	4	3.0	3.4
13	3	4	3.5	3.4
14	2	4	3.0	2.4
15	3	5	4.0	3.5
16	1	3	2.0	2.4
17	2	4	3.0	3.0
18	2	4	3.0	2.6
Front	27	40	33.5	30.6
Back	23	32	27.5	28.8
Totals	53	69	61.0	59.4

NEFA TD Guide Summary Including Revisions

Some changes have been made to the NEFA TD Guide. Below is a summary of the requirements, with new and changed portions underlined. One change outside the TD Guide is that NEFA will place no limit on the number of NEFA Points Events held in 1999. To have his/her tournament added to the NEFA Points Tour, a TD must agree in advance to the following NEFA Points Event requirements:

1. At least two rounds of disc golf
2. Bathroom at the tournament site
3. Schedule the tournament at least three months in advance (no rain dates)
4. Send results to Dave Johnson, NEFA News Editor, before next issue.
5. All seven NEFA divisions: Open, Advanced Men, Novice Men, Women, Novice Women, Juniors 13 to 15, and Juniors 12 & Under, provided a division has at least four players
6. Send out a tournament flyer in advance to all NEFA members
7. Non-NEFA members to pay a \$5 one-day membership fee at NEFA Points Events, to be paid to NEFA on tournament day
8. Observe PDGA rules
9. A NEFA Points TD must be a NEFA member
10. No two NEFA Points Events may be scheduled on the same weekend
11. Each site may host only one NEFA Points Event each year
12. A minimum of 75% of tournament entrance fees must be returned to the players in the form of real benefits: prizes, cash payout, players packages, meals, etc.
13. At overall tournaments that are also NEFA Points Events, golf rounds must be back-to-back during each day golf is played — i.e., without other events between golf rounds. In addition, NEFA Points overall tournaments must have at least three events.
14. TDs who wish to deviate from PDGA rules, must first receive approval from the NEFA Competition Director on each deviation, (a volunteer position that is still open).

NEFA Points Events Scheduled for 1999 So Far

1. Frozen Fruits / Goodale Orchards, Ipswich MA / February 27
2. New Course / Buffumville Lake Dam, Charlton MA / April 3
3. Pyramids X / Leicester MA / July 10
4. Rhode Island State FDC / Miantonomi Park, Newport RI / April 24
5. Connecticut State FDC / Cranbury Park, Norwalk CT / June 26
6. Beaver Brook Open / Beaver Brook, North Monmouth ME / Sept. 11

In addition, the following TDs have expressed (or we imagined they expressed) an interest in holding a NEFA Points Event this year: Bob/Dave Enman, Kraig Steffen, Nancy D.-Malakhoff, Peter Anderson, Paul Olander, Steve Hartwell, Sean Franchi. Dates for these tournaments were not available at the time of this writing. ♫

K.D.G.A. Vintage Championships

Beaver Brook Campground; N. Monmouth, Maine / A historical perspective of vintage golf
by Greg Hinkley

The first disc golf tournament in Maine was played 21 years ago in 1977. Some guy named Ed from California with an absurdly low PDGA number had just installed the course (the same man who had invented a catching device that made a noise when hit by a frisbee). I credit that noise as being the biggest single influence in the growth of frisbee golf. The first time I heard that metallic crash, I was hooked. I went for every shot hoping to hear the collision, not caring about going past. I care more now, but still go past too often.

Not too many people played in the first tournament, but Rick Burns and George O'Connor, who is the founder of the K.D.G.A., did, with Rick placing second after a play off. Rick came in 6th in 1998, twenty one years later, having some time ago left his dog-chewed 141g Frisbee behind in favor of Cyclones and the like. We played with whatever we could find back then. The 119g Frisbee worked best for me. Many others turned to Masters or "Lids".

The 1998 version of vintage golf (held on September 13 as part of the Maine States) gave 15 players a chance to go back to a bygone era when a disc thrown 150-200 feet was a long drive. Putting with this lighter plastic is also more challenging. As you can see from the scores, some made the adjustment well, and some did not. One who did, Jason Southwick with a 6 under 48, topped many scores in the tournament held the day before at Beaverbrook.

