

2018 PDGA State/Province Coordinator Candidate Statements

Alaska – Rick Cramer, #49467

Alaska – Patrick Miller, #5543

Disc Golf Experience: I have worked for and volunteered with Kachemak Heritage Land Trust, The Minnesota Land Trust, Kachemak Bay State Parks, Center for Alaska Coastal Studies, and the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve - all environmentally-focused non-profits. I was treasurer of our graduate school ultimate frisbee team and organized an annual tournament that would attract over 30 different club teams from across New England. I currently sit on the Kachemak Bay State Parks Advisory Committee and am Commissioner of the Homer Softball Association.

I have successfully directed dozens of PDGA-sanctioned disc golf tournaments all over the state of Alaska. I co-manage a weekly disc golf league in Homer, Alaska that has been continuously running for more than 3 years. I have attended and played in dozens of PDGA-sanctioned disc golf tournaments all over Alaska and the rest of the country. I have facilitated and attended numerous local and statewide disc golf course park clean-ups, restructuring meetings, and course design sessions. I have maintained a good working relationship with local and statewide park liaisons to ensure smooth operations throughout the disc golf season. And I've cashed an ace pot or two.

Candidate Statement: I want to be your Alaska PDGA state coordinator for the following reasons. First, I've directed dozens of tournaments around the great state of Alaska. I care about disc golf enough to put my time and energy into tournaments and I want to see it grow at the local and state level. Second, I've played in dozens of tournaments across Alaska and the lower 48. I support local clubs when traveling and want to see every city/region have a self-sustaining group to handle the local disc golf need. Finally, I have attended numerous work parties, meetings, and course design sessions across the state. I want to see every course looking its best.

The common thread in all of these reasons is a desire to see disc golf become as popular as possible in Alaska. This will be achieved by working with local/regional sponsors, hosting tournaments big and small, and developing more courses wherever possible to get new players into the game. I would be thrilled to be your Alaska state coordinator and I appreciate your consideration.

Arizona – David Taylor Jr, #24603

Disc Golf Experience: PDGA Member since 2004, Memorial Champion 2008 (MA1), Highest rated round=1046, Fountain Hills Disc Golf (Affiliate) Club Founding Member and President (2014-2018), Tournament and Sanctioned League Director, Course designer/builder, played in 2015 Open Worlds, invited to both Open and Masters 2018 Pro Worlds, Bag Tag Collector=Local AZ Clubs supporter, PyroHyzer National Bag Tag AZ Coordinator, tournament sponsor, played 150+ permanent basket courses in 18 States, 64 courses in AZ, played disc golf in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, T-13th highest rated player in Arizona (975) as of May 2018 update. 4 PDGA members in my household.

British Columbia – Leanne Fulton, #27048

Professional Experience: I've worked as a graphic designer since 2002, specializing specifically in illustration but am a Jill of all trades; I create websites, take photos, do a fair amount of writing, create logos and layouts for businesses and publications and have worked on a wide range of projects for a wide range of clients. As my job is sedentary and often solitary, I've found that disc golf is the best antidote. Some of my favorite things about disc golf are the community and all the friends I've made over the years locally and all around the world – it's also a great theme for travel.

Disc Golf Experience: I was introduced to the sport in 1990 on Vancouver Island while at the University of Victoria. I played a ton of ultimate through my twenties and disc golf casually. I began to compete at disc golf in

2008 and attended my first big tournament (the Beaver State Fling) and was hooked.

I've been a part of teams organizing events in BC for the last several years – including Canadian Nationals in 2015 and the World Team Disc Golf Championships in 2016. It was through my efforts that DGA was persuaded to donate a set of Mach X baskets to Queen Elizabeth Park for our inaugural World Team Championship event, which I consider one of my greatest accomplishments (thank you, DGA!).

In the past two years, I've attended meetings with municipalities, parks boards and community groups advocating for disc golf in general and for more facilities in BC. One of the projects I'm working on right now is the development of a new course on Bowen Island. I've participated in open houses and conducted clinics as a means of introducing people to the sport.

I'm honoured to represent BC at events and always encourage players I meet to come check out our scene when I travel. I believe that through our strong representation at events BC has gained recognition in the international community, which in turn gives us more leverage as a group of athletes pushing for more events and more facilities.

I've worked as a member at large and in every executive role of BC Disc Sports (BCDS) for several years and look forward to focusing purely on Coordination for the PDGA in the coming year.

