



Dear fellow PDGA member,

Congratulations! Based on your performance in PDGA sanctioned events last year, you have earned an invitation to the 2016 PDGA Amateur & Junior Disc Golf World Championships in Madison, WI from July 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the PDGA and the entire Madison disc golf community, we hope to see you here.

## Hosts

Mad City Disc Golf has a simple mission which is to expand and enhance disc golf and other flying disc sports in Greater Madison. The club's passionate members have been successfully carrying out this mission since 1991 and are very excited to be hosting this year's PDGA Amateur & Junior World Championships. Club president Seth Johnson is serving as the assistant tournament director.

Madison Parks became "pay to play" in 2013 and the improvements at Elver and Hiestand Parks have been dramatic.

Dane County Parks is home to Capital Springs and the Vallarta-Ast Disc Golf Course at Token Creek Park. The latter has long been regarded as a gold standard and all it takes is stepping onto the first tee to see why.

Village of Marshall Parks & Recreation quickly decided to get behind this event when it was awarded to us last May by adding nine more holes to its beautiful and challenging 18 Hole course – Bird's Ruins at Charles Langer Family Park.

Madison Area Sports Commission played a key role in bringing this event to Madison, but they have not stopped there. MASC has continued to bring an incredible amount of support to the table.

Glide Disc Golf is Madison's disc golf pro shop. Owner Mike Batka is serving as the tournament director. He has a long and successful track record as a tournament director and promoter.

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## Courses

The preliminary rounds will be held at five courses in Greater Madison. Three of the courses have 18 holes and two have 27 holes for a total of 108 holes of competition before the cut to the semifinals and finals. Everyone will play each course once during the preliminary rounds except for those in divisions that play 72 holes during the prelims.

**Elver Park, Madison (18 holes):** Opening in 1992 on Madison's west side, Elver Park was the area's first disc golf course. Elver is a classic parkland course that winds its way up, over, around and back down a large hill with approximately 100 feet of elevation change. It has a balanced mix of open and heavily wooded holes. The signature hole is #18, Madison's version of the "Top of the World" shot. Four holes have been either renovated or completely redesigned in the last couple of years, so make sure you get a practice round in even if you have played the course on earlier trips to Madison. The original baskets have recently been replaced with new red DGA Mach V Baskets. The Elver Park DGC was designed by Disc Golf Hall of Fame member "Duster" Don Hoffman.

**Hiestand Park, Madison (18 holes):** Madison's second course opened in 1998 at Hiestand Park on Madison's east side. Known by some locals as "Radar Hill" for the Air Force radar unit that used to be where holes #8-10 are. This is another classic parkland course, with a mix of rolling open and wooded holes, and is a little longer than Elver. Everyone will have a chance to air it out on hole #3, while some tighter wooded fairways await throughout the back two-thirds of the course. As with Elver Park, the baskets at Hiestand have also been replaced with new red DGA Mach V Baskets.

**Vallarta-Ast DGC at Token Creek County Park, DeForest (27 holes):** Token Creek or "VA" as it is known by some locals, is the area's "country club" course. The original 18 holes opened in 2001 as one of the first public pay-to-play courses in existence. The course has been very well maintained from the start, with trees and/or natural prairie areas defining fairways on each hole. The course was expanded to 27 holes in 2012. While most of the original 18 holes are fairly wooded, the newest nine are more open, with a few holes that let the bigger arms show off. However, the signature hole may very well be one of the shortest. #22 is wide open and barely over 250 feet from the long tees, but features a unique island green ringed by boulders that is approximately the size of the 10 meter putting circle. There is also a circle of tree trunks surrounding the basket. Since the new nine will also serve as the site of the Finals, this hole could make or break some championship dreams.

**Bird's Ruins DGC at Charles Langer Family Park, Marshall (27 holes):** One of the area's newest courses, Bird's Ruins opened as an 18-hole course in 2011, and was expanded to 27 holes in 2016. The course has rolling terrain with some heavily wooded holes, but also features many open prairie holes bounded by some of the most brutal "rough" you'll ever see on a disc golf course. While the course has some of the longest holes in the area, there are some great short holes, including a relatively open shot to an elevated basket built on top of a wooden pyramid.

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## Courses – continued

**Capital Springs DGC at Lake Farm County Park, Madison (18 holes):** The newest course used for the tournament, the Capital Springs DGC opened in 2013 as the second course in the Dane County Parks system. As with Vallarta-Ast at Token Creek, the grounds are well-maintained with a ball golf course feel. However, while Token Creek is generally flat, Capital Springs features rolling terrain with many holes that have 15 to 30 feet of elevation change. This course is also much more open with only one wooded section, while most holes are lined by prairie. Capital Springs is also the most exposed to the wind, which combined with the elevation changes, can make it difficult to control your shots. If the wind is calm, you'll need to shoot a low score to keep pace.