This was the third year of "K.D.G.A. Vintage" at Beaverbrook. I hope to see this event grow. If you like fun new challenges, find a real Frisbee and go out to the course. Play from the short tees at first. When packing for the Maine States in 1999, don't forget your Frisbee. You are going to one of the original Frisbee golf courses, designed for the old stuff. So next year, stay over and have a vintage Sunday with us for the fun of it, and to "play" your respects to an era gone by.

OPEN (1.5 rounds: A full round plus the back 9)

1. Jason Southwick	71*
2t Pete Anderson	78
2t Steve Correa	78
4. Greg Hinkley	80
5. Rick Burns	81
6. Jay Holman	82
7. Scott Pyle	86
8. Scott Morin	90
9. Jerel Davis	91
10. Roy Doar	113
11. Brock Pitzer	115
12. Mike Mattioli	116

WOMEN

1. Kelley O. Southwick	123
2. Melissa Hutchings	147

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1. Jake Burns	112
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*Jason's first round 48 is a new course record for Vintage competition. £

K.D.G.A. \$50 Per Person Tournament

Burnsboro Disc Golf Course / Burnsboro, Maine; October 3, 1998

Five brave souls handed over \$50 each to play 3 rounds for a shot at the first prize payout of \$175. Imagine the payout if we can get 15-20 players in 1999. I want a \$500 payout if we can get 15-20 players next time.

Playing for larger purses does have an effect on your game--both good and bad. I felt both sides during this event. I led by 2 strokes with 9 to play, over Jason Southwick and Daryl Cormier, but came out of the contest in third place, 2 strokes off the lead. Jason deuced hole 18 to take second, while Daryl shot a -4 over the final 9 to win this first annual event with a minus 14 for the day.

1. Daryl Cormier	45	55	48	148	\$175
2. Jason Southwick	52	46	51	149	\$50
3. Greg Hinkley	48	48	54	150	\$25
4. Jerel Davis	54	57	49	160	
5. Rick Burns	59	48	58	165	

Putting Contest: 10 tries from 25 feet

1. Greg Hinkley	6/10	\$15
2. Daryl Cormier	2/10	
3. Rick Burns	1/10	
4. Jason Southwick	1/10	
5. Jerel Davis	0/10	

Longwood Links Tournament

Greenfield, New Hampshire / October 25, 1998

1	Toddy Brodeur	57	57	114	\$100
2	Mike Pratt	61	54	115	\$50
3*	Rick Williams	60	56	116	\$30
4	Jake Jacobs	63	53	116	
5	Roy Doar	61	57	118	
6	Dale Fuller	66	58	124	
6	Daryl Cormier	62	62	124	
8	Drew Smith	69	58	127	
9	Dan Griffith	58			
9	Jason Southwick	58			

*Won a two hole playoff.

ICE BOWL TRIPLE CROWN 1999

No Wimps, No Whiners

All tournaments begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday

- 1) Mt. Kisco, NY, Jan. 23, 1999**
- 2) Buzzy's Creek, NJ, Jan. 30, 1999**
- 3) Norwalk, CT, Feb. 6, 1999**

Compete for overall Ice champ, raise money and food for the hungry, and enjoy three great days at three great courses! The weather cannot cancel nor postpone these events. Awards will be given at each event along with extra special awards for overall top finishers. There will also be communal pot luck lunches each day and awards for the best food providers. For info call:

Bill Newman (914) 666 6593 or Adam Fasciola (203) 852 9473

Attention Amateur Disc Golfers

The **PDGA Amateur World Championships** will be played in Kansas City (in both Missouri & Kansas) from **July 26-31**. A full field of nearly 300 golfers is expected. They will play some of the best courses to be found anywhere while having the time of their disc golfing lives. This tournament will be fun!