Optional Candidate Introduction YouTube Video Link:

https://youtu.be/E_MOqVJuiVY

California (south) - Suzette Simons, #11957

I love disc golf! When I am not busy working at Innova or playing in PDGA events or serving as a disc golf volunteer, I enjoy playing new disc golf courses.

- Active PDGA player and volunteer since 1996
 - Competed in 275+ PDGA events including 56 Majors and NT's
 - Volunteer TD/Co TD for over 50 PDGA events
 - 100+ PDGA wins
 - Raised \$10,000+ for EDGE (Educational Disc Golf Experience) since 2008
 - Employed by Innova Disc Golf since 2004
 - Volunteer So Cal DGC Board of Directors since 2004
 - Volunteer PDGA Competition Committee since 2007
 - Volunteer PDGA State Coordinator since 2009
 - Played 450+ disc golf courses in 48 states
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Connecticut – Michael Zorovich, #40707

Professional Experience: Graduated college and took a summer job plumbing in 2000. Stuck with plumbing and what it taught me was how to work with people no matter what to get a job done.

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing in 2008 and this will be my tenth year as a member of the PDGA. I have worked my way up from playing REC/AM3 to Pro Masters over that time. More importantly, the former State Coordinator, Joseph Proud, taught me how critical volunteering is. He instilled in me how important course work was. In 2011, he passed off the "course pro" title to me for PANTHORN DGC in Southington CT. Through his tutelage I learned how to use a chainsaw, run the weekly singles league and the yearly tournament. He always said, "it takes a good team to run a good tournament" and I was lucky to earn a spot on his and help him run our State's biggest event year after year. To sum up, there are the Vets of our sport, guys like Joe and others that cut the trails that turned into our fairways. I was honored to respect them and worked hard to earn their respect in return. I like to think over more recent years I've passed on what I was taught to the new generation of league directors and TDs. I'd like the opportunity to continue doing that as CT State Coordinator and further bridge the gap between our past and future.

Connecticut- Chris Dierkens, #4605

Professional Experience: US Navy Veteran currently employed as the VP of Engineering Services Air Tox Environmental in Willington. My primary focus at Air Tox is the management and support of our customer's computerized Data Acquisition Systems for their Air Emission Monitoring systems. I've been in the Environmental and Power Generation field for roughly 30 years.

Board Member and Shareholder at Biomass Controls. Biomass Controls' mission focuses on developing solutions in response to water and sanitation challenges to nearly 500 million people around the world. We harness the potential of waste streams by generating energy, clean water and biochar products.

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing Frisbee and Disc Golf sports in 1975. My parents, myself and my two siblings competed in various tournaments around the Midwest from 1975-1982. We participated in every major tournament in and around the Central Mid-West States. We also competed in local tournaments in and around the Kansas City, MO area throughout the years.

I joined the PDGA in 1985, played tournaments around the nation and qualified and completed in the 1989 PDGA Amateur National Championships; the forerunner to the Amateur World Championships.

Beginning in 2015, I've been competing in Connecticut, New England, and Nationally in about 26 sanctioned and unsanctioned tournaments a year.

2017 and 2018 New England Amateur Advanced Grandmaster Champion.

I'm an active participant in several weekly Central CT leagues, Page Park, Panthorn, Rockwell, etc.

Original, 2016, New England Team Challenge team member and now co-captain of Disc Hut 2, the 2017-2018 PiP Champions.

I've been the TD and/or the Assistant TD of numerous PDGA sanctioned tournaments.

I'm an active course volunteer and supporter.

Candidate Statement: I was born and raised in Missouri. As a US Navy Veteran, I was fortunate enough to travel around the United States and experienced many great things during those travels. I landed in Connecticut in 1987 and love New England and all that Connecticut has to offer.

Wanda and I have been married for 28 years and have two wonderful children. I coached basketball for 20+ years at various levels from grade school to the collegiate level.

I've played Disc Golf in 40+ States on over 350 courses over the last 43 years. The sport has grown over that time and the growth here in CT is starting to reflect that with the recent number of new courses and the increased number of casual players at these new courses.

As your PDGA State Coordinator I'd like to see what we can do to continue to grow the sport within the current structure (along the lines of the recent tournament series that has been developed) as well as to help with the growth of the sport in our schools and universities. There are several programs that can either be expanded or implemented to bring disc golf to children and young adults.