**Semifinals** will be played on Saturday morning at Bird's Ruins DGC (using only 18 holes), Hiestand Park, and holes #1-18 at the Vallarta-Ast DGC at Token Creek County Park. All divisions that have a minimum of 16 players will have a cut to the semis with the top competitors playing in a semifinal.

**Finals** will take place on Saturday morning and afternoon on holes #19-27 at the Vallarta-Ast DGC at Token Creek County Park. This nine-hole loop is very spectator-friendly and we are expecting a big crowd to cheer on the finalists. All divisions that have four to seven players will advance two competitors to the finals. All divisions that have eight or more players will advance four competitors to the finals.

## Host Hotel

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is the host hotel (<http://www.cpmadisonhotel.com/>). Please be sure you call 888-233-9527 when it's time to make reservations. Be sure to ask for the "PDGA Amateur Disc Golf World Championships Block." or you may use this link:

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_gi\\_new&groupID=53314913](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=53314913)

You may reserve until 06/24/2016 to ensure you receive the discounted block rate. This will be THE place to stay! It is conveniently located just 8-26 minutes away from all the courses. The players' meeting is less than a 15 minute drive. Dane County Regional Airport is only 8 minutes away. Competitors can walk from the Crowne Plaza to the field events in less than 10 minutes. Plus, check-in, the fly mart and even Smashboxx's live weekly podcast will be on site at the host hotel.

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## Camping

Camping is conveniently located at Token Creek Park and across the street from Capital Springs at Lake Farm Park. Visit [www.reservedane.com](http://www.reservedane.com) for more information.

## Travel

Dane County Regional Airport (MSN) is just 8 minutes from the Crowne Plaza. Other airports include General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) in Milwaukee and Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

## Doubles – A fun way to warm up! - Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Junior Divisional Doubles will be at Hiestand Park – 9am Players Meeting

Amateur Advanced Mixed Doubles will be at Token Creek Park (holes 1-18) – 9am Players Meeting

Each will play one round of modified best shot followed by a round of modified alternate shot.

Both fields are limited to 36 teams.

***Note: Pre-registration by each partner is required for Doubles. You must be a singles participant at Worlds in order to register for Doubles. If Doubles doesn't fill, we may open it up to all PDGA Amateur members at a later date.***

## Field Events – Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Field events will be conveniently located less than a 10 minute walk from the host hotel at Reindahl Park on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-4:00pm.

**Mini Golf** – Mad City Disc Golf will be putting your mini disc golfing skills to the test.

**Long Drive** – Big D in Dairyland

**Putting** – Putt...chains!...repeat

**Skillshot** – The SkillShot® program is presented by E.D.G.E. to test your throwing skills and proficiencies. Throws include backhand, sidearm/forehand, roller, upside-down, straddle, kneeling/seated, freestyle and obstructed and will be scored on accuracy to a certain target or area. You will have a great time challenging yourself to improve your disc golf skills. You will take many of these skills to the course.

***Note: Pre-registration is required for Field Events, there will be no walk-ups permitted. You must be a singles participant at Worlds in order to register for Field Events.***

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## **Player Check-In at the Crowne Plaza (Host Hotel)**

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-5:00

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-5:00

## **Fly Mart – Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

The fly mart will be at the Crowne Plaza (host hotel) on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-5:00pm. If you are interested in vending at the fly mart, contact Eric at [2016flymart@gmail.com](mailto:2016flymart@gmail.com).

## **Mandatory Players' Meeting – Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>**

The players' meeting will be held at the Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm.

## **Registration**

See the Registration Schedule (<http://www.pdga.com/2016amworlds/registration/schedule>) for when the various registration tiers occur. Each registration tier opens at Midnight (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on the morning of the date listed.

Registration Site:

[https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/2016\\_PDGA\\_Amateur\\_and\\_Junior\\_Disc\\_Golf\\_World\\_Championships](https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/2016_PDGA_Amateur_and_Junior_Disc_Golf_World_Championships)

**IMPORTANT!! – You must be a 2016 Current PDGA Member and also a Certified Official with a certification expiration date after July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in order to register. (See your PDGA Player Profile page for your expiration date.) If either of these items need to be taken care of - do so now - don't wait until the last minute or you may not get in.**

For PDGA Membership: <http://www.pdga.com/membership>

For Certified Official exam: <http://www.pdga.com/rules/exam>

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## **Withdrawals and Refunds**

Use the "Request a Refund" link found in your registration confirmation email to withdraw and request a refund. **Please note that only those players in attendance at Worlds will receive player's packs. All refunds are cash only.**

The full withdrawal and refund policy for 2016 Amateur Worlds is available here:

<http://www.pdga.com/2016amworlds/registration/refunds>

## **Sponsorship**

Please contact Mike Batka at [mike@glidediscgolf.com](mailto:mike@glidediscgolf.com) or 608-285-5190.

## **Online Resource for latest Worlds Information**

<http://www.pdga.com/2016amworlds>

**We hope to see you at the 2016 PDGA Amateur & Junior World Championships in Madison, Wisconsin!**

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PDGA Events Manager

### **Andrew "Big Dog" Sweeton**

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