Much but not all of the field will be filled by players who earned their positions by playing in PDGA events in 1998. However, we want the field to include players from every state in the union. Because there have been no sanctioned events in New England (this will likely be changing in 1999), we are making this special invitation. If you are an amateur golfer (never took money in a PDGA event) and are interested in playing in this great event, give me (Rick Rothstein) a call at 816-471-3472 or email rickdgwn@aol.com.

You will need to join the PDGA (\$35) to play the Am Worlds. So, talk it over with a buddy. There will be divisions for both men and women, young and old. We will reserve a minimum of two spots for each New England state. If interested or even curious, please contact me as soon as possible.

Banquet, Awards, Auction, and Fun

by Rick Williams

This was the first year that the NEFA Fundraiser Tournament and Auction were combined with the NEFA Golf Points Award Banquet. The result was a huge success! Forty-nine people played in the tournament at the Pyramids course in Leicester, MA, which consisted of a *best disc* doubles format for round one, and a *best score* doubles format for round two. After the tournament, the players went to the Knights of Columbus in Leicester for tournament awards, an all-you-can-eat banquet, the NEFA Golf Points Awards, and the auction to benefit NEFA and the Christopher Reeve Foundation. Hosting the evening were the dapper Tom Whiffen, NEFA President and the lovely, and sharply dressed, Kelley Southwick, NEFA's Vice President. The tournament awards were handed out first. In third place there was a tie between the teams of Bill MacWilliams with Brent Sanderson, and Steve and Wesley Hartwell with a score of 101. Second place went to Jason and Kelley Southwick with a 100. Mike Pratt and David Cronin won the event with a score of 99. Joy Hartwell had the only ace that day, hitting it on hole two in the second round.

Gordy Adell presented the NEFA Disc Golf Points awards for 1998. Everyone at the banquet, players and non-players, received a handsome certificate. Players who qualified for ranking, by playing in the minimum number of events, received a certificate and various gifts, including discs, shirts, towels, and golf bags. Gordy was a master at Master of Ceremonies, reciting the player's yearly accomplishments mixed with their various eccentricities.

The auction got off to a rousing start with expert auctioneer and disc golfer, Ed Fletcher, keeping the bidding fast and funny. Seventy-five separate purchases raked in \$1263, the most successful auction yet! Some of the big ticket items were a new VCR donated by Rick Williams and purchased by Lev Malakhoff for \$125, a Frisbie Pie Tin donated by Dave Johnson and purchased by Greg Hinkley for \$80, and a metal Beatles sign donated by Dave Johnson and purchased by Scott Connell for \$56. The most items donated were from Dave Johnson with eight; Tom Whiffen and Steve Hartwell with seven items each; and Rick Williams with six. The donors' merchandise bringing in the most money was Dave Johnson with \$189; the goodies donated by Rick Williams brought in \$159; and Steve Hartwell's stuff was snatched up for \$108. So who were the big spenders? Lev Malakhoff tops the list with a total of \$135 in purchases. Greg Hinkley was close behind, shelling out \$132, and buying more items (seven) than anyone else. Mike Mattioli purchased six items for a total of \$124, and Scott Connell forked out \$72. Thanks a lot guys! Thanks also go to the donors *in absentia*, John Ferry, Bill Newman, Tom Southwick, and Adam Fasciola. The fundraiser/auction raised \$529.15 for NEFA and \$529.16 for the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

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Doubles Fun Raiser at Pyramids

