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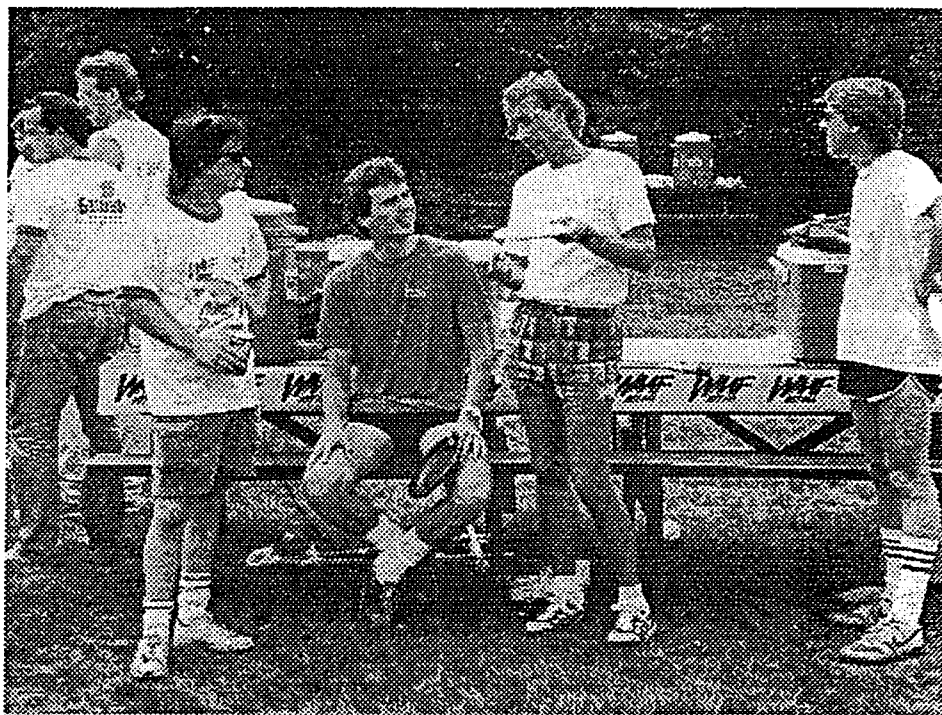
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The WAAF Summer Fling

By Dave Johnson & Steve Hartwell

To the casual observer, it might have looked like a giant safari happening in the wilds of Hopkinton State Park on a summery Saturday, August 19. Through the woods and pathways and over the grassy banks of the reservoir dam, golf enthusiasts were beating the bush in search of lost discs and trying to bag the elusive trophy of a Pole Hole. In reality, it was over 100 people having a great time competing in the biggest Frisbee event that has taken place in New England in years.

It all began when Ron Valeri, Promotions Director at radio station WAAF in Worcester, was put in touch with Sunny Cade through a contact at Wham-O. Ron wanted to do a Frisbee tournament as a summer promotion and needed some help in pulling it off. Sunny kindled the flame, mobilized NEFA and the match was made. WAAF staffers, led by Ron and his assistant Heidi Dagnese, took care of publicity, prizes, and logistics; the NEFA network took care of the tournament format and ran the events. Greg Black, like a modern day Lewis and Clark, was especially instrumental in



Harvey Brandt shows how it's done at the WAAF Summer Fling

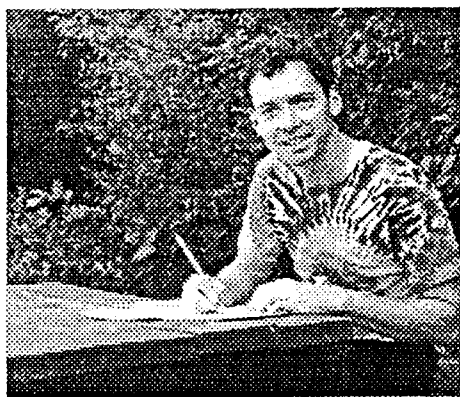
designing a challenging golf course through the field, wood, and dam areas of the park. In the meantime, the station did an outstanding job getting the word out; WAAF has one of the widest signal coverages of any station in New England, and its large and loyal audience heard promos several times a day prior to the event.

Ron and staff also put together an irresistible prize package which included an all-expenses paid trip to the 1990 U.S. Flying Disc Open in California for the Overall champion.