There also needs to be an organized effort to educate the general public as well as our local elected officials on the benefits of having a disc golf course in their area. Publishing a website as well as informational materials that can make these facts easily obtainable is an effort that I believe will go a long way.

My life, work, and volunteer experience can focus these energies towards the effort of continued growth in the state where the toss of a Frisbee pie plate started it all.

Florida – Cameron J. Harbachuk, #52085

Personal Experience:

Billing Analyst II | Aspire Financial Services | August 2016 – Current

- Received, analyzed and tracked revenue share (12b – 1 and Sub Transfer Agency Fees) for all 401(k), 403(b), 457(b) and IRA plans on a recordkeeping platform.

- Processed quarterly reinvestments of revenue share (1.1 – 1.5 million dollars) into participant accounts for 2800+ retirement plans.

- Processed quarterly invoices and provide billing related client services for 425+ retirement plans.

Manager | Mister Car Wash, LLC. | May 2013 – August 2016

- Weekly scheduling and management of 50+ person staff.
- Produced and analyzed location financial reports to increase profitability; Income Statements, Labor – Use analytics, and Sub – Ledgers.

Disc Golf Experience:

- Began playing Disc Golf in July of 2008.
- PDGA Membership obtained 2012 (PDGA #52085).
- 957 PDGA Player Rating (As of May 22nd, 2018).
- 50 total tournaments played across 4 states.
- Co – Founder and Tournament Director of the Annual North – South Pinellas Championship.
- Co – Founder and Event Director of the Annual Gulf Coast Charity Open.
- 12 Time Tournament Director | 1,292 Total Players
 - USF Fund – a – Bull | 2014 – 2015 | Unsanctioned
 - Fun n Sun | 2016 – 2017 | B-Tier
 - Coachman Classic | 2016 – 2017 | B-Tier
 - Annual North – South Pinellas Championship | 2017 – 2018 | B – Tier

University of South Florida Disc Golf Club | January 2014 – December 2015

- Co – Founder & Treasurer.

Tampa Bay Disc Sports Club | January 2016 – December 2017

- Club President (2017)
- Treasurer (2016)
- Event Coordinator/Tournament Director (2016 – 2017)
- Fundraised for and orchestrated basket replacement project at Cliff Stephens Park in Clearwater Florida. Assisted in raising \$8,000 for project in less than 8 months.

Candidate Statement: Hey! Thanks for taking the time to read all of this and for becoming more educated on the candidates for PDGA State Coordinator for the Sunshine State of Florida! For those who do not know me, I hope you were able to learn a little bit about myself in the above sections. I am an experienced tournament director and club administrator and I am very excited at the opportunity to earn your vote for State Coordinator. As State Coordinator, my main goals would be built around 3 main principles; Charity, Collaboration and Quality.

Charity – Charity is something that is very important to me personally. One of the amazing things about disc golfers is that by nature they are a very giving and action oriented group of people. From my experience, if there is a cause that most disc golfers can get behind, they will. I want to try to tap into this by creating a state wide fundraising initiative. Under this initiative, I would discuss with Tournament Directors and Club Administrators the charities and causes that mean the most with them, and work with them to try and establish ways that they can fundraise for those causes. I am a huge believer in the idea that working with charities not only provides us with a way to give back to our local communities and the causes that matter most to us, but also puts the Disc Golf community on a platform not normally reached through normal tournament operations. The goal would be for the state of Florida to come together as one to try and reach an aggressive, but attainable goal of total dollars donated to charity as a state each year.

Collaboration & Quality – The state of Florida is very lucky to have some of the most talented and experienced tournament directors in the country. I want to leverage this knowledge and experience and help create an open sourced environment for the exchange of ideas and information between Tournament Directors and Club Administrators throughout the state. This would include bi – weekly or monthly correspondence to all TDs and Club Admins to keep everyone informed on the events upcoming in the state, as well as provide them with important updates from the PDGA. Additionally, I want to leverage the power of social media and create a platform where all Directors and Admins in the state can meet and discuss ideas, event dates and other information. This will allow this transfer of knowledge and information to happen instantaneously allowing event directors the ability to provide a higher quality and more consistent product to the player’s week in and week out.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly and I would be more than happy to discuss anything with you.

Thank you for your consideration!!