Leicester, Massachusetts / November 21, 1998

#	Team	1st	2nd	Total	Prize
1	Mike Pratt and David Cronin	50	49	99	\$80
2	Jason and Kelley Southwick	49	51	100	\$50
3t	Steve and Wesley Hartwell	48	53	101	\$20
3t	Bill MacWilliams and Brent Sanderson	47	54	101	\$20
5t	Gordy Adell and Bob Belmore	52	50	102	discs
5t	Lev and Nancy Donnelly-Malakhoff	50	52	102	discs
5t	Kraig and Cathy Steffen	51	51	102	discs
8	Tom Whiffen and Dave Johnson	50	53	103	
9t	Mike Dussault and Brock Pitzer	51	53	104	
9t	Pete Anderson and Doug Russell	52	52	104	
11	Joy and Darren Hartwell	54	52	106	
12	Paul Carlestorm and Lee Rosback	51	56	107	
13	Scott Connell and Sean Green	54	55	109	
14	Greg Hinkley and Melissa Hutching	52	58	110	
15t	Steve Correa and Jerel Davis	52	59	111	
15t	JC and Tim Cohn	52	59	111	
17	Scott Pyle and Bill Bureau	51	62	113	
18	Mike Mattioli and Roy Doar	54	60	114	
19t	John Affonso and TM Dyer	56	59	115	
19t	John Affonso Jr. and Ben MacWilliams	61	54	115	
21	Stephen Ditter and Dayna Mankowski	56	64	120	
22	Adin Buck and Eddy Cohn	58	63	121	
23	Linda Porcelli and Christina Palaganas	58	63	121	
24	Rick Williams (played with himself)	59	126	185	
25	Beth Clarke and Chris Berger	69	126	195	

NEFA Financial Report for 1998

by Rick Williams, NEFA Administrator

Lots of expenses and lots of income. That about sums up the NEFA finances for 1998. We had the most successful fundraiser/auction, taking in \$1753. With several people joining NEFA, or renewing for several years in advance, NEFA saw \$2240 as membership income. The heavy-duty pole holes were sold to Norwalk, CT for \$1200. Other income came in the form of merchandise sales, ads in *NEFA News*, pole hole rentals, and bank interest. Total income was about \$5400.

On the expense side, we were not stingy. NEFA bought 18 pole holes for a total of \$2250. The newsletter cost \$1753 for the year. The NEFA pole hole trailer was upgraded for \$175. There was \$400 worth of grants given out. Ace awards cost \$147, and the Christopher Reeve Foundation received \$530 from NEFA. Other expenses include labels, postage, NEFA membership cards, and postcard renewal reminders. The winner of the NEFA logo contest received \$50, and \$5 per photo published in the NEFA newsletter was given to several 'photo journalists'. Total expenses were around \$5400, the break-even point! Please help NEFA help you, and renew your membership for 1999...and beyond! B