Of course, every weatherperson in New England, in a solid coalition of dread, vowed it would rain on

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Rick Williams, freestyle coordinator, grapples with the figures

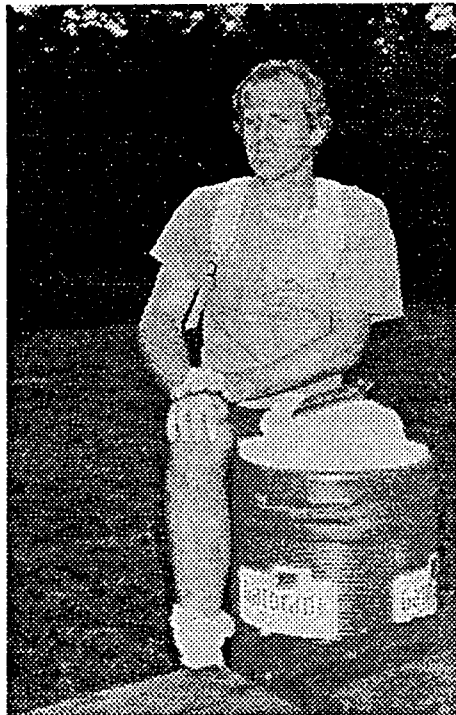
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Saturday. It didn't look good at first, but the thick clouds and mist of the early morning gradually gave way to the summer sun. A long line formed at the registration desk as contestants picked up their free WAAF/Gatorade T-Shirts and WAAF discs, and began to comprehend the mysteries of M.T.A. and heavy metal baskets. Thanks to the drawing power of WAAF, 102 people registered, barely enabling everyone to play as the cutoff was 107. We noted many new faces who had never participated competitively in a Frisbee tournament, as well as a number of old-timers re-emerging from the wood-work.

The competition was tight in all three events: Golf, Maximum Time Aloft, and Freestyle. The top four golfers were separated by only one stroke to start the final round, with three of them posting the top score of -4. New Yorker Harvey Brandt eeked out a narrow win for the top golf prize of a \$600 Panasonic car stereo, having to play two extra holes to break a tie with Greg Black and Ed Charrier. In M.T.A., Jason Southwick gave Harvey a run for the money with two 10 second plus throws, but the eventual Overall champ bested 11 seconds both times to win a \$200 gift certificate to Eastern Mountain Sports. With the day drawing to a close, the Freestyle competition inspired an enthusiastic crowd as

Rick Williams and Judy Robbins bested Harvey and Jason for a \$300 EMS gift certificate.

When the scores were tallied, Harvey Brandt was crowned the Overall Champion, and the competitors and spectators alike were heard to say "can't wait to do it again next year!" We wish to thank Ron, Heidi, WAAF, and the prize sponsors for their marvelous support, Linda Hubley and the folks at beautiful Hopkinton State Park who provided us with a place to play for the day, and all the NEFA members who volunteered their time and skills to make this a tournament to remember.



Dave Johnson takes home a Gatorade cooler for a prize.

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forty with scarecrow catches and gitises. Performing footbag freestyle was footbag champion Adam Eisner who resides in the Boston area. Adam's quick feet have earned him many titles in freestyle and in consecutive kicking at major tournaments.

After the demonstrations the kids were eager to learn nail delays and basic footbag kicks. The only other

activity to rival the popularity of the freestyle performances was the Wall of Foam. Many thanks go to Mark Greenfield and the Leominster Recreation Department for the opportunity to show the youth of today activities that last a lifetime. ☺

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Putting the bad feelings aside, the tournament was a fantastic week of play and meeting old and new friends. The spirit of frisbee exists on every level from an international perspective and all players agreed that the main goal is to see our sport flourish as much as possible. The week in Colchester was well worth the transatlantic trip and I hope more Americans will venture to other parts of the world in future competitions. Cheers to all who attended and may the next WFDF be as good (if not better) for future international participants.

WFDF OVERALL RESULTS -1989 (TOP FIVE)

Masters

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| 1. Charlie Langdon-Mead | GB |
| 2. Seppo Nieminen | FIN |
| 3. Nigel Barnwell | NZ |
| 4. Robbie Robison | USA |
| 5. Jacques Doetsch | BEL |

Women

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| 1. Joanne Gallagher | CAN |
| 1. Barbro Langjuth | SW |
| 3. Bethany Porter | USA |
| 4. Judy Robbins | USA |
| 5. Rhode Johansson | SW |

Juniors

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| 1. Tomas Burvall | SW |
| 2. Mattius Nilsson | SW |
| 3. Timo Pursio | FIN |
| 4. Christian Voigt-Eberle | WG |
| 5. Mika Heikkila | FIN |

Open

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| 1. Harvey Brandt | USA |
| 2. Tom Krajna | USA |
| 3. Sam Ferrans | USA |
| 4. Hartmut Wahrman | WG |
| 5. Stefan Karlsson | SW |