Hawaii –

Illinois - Mike Krupicka, #28238

Disc Golf Experience: Started playing in 2001. I have been a PDGA member since 2005 and became a Certified Official in 2006. After volunteering at events for a couple of years, I began running events as a TD in 2008. I have been active locally in the Discontinuum and Fox Valley Metro Disc Golf Clubs.

I have served as the state coordinator since 2012.

The biggest skill I have to offer as a state coordinator is my organizational abilities. I am detail oriented and strive for quality in any task I take on. Illinois has a very active disc golf scene with tournaments almost every weekend. I will promote the PDGA and believe I can provide the guidance to continue the momentum we are currently seeing in this state.

Iowa – Michael Deeter, #68364

Professional Experience: As a husband and father, I provided for my family in many ways... from doing grunt work to leading a team of professionals in an office environment. I believe in common sense and thinking before acting. I enjoy using my skills to help make things easier and more organized. I look at myself as a professional problem-solver.

Disc Golf Experience: I have been enjoying the sport of disc golf for over seven years. I have run and assisted in running tournaments and disc golf leagues for the last four years in the Cedar Rapids area. In 2015, I created www.iowadiscgolf.net to help the then current State Coordinator organize and communicate event details for all Iowa Events. At the end of 2016, I took over the State Coordinator position and have done my best to help the Iowa disc golf community be organized and well-informed about everything disc golf related in the community. I'll gladly volunteer to continue serving for as long as the community desires.

Kentucky – Lewis Willian, #37868

Disc Golf Experience:

- Manager: Ironworks Hills Disc Golf Course (Winchester, KY) (@2008)
- Member: Professional Disc Golf Association (since 2008)
Bluegrass Disc Golf Association (since 2007)
- Appointed: Winchester/Clark County Parks Board (@2010 – current)
- Vice President: Bluegrass Disc Golf Association (2010-2012)
- Tournament Director: PDGA Bluegrass State Games (8x)
- Tournament Director: PDGA Lexington Open (2x)
- Tournament Director: PDGA Championships at Ironworks Hills (8x)
- Tournament Director: Kentucky His Hers Mixed Doubles Championships (8x)
- Tournament Director: Glowing Iron Glow-in-the-Dark Tournament (8x)
- League Director: PDGA Ironworks Hills Fall and Spring Leagues (14x)
- Coach: 2008 and 2013 Boys State High School Championship Disc Golf Team (George Rogers Clark High School)
- Coach: 2009 Girls State High School Championship Disc Golf Team (George Rogers Clark High School)

- Winner: 3 PDGA Titles and 7 Bluegrass State Games Medals (4 Gold)
- Participant: 2015 PDGA Amateur World Championships (Kalamazoo, MI)
- Grant Recipient: \$10,000 Community foundation grant (2014) to build the back nine and replace all 18 tees of Ironworks Hills DGC
- Volunteer Coordinator: We have had 57 different volunteers give time to work on the extension and expansion of IWHills in the past two years. IW Hills was a finalist for the Kentucky Rec and Parks Society Facility of the year (the first time a disc golf course has ever been a finalist for this award)
- Presenter: "Fly High – An Introduction to Disc Golf" at the 2015 Kentucky Rec and Parks Society Conference

YouTube Video Link: <https://youtu.be/a8eNn57hJRA>

Candidate Statement: My candidacy for KY State PDGA Director is a result of my desire to grow this great game. I desire growth in the number and quality of courses as well as the number of casual and serious players in the Bluegrass. I currently administrate a 300+ person email list to promote events in the Lexington area – and would like to expand this effort statewide. I would like to continue and expand the previous state director's solid efforts to establish and use social media as a strong disc golf communication tool across the state. I would like to expand our local programs of collecting used disc golf equipment and getting those discarded discs into the hands of new players – especially youth. I would like to continue hosting and developing the KY High School State Championship and encourage more high schools to join this movement. Finally, I want to serve tournament directors and work with them to mesh dates for events across the state to avoid conflicts if possible and provide a strong and vibrant PDGA tournament schedule in Kentucky.

Maine – Jay Chadbourne, #84197

Professional Experience: For the last 4 years I have worked for Super Shoes in Maine. I started out in Waterville, ME and currently work in Kittery, ME. I am currently a manager for the Kittery location and oversee a team of 4-6 employees.

Disc Golf Experience: I have been playing for 3 years this month, May of 2018. Disc golf has helped me become more active in my life, leading to a healthier me. I love the idea that you can go to most courses and be able to join up with other people that enjoy the sport as much as I do.