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Season Points Qualifiers are Automatically Ranked First						
Qualifiers	All players	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events	Drops
1	(1)	Jason	Southwick	95.71	9	1
2	(2)	Doug	Russell	94.91	11	2
3	(3)	Pete	Anderson	87.80	10	1
4	(4)	Jim	O'Hara	85.35	10	1
5	(6)	Dave	Johnson	84.48	10	1
6	(8)	Bob	Belmore	84.27	9	1
7	(9)	Brent	Sanderson	82.89	7	0
8	(11)	Tom	Whiffen	78.14	10	1
9	(12)	Michael	Dussault	77.82	8	1
10	(13)	Kraig	Steffen	76.99	8	1
11	(15)	Steve	Hartwell	71.64	10	1
12	(21)	Mike	Pratt	63.83	9	1
13	(24)	Bill	MacWilliams	61.78	7	0
14	(26)	Tim	Walsh	60.69	7	0
15	(27)	Gordy	Adell	59.55	10	1
16	(42)	Brock	Pitzer	44.91	7	0
17	(51)	Roy	Doar	41.81	9	1
18	(52)	Rick	Williams	41.70	10	1
19	(56)	Jerel	Davis	38.25	11	2
20	(57)	Mike	Mattioli	37.58	11	2
21	(60)	Todd	Canuel	35.01	8	1
22	(68)	Scott	Pyle	29.47	8	1
23	(77)	T.M.	Dyer	21.60	8	1
24	(84)	Steve	Correa	16.47	8	1
Non-qualifiers	All players	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events	Drops
25	(5)	Ed	Malloy	85.19	3	0
26	(7)	Dave	Balkema	84.28	6	0
27	(10)	Rick	Burns	80.00	1	0
28	(14)	Daryl	Cornier	72.28	2	0
29	(16)	Dan	Mullaly	67.45	2	0
30	(17)	Dave	Redlund	67.08	5	0
31	(18)	Tom	Brown	66.00	1	0
32	(19)	Michael	Klassner	64.45	2	0
33	(20)	Mike	Codney	63.86	1	0
34	(22)	Tom	Southwick	63.64	2	0
35	(23)	John	Hahn	63.00	1	0
36	(25)	Bob	DeCosta	61.60	5	0
37	(28)	Dan	Desch	59.37	6	0
38	(29)	Trevor	Bechtel	59.14	1	0
39	(33)	George	Rousis	57.45	1	0
40	(31)	Bill	Newman	57.70	6	0
41	(30)	Bob	Enman	58.04	2	0
42	(32)	Anthony	Barber	57.55	2	0
43	(34)	Jake	Jacobs	53.26	4	0
44	(35)	Mark	Idle	52.88	5	0
45	(36)	Toddy	Brodeur	51.98	6	0
46	(37)	Chris	Chamberlain	51.20	1	0
47	(38)	John	Ferry	51.16	4	0
48	(40)	David	Jones	49.27	3	0
49	(39)	Rodney	Washburn	50.08	1	0
50	(43)	Dan	Griffith	44.44	3	0
51	(44)	Jay	Filuminia	44.37	4	0
52	(41)	Tim	Klatka	44.97	2	0
53	(45)	Dave	Riley	44.04	2	0
54	(46)	Greg	Hinkley	43.96	4	0
55	(47)	Paul	Mihalec	43.05	2	0
56	(48)	George	Desch	42.65	1	0
56	(48)	John	O'Gorman	42.65	1	0
58	(50)	Ted	Oberhaus	41.94	2	0
59	(54)	Scooter	Feely	39.25	1	0
60	(53)	David	Coats	39.84	1	0
61	(55)	Drew	Smith	38.47	2	0
62	(58)	Brian	Traichel	37.17	2	0

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63	(59)	Dave	White	35.07	5	0
64	(61)	Tom	Postie	32.00	1	0
65	(62)	Dean	Testa	31.90	1	0
65	(62)	Tom	Beksha	31.90	1	0
67	(64)	Lev	Malakhoff	31.80	3	0
68	(65)	Stephen	Ditter	31.37	5	0
69	(66)	Jack	Downs	30.84	2	0
70	(67)	Sean	Franchi	29.66	5	0
71	(70)	Rick	McGibney	28.00	1	0
72	(69)	Brian	Shoff	28.07	3	0
73	(72)	Mark	West	26.74	1	0
74	(73)	Brean	Daniel	26.23	1	0
75	(74)	Greg	Black	26.21	4	0
76	(71)	Andy	Klatka	27.26	2	0
77	(75)	John	Affonso	23.07	5	0
78	(76)	Dan	Oullett	23.00	1	0
79	(78)	Jim	Malone	21.08	3	0
80	(79)	Dave	Massi	20.89	3	0
81	(80)	Todd	Sternbach	20.45	1	0
82	(81)	Matthew	Borr	18.28	1	0
83	(82)	Jeb	Monk	16.68	1	0
84	(83)	Scott	Riley	16.60	1	0
85	(85)	Donald	Payne	16.01	1	0
86	(86)	Josh	Masters	15.16	1	0
87	(87)	Vince	Fitzpatrick	14.90	1	0
88	(88)	Scott	Sailor	13.56	3	0
89	(89)	Kenneth	Miller	11.95	2	0
90	(90)	Tony	Dirienzo	11.47	1	0
91	(91)	Nazmi	Elsarabi	11.20	1	0
92	(93)	Jason	Cheshire	9.20	1	0
93	(92)	Mark	Bonner	10.40	1	0
94	(94)	Scott	Berman	7.84	1	0
95	(95)	Reggie	Comeau	7.60	1	0
96	(96)	Mark	Wilkins	6.93	1	0
97	(97)	Dan	Ide	6.76	1	0
98	(98)	Dale	Fuller	5.28	1	0
99	(99)	Rob	Rushton	4.66	1	0
100	(100)	Dave	Philbrick	4.00	1	0
101	(101)	Breck	Breckenridge	2.72	1	0
102	(102)	Rob	Plummer	2.39	1	0

