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## **SANTA CRUZ MASTERS CUP RETURNS FOR 34<sup>TH</sup> RUNNING AT DELAVEAGA** *Professional disc golf tournament takes place Friday through Sunday*

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. – The longest tenured event on the Professional Disc Golf Association’s National Tour circuit is back.

The PDGA and the Delaveaga Disc Golf Club are pleased to announce that the 2019 Santa Cruz Masters Cup will take place from Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19 at the city’s hallowed Delaveaga Disc Golf Course and the adjacent Delaveaga Golf Course. One of six events on the PDGA’s National Tour, the Masters Cup will find 112 of the world’s top professional disc golfers competing over three days, with a projected \$55,000 in prize money up for grabs.

Competitors will play two rounds of 24 holes each at “DeLa,” known for its historic roots (literal and figurative) in the sport, before heading down the hill for a final round of 18 at the golf course Sunday. Women’s lead groups tee off around 10 a.m. each day, while men’s groups tee off around 2 p.m. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

Known for its difficult hillsides and tight fairways, there will be some changes in store this year at DeLa, as club stakeholders have been working with Santa Cruz city officials and nearby neighbors to make the venue environmentally sustainable. The famed “Top of the World” shot that normally closed play now marks the fourth hole, for example, while other course features have been altered to help the park stave off erosion.

“Delaveaga Disc Golf Course is Mecca for disc golfers because of the Masters Cup – we call it the epicenter of disc golf for a reason,” Tournament Director Matt Beatty said. “2019 brings change to the Masters Cup, but with anything in life, change is inevitable and you can’t fight change. Going with the flow is the best course of action to take, and that’s what we do best at Delaveaga.”

Sunday’s final round at the golf course provides for a phenomenal viewing experience, with open sight lines, manicured fairways, and food and beverage on site.

For additional information, including to arrange player interviews or organize access, please contact tournament director Matt Beatty at (831) 588-1280 or PDGA Communications Manager Steve Hill at (909) 647-8039.



**ABOUT DISC GOLF** Disc Golf, or Frisbee™ Golf as it is more commonly known, is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, with more than 8,000 courses in existence and two professional-level tours. The sport is played using the same general rules, terminology, and etiquette as traditional golf, but with different equipment; the player throws a high-tech flying disc into a standardized target. The objective, just as in traditional golf, is to play in as few throws of the disc as possible.

**ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION** Based in Appling, Georgia, the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the promotion and sustainable growth of disc golf. As part of its mission, the organization sanctioned more than 4,200 competitive tournaments worldwide in 2018 for its more than 45,000 active members.