I joined the PDGA in 2016 and participated in 12 events that year. In 2017 I also played 12 events related to the PDGA.

In those two years I have started a small group on played that are about supporting each other and bridging the gap between a casual player and a tournament player. In 2016 we had 50 players that wanted to get involved. In 2017 there were 75 players that wanted to get involved and this year, 2018 there is already over 50 players that want to get involved with my group. I have run casual events, typically 6-10 a year. Last year I ran a Trilogy challenge, and helped set up 2 discs challenges at 2 different courses run by Dynamic Discs RV crew. I also took the Official test last year and I am currently sanctioned until January 30, 2020.

If I am elected to the position of State Coordinator, my goals are to continue and expand on the growth we have experienced over the past few years. I'd like to increase membership throughout the State of Maine and increase participation in PDGA events.

Maritime Provinces – Duncan Dixon, #14829

Professional Experience: Teaching 11 years, prior to changing careers, I was the CEO of the Cumberland YMCA.

Disc Golf Experience: I have been playing and competing in Disc Golf since 1998, I have designed and built and helped to build 15 Disc Golf Courses across Canada, and one in the USA. I have run Disc Golf events for 18 years at all Tiers.

I am currently on the team of three that are running the Canadian National Championships which will be the biggest Disc Golf event in Canadian History.

I teach a summer youth Disc Golf program, and a Seniors program.

I have sat on the Board of Directors for the BCDSS in British Columbia, as well as been a founding member and current Treasurer of the MDGA (Maritime Disc Golf Association).

I was PDGA rep for consecutive terms in British Columbia, I established the PDGA in all three Maritime Provinces NB, NS, and PEI. I am currently the PDGA Rep for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and PEI.

In the last few years we have increased PDGA Membership and exposure from 1 member to 46 members and growing, we have gone from no PDGA events to 6-7 per year, including 2 B tiers and an A tier this season, plus multiple grow the sport events like trilogy challenges ect. I would like to continue this growth for the next term.

Maryland – William Safford, #43327

Professional Experience: Current Maryland PDGA State Coordinator, Southern Maryland Disc Golf Association Board of Directors, Tournament Director of the PG Deaf Disc Golf Youth Tournament 2016-2018.

Disc Golf Experience: 11 years of playing, event planning, and outreach. Played 250 courses, co-organized numerous events with a strong team from SOMD. Installed a youth practice area at Francis Scott Key Elementary, assisted with the design and installation of Turkey Hill, currently installing a youth course in Brandywine, MD.

Massachusetts – Bob Kulchuk, #54607

Chief Financial Officer - 21 year of accounting and finance experience in a multitude of industries and agencies including 12 years in CFO or most-senior finance professional roles.

Disc Golf Experience: Like many of us, my disc throwing roots began 22+ years ago with Ultimate Disc. I played competitively on the local level in hat and club leagues before hanging up my cleats in 2014. As far as disc golf is concerned, I began playing in 2012 in the Intermediate division. I played the next year predominately in the Advanced division. In 2014 I became eligible to play in the age protected Masters division. I began the year playing Advanced Masters and then moved to Pro Masters after competing in AM Worlds that year. Since then, I have played in both the Pro Masters or MPO divisions. I have stepped up my competing in recent years playing in over 130 PDGA sanctioned events since I started and 150+ events including unsanctioned tournaments. I have attended the PDGA World Championships the last four years and look forward to playing in both the Masters and MPO World Championships in 2018. In addition to several National Tour events and PDGA Majors, in 2014 and 2015, I played in the USDGC Performance Flight division representing Massachusetts.

In addition to playing in many tournaments, I have also taken on the Tournament Director role and have hosted 5 PDGA sanctioned tournaments in the last three years including 2 B-Tiers.

Candidate Statement: I currently hold and am running for re-election to the Massachusetts State Coordinator position.

Disc Golf has given me so much and after retiring from the Board of the Ultimate Disc Alliance (BUDA) in 2015, I wanted a way to give back what I could to the sport and community that I had come to love so much. I had the opportunity to take over the State Coordinator responsibilities from Greenleaf Garrison in 2015 as he stepped back to spend more time with family and his local club.

With more than three years of experience in this role now, I am looking forward to continuing to assist local TDs and players by representing the PDGA in Massachusetts for the foreseeable future.