MEN'S ADVANCED

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1	(9)	Vince	Fitzpatrick	90.10	5	0
2	(18)	Adam	Fasciolo	84.60	5	0
3	(19)	Scott	Connell	84.49	10	2
4	(37)	Jeff	Hayward	66.58	6	1
5	(38)	Harry	Stefanides	65.38	5	0
6	(59)	P.J.	Gruen	46.99	6	1
7	(64)	Bill	Bureau	42.18	6	1
8	(70)	Mark	Mudgett	38.13	9	2
9	(82)	Michael	Connell	25.54	5	0
10	(88)	Helmut	Traichel	20.45	5	0
Non-qualifiers	All players	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events	Drops
11	(1)	Gordy	Adell	100.00	2	0
11	(1)	Mike	Carroll	100.00	1	0
11	(1)	Chris	Chamberlain	100.00	1	0
11	(1)	Dave	Enman	100.00	1	0
15	(5)	Ted	Lisewski	97.50	1	0
16	(6)	Jerry	Postre	96.43	1	0
17	(7)	Charles	Parker	94.44	1	0
18	(8)	Sean	Green	94.23	1	0
19	(10)	Scouter	Feely	90.00	1	0
20	(11)	Will	Gnauck	89.29	1	0
21	(12)	Dan	Ouellet	89.07	3	0
22	(13)	John	Mahan	88.45	1	0
23	(14)	Joe	Franchi	86.66	1	0
24	(15)	Bryan	Lynch	86.24	2	0
25	(16)	Scott	Berman	86.10	1	0

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26	(17)	Chris	DePaola	85.30	2	0
27	(20)	Phil	Kennedy	82.50	1	0
28	(21)	Mark	Bonner	80.48	4	0
29	(22)	Jody	Coats	80.00	1	0
29	(22)	Dave	White	80.00	1	0
31	(24)	Scott	Morin	75.01	1	0
32	(25)	Felix	Rentschler	75.00	1	0
33	(26)	Shawn	Roberts	74.64	2	0
34	(27)	Jason	Burill	73.92	2	0
35	(28)	Scott	McQuilken	73.32	1	0
36	(29)	Paul	Carlstrom	73.05	1	0
37	(30)	Dave	Jennings	71.63	3	0
38	(31)	Shawn	Jennings	71.56	3	0
39	(32)	Kerry	Kerber	69.20	1	0
40	(33)	Nate	Lentz	68.30	3	0
41	(34)	Bob	Leach	67.87	1	0
41	(34)	Scott	McQuilkin	67.87	1	0
43	(36)	Don	Jenkins	66.98	2	0
44	(39)	Tom	Beksha	64.72	1	0
45	(40)	Ken	Miller	63.92	4	0
46	(41)	Brian	Hladick	63.43	1	0
46	(41)	Jacob	McKean	63.43	1	0
48	(43)	Saul	Stenbak	61.19	3	0
49	(44)	Dave	Talley	60.54	2	0
50	(45)	David	Wollner	59.24	3	0
51	(46)	James	Roush	58.84	1	0
52	(47)	Justin	Bissett	57.65	1	0
53	(48)	Brian	Hubbard	57.50	2	0
54	(49)	Clint	Heenie	57.16	1	0
54	(49)	Seth	Kerr	57.16	1	0
56	(51)	Matt	Allen	55.82	2	0
57	(52)	Bunky	Gress	55.14	3	0
58	(53)	Nick	Boucher	53.80	1	0
59	(54)	Dave	Cronin	53.00	4	0
60	(55)	Paul	Evans	52.96	1	0
61	(56)	Seth	Phefflin	50.27	3	0
62	(57)	Jarrod	March	50.00	1	0
63	(58)	Brian	Harrington	49.95	1	0
64	(60)	Dave	Talley	46.10	1	0
65	(61)	Dwight	Doherty	44.72	2	0
66	(62)	Andy	Driver	43.75	1	0
67	(63)	Doug	Bechtel	42.25	1	0
68	(65)	Rich	Schalek	41.96	4	0
69	(66)	John	Burton	41.49	2	0
70	(67)	Brian	LePerle	41.10	1	0
71	(68)	Martin	Desch	39.31	1	0
72	(69)	Steven	Turnicki	38.40	1	0
73	(71)	Harry	Graham	35.32	1	0
74	(72)	Chris	Perry	33.96	1	0
75	(73)	Gunnar	MacCormick	31.25	1	0
76	(74)	Tim	Kipp	30.79	1	0
77	(75)	Stephen	Bechtel	30.70	1	0
77	(75)	Anthony	Filuminia	30.70	1	0
79	(77)	Mike	Martin	30.00	1	0
80	(78)	Parker	Allen	28.99	2	0
81	(79)	Tom	Purdy	28.60	1	0
82	(80)	John	Weber	27.50	2	0
83	(81)	Kyle	Enman	25.55	2	0
84	(83)	Tom	Richardson	25.35	2	0
85	(84)	John	Damren	25.03	1	0
86	(85)	Dan	Cohen	23.00	1	0
87	(86)	Erik	Sawyer	22.16	1	0
88	(87)	Curtis	Roberts	21.46	1	0
89	(89)	Ken	Downen	20.00	1	0
89	(89)	John	Vanderpool	20.00	1	0
91	(91)	Mike	Ouellet	18.75	1	0
92	(92)	Rich	Porcelli	18.04	3	0
93	(93)	Chris	Lester	17.89	1	0
94	(94)	Pat	Lamer	17.23	1	0
94	(94)	Ken	Orcutt	17.23	1	0
96	(96)	Jason	Pratt	15.58	3	0
97	(97)	Joe	Fleischer	15.00	1	0
98	(98)	Andy	Smith	14.74	1	0
99	(99)	Josh	Connell	14.32	1	0
100	(100)	Matthew	Brien	12.50	1	0

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100	(100)	Rick	Connell	12.50	1	0
102	(102)	Jim	Wiper	11.45	1	0
103	(103)	Andrew	Rutledge	11.04	1	0
104	(104)	Richard	Leach	10.75	1	0
105	(105)	Paul	Evans	7.60	1	0
106	(106)	John	DeHart	7.18	1	0
106	(106)	Peter	Strobridge	7.18	1	0
108	(108)	Paul	Franchi	6.25	1	0
109	(109)	Robert	Gallagher	3.75	1	0
110	(110)	Scott	Ware	3.61	1	0

WOMEN

Qualifiers	All players	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events	Drops
1	(1)	Nancy	D-Malakhoff	100.00	5	0
2	(2)	Kate	Cason	96.00	5	0
3	(5)	Kelley	Southwick	70.00	8	1
4	(10)	Linda	Porcelli	53.80	6	1
Non-qualifiers	All players	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events	Drops
5	(3)	Joy	Hartwell	80.36	2	0
6	(4)	Chrissy	Malkames	80.00	2	0
7	(6)	Becky	Schalck	66.67	1	0
8	(7)	Carol	Hinton	57.14	2	0
9	(8)	Kelly	Cristensen	57.13	1	0
10	(9)	Joan	Mattuezzi	55.55	3	0
11	(11)	Debbie	Adamsons	40.00	3	0
12	(12)	Edie	MacKenna	33.34	1	0
12	(12)	Julie	Deshaies	33.34	1	0
14	(14)	Dayna	Mankowski	28.55	1	0
15	(15)	Louie	Cohn	23.80	2	0
16	(16)	Bethany	Clarke	14.26	1	0