Michigan – Mark Stephens, #30042

- State coordinator 2014-present
- Asst. TD for United States Amateur Disc Golf Championships
- TD for numerous A, B, & C Tier events since 2007

I will continue to make Michigan the Great Disc State by working with the member clubs of the Michigan Disc Golf Organization, governmental and private course owners, and all players in furthering the sport of disc golf.

Mississippi – Michel Munn, #70774

Professional Experience: Transportation Safety Director for Louie Munn Services LLC.

I have worked as the TSD for LMS LLC since 2003. I have 15 years of experience in account management, sales, audit management, & safety consulting for over 100 trucking/construction companies.

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing disc sports at an early age. I have been playing disc golf competitively since October 2014.

PDGA Member Since: 2015

Certified Official: Current

Hattiesburg Disc Golf Association Treasurer: April 2015-April 2016

Hattiesburg Disc Golf Association President: April 2016-Current

Southern Nationals Disc Golf Series Board Member: April 2016-Current

SN Doubles Championships Tournament Director: 2016, 2017, 2018

Big Rip Classic Tournament Director: 2016, 2017, 2018

Ledgestone Insurance Open Assistant TD: 2017, 2018

Montana – Brian Bjortomt, # 28854

Professional Experience:

Craftsman welder – 5 years

Brewery Packaging Technician – 10 years

Professional Driver – 2 years

Disc Golf Experience:

Co-Founder and President of a non-profit DG club - 14 years

Montana State PDGA Coordinator – 14 years

Designed 2 permanent courses as well as several seasonal and temp courses

I've been the Tournament Director of nearly 100 tournaments from small unsanctioned events to large A tiers

Director of the Montana State Points Series – 14 years

Nevada – Jeff Jacquart, #10749

New Jersey – Frank Gualtieri, #41906

Disc Golf Experience:

- PDGA Member since 2011
- Have played over 200 PDGA-sanctioned events the past 9 years
- Built a 9-hole course at Freehold Twp. High School, my current place of occupation and teach the sport in my P.E. curriculum
- Co-designed and built two 18-hole courses in Central New Jersey
- Co-Founded Central Jersey Disc Golf, 2017
- Co-Established the New Jersey Disc Golf Hall of Fame 2016
- Featured in Disc Golfer Magazine and various local newspapers for my achievements within the sport

Candidate Statement: I welcome the opportunity to once again serve the disc golf community by seeking re-election as New Jersey State Coordinator to the PDGA. I feel my work ethic and organizational skills make me an excellent choice to continue in this position. In my last two years, I have successfully worked with area TDs in putting together a cohesive event schedule. I co-designed and helped build the state's first 18-hole course in a NJ State Park. In 2016, I helped establish the NJ Disc Golf Hall of Fame, and inducted our inaugural class. And in 2017, I co-founded Central Jersey Disc Golf, a club formed to maintain area courses, run events and grow the sport. Throughout all of these endeavors the past two years, I have still managed to play over 50 sanctioned events in support of the PDGA. I would be honored to receive your vote for re-election and pledge to continue trying to best serve our players.

New York –

North Dakota – Travis Hagen, #3754

Disc Golf Experience:

Current PDGA State Coordinator
TD many tournaments and played many courses and tournaments.

Oklahoma – Devan Owens, #25168

Oregon – Jeff Hemmerling, #15929

Disc Golf Experience: I started playing disc golf in 1997 and have been involved in the local scene ever since. Have lived in the Portland area all my life and seen the huge growth here in Oregon and Washington. I am on a first name basis with most TDs and have cultivated a positive relationship with local players.

I have directed two tournaments and helped with many others. Closely involved with Oregon Team Golf the last 10 years, which has grown to 250 players! For the 2017-18 season I started a smaller league for those players wanting a lighter schedule.

The Oregon PDGA tournament schedule has become quite packed the last couple years. We need to balance traditional tournaments with requests for new events. I will represent the Oregon TDs and players to the PDGA leadership as we together make the tournament experience better for everyone.

South Carolina – Alan Beaver, #1213

Disc Golf Experience: 38 years as a player, promoter, course builder, instructor, coach, TD & State Coordinator (NC/SC)

Candidate Statement: I hope my current involvement with the players and TD's has helped to grow and strengthen our sport in SC. We have more PDGA tournament players and events in SC than ever before.