NOVICE MEN

No Novice Men "officially qualify" for season points championship

Rank	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events
(1)	Felix	Rentschler	100.00	2
(1)	Seth	Kerr	100.00	1
(1)	Bodo	Wallem	100.00	1
(1)	Carl	Lyman	100.00	1
(1)	Kevin	Shute	100.00	1
(1)	Russell	Geer	100.00	1
(1)	Tom	Dyer	100.00	1
(1)	Kelsey	Doherty	100.00	1
(9)	Jake	Lewis	80.00	1
(10)	Gary	Hillman	75.00	1
(11)	Ross	McLane	60.00	1
(12)	John	Vanderpool	58.33	3
(13)	Seth	Plaeflin	50.00	1
(13)	Mike	O'Shaughnessy	50.00	1
(13)	Craig	Fitzgerald	50.00	1
(13)	Steve	Gerard	50.00	1
(13)	Brian	Wotton	50.00	1
(18)	Dino	Stefanides	40.00	1
(19)	D.J.	Briggs	25.00	1
(19)	Chris	Ohm	25.00	1
(21)	Kevin	Cassidy	20.00	1

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Rank	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events
(1)	Shelley	Tomy	100.00	4
(1)	Sara	Rice	100.00	1
(1)	Meissa	Hutching	100.00	1
(4)	Cristina	Palaganas	92.86	2
(4)	Andrea	Panela	92.86	1
(4)	Renee	Wallem	92.86	1
(7)	Cathy	Steffen	77.38	2
(8)	Monica	Holtzheimer	75.00	2
(9)	Lisa	Weber	58.33	2

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(10)	Carolyn	Casario	57.14	4
(11)	Leslie	Riley	50.00	1
(11)	Connie	Leach	50.00	1
(13)	Linda	Porcelli	42.84	1
(13)	Erin	Friedman	42.84	1
(15)	Kathy	Richardson	34.11	3
(16)	Suzanne	Desch	33.34	1
(17)	Slacey	Moore	28.55	1
(18)	Nancy	Schroeder	14.26	1
(18)	Edith	Chase	14.26	1

JUNIORS 13-16

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Rank	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events
(1)	Tim	Cohn	100.00	4
(1)	Russell	Meyer	100.00	1
(1)	Phil	Altman	100.00	1
(1)	Matt	Swett	100.00	1
(5)	John J.	Afonso	50.00	1
(5)	Ben	MacWilliams	50.00	1
(5)	Christina	Rockwood	50.00	1

JUNIORS 12 & UNDER

Qualifiers	All players	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events	Drops
1	(1)	Nick	Newman	100.00	5	0
2	(10)	Wesley	Hartwell	63.39	9	2
Non-qualifiers	All players	First Name	Last Name	Avg Pts	# Events	Drops
3	(1)	Jake	Burns	100.00	1	0
4	(3)	Tyler	Dour	90.00	4	0
5	(4)	Kyle	McDonald	81.25	1	0
5	(4)	Brian	Zagaski	81.25	1	0
7	(6)	John	Griffith	75.00	1	0
8	(7)	Alex	Russell	72.50	4	0
9	(8)	Evan	O'Shaughnessy	66.67	1	0
10	(9)	Joey	Cohn	65.00	3	0
11	(11)	Ben	Cronin	62.50	1	0
12	(12)	Rodrigo	Altman	60.00	1	0
13	(13)	Steve	Roberts	43.75	1	0
14	(14)	Devin	Green	40.00	1	0
15	(15)	Eddy	Cohn	37.77	3	0
16	(16)	Riley	Wilkins	25.00	1	0
17	(17)	Mike	Mirandi	20.00	1	0
17	(17)	Adin	Buck	20.00	1	0
17	(17)	Tanya	Merrill	20.00	1	0
20	(20)	Grace	Griffith	16.65	1	0
21	(21)	Darren	Hartwell	12.50	1	0

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Open players: **50%** of all NEFA Points Events, with a cap* of eight tournaments

Men's Advanced: **50% minus one**, with a cap* of six tournaments

All Women's and Junior divisions, and Men's Novice: **50% minus two**, with a cap* of five tournaments

NOTES:

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- ❖ At the time of this writing, a system for dropping worst performances had not yet been finalized.

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