If elected, my focus the next two years will be to:

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1. Continue the communication with and between TD's to schedule events effectively as possible to maximize scheduling.
 2. Continue to share this schedule with all players as the schedule develops for their planning purposes.
 3. Work with and assist new TD's as they step up to run SC PDGA events.
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TD's need to continue to work to "raise the bar" on the quality of our PDGA events in SC. As a player and TD for over 38 years, I feel I can continue to offer guidance and assistance to all TD's to improve our SC events.

By improving our PDGA events at every tier level, our players will be rewarded with quality events which we all should come to expect at all PDGA events.

Tennessee – Rod Norton, #43010

Professional Experience: US Army Pirmasens, GER & Ft Benning GA 1987-1991 Voss Manufacturing (Sanborn NY) 1993-2006 Young Touchstone (Jackson TN) 2006-present.

Disc Golf Experience: Playing since 2008. PDGA Member since 2010. Club president of the Jackson TN club from 2010-2016. Played BG Ams 2010 to present. Am Worlds 2011, GBO 2015 2015. TD of Ace Race, Birdie Bashes, USDGC Doubles Qualifier, DD USAMPC and Ice Bowls.

Texas (north) – Michael Hopper, #55690

Professional Experience: I have been at my current position for 12 years now. I have taken on several projects and been a member on several committees with the hospital that has improved patient satisfaction and speed up wait times.

Disc Golf Experience: 16 years of playing the sport. In 2012 was asked to assist in a new course design and growth of the area. Have spent 5 years now promoting and running events in Wichita Falls region which is over 120 miles from my base of operations. We took an area that was void of events for 5 years, to now having back to back years with a C-tier turnout of over 65 players. During that same time, I have helped with the Crowley Club, with helping with player check in/player pack distribution during their events, running an occasional mini when they are out, or helping with idea-storming behind the scenes.

Utah –

Virginia – Bob Cannon, #26532

Professional Experience: 27 years with Department of Defense in Dahlgren, Virginia

Disc Golf Experience: I began playing Disc Golf in 2004. In 2005 I became a member of the Spotsylvania Disc Golf Club (SDGC) and entered my first tournament. In January 2006, I became a PDGA Official and have served as President of the SDGC since 2007. Beginning in 2007, I have been the Tournament Director for the Loriella Challenge. I played in the Amateur Worlds in 2007 and 2008. In 2009, I started playing in the Professional Masters Division. I have played the Pro Worlds in the Masters division in Charlotte and Pittsburgh. I co-hosted a Women's Global Event this year. I have been a member of the Innova Ambassador Team since April 2015.

Platform Statement: Since discovering Disc Golf in 2004, I have committed to being involved in maintaining our local courses, public and private, and promoting the sport of Disc Golf. I have a good rapport with many of the Tournament Directors in Virginia and will strive to work closely with the clubs and TDs in our state and surrounding localities. I have helped run the Virginia Women's Disc Golf Series the past two years. I am on the organizing committee for the 2019 United States Women's Disc Golf Championships that will be held in Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg. If re-elected I will continue to represent the PDGA in a professional manner and continue to encourage others to join our organization.

West Virginia – James McDonald, #44046

Professional Experience: I am proficient with Word, Excel and Adobe Creative Suite. I have managed several oil and gas research projects throughout my fifteen-year career. I have also headed up several personal relations projects.

Disc Golf Experience: Two years as the WV State Coordinator, Tournament Director, played in over eighty PDGA Tournaments, event promoter for all sanctioned tournaments in WV for the last two years.

Services Provided by The State Coordinator

My name is James McDonald #44046. The last 2 years I have held the elected position of PDGA West Virginia State Coordinator. Throughout that time that I have served the West Virginia disc scene has experienced a dramatic increase in new courses, new players, healthy growth in the women & junior divisions and tournament entries. Most of the credit for the growth that has taken place is from the efforts of the tournament directors throughout the state. The state coordinator's roll is to help plan the TD's event dates so they do not coincide with any other events to maximize the attendance of the tournament. Almost every region of West Virginia has seen exponential growth in tournament attendance throughout my time in office. I have friendly relationships with all of the TD's in the state and this helps people to work together so everyone can benefit and build a bigger core. I also promote all TD's events held in West Virginia regardless of club, company and/or associations affiliation in hopes of boosting number and keeping people informed.

The Future

Moving forward as the PDGA State Coordinator- I am going to be working on more media coverage, enticing out-of-state to come & play and draw more new PDGA memberships. I will do everything I can, to help build the community in our state and will continue to do so if I am re-elected as your PDGA State Coordinator.

Wyoming –
