Report Disc Golf Spain

This is a short report of the progression of the Spain Disc Golf Project as described in the Marco Polo application.

As I reported to you earlier, the course is already up and put to good use. The club is working as expected, and three local tournaments have been held on the course this winter. The next one will be held on December the 22.

I personally was back in Spain on December the third to distribute the material so kindly donated by the PDGA. Between the third and the fifth, and on Monday the 10th, we visited twelve schools, and the Fundación Vinjoy and their Trampolin project.

The “tour” proved to be a success. Raúl Cancio (club representative for the Disc Golf Club Oviedo) and I, visited every school, met with the physical education teachers, gave a short practical introduction to the sport of disc golf, and interacted with the students for more than an hour. At the end of every visit we officially gave a package containing the discs and, for those schools in need of it, a portable basket. Two of the local newspapers showed up at one of the schools and wrote a short article about the sport.

Here you have a short description of every visit:

Monday December 3, 08:20
School: IES La Erira
Students: two classes, ages 14-15 and 17-18
Main teacher: Paco Rionda

Introduction to the sport of disc golf and the PDGA. Information about the local course in Oviedo. Practical information and hands-on course on the game itself with the use of the donated discs and a portable basket.
Monday December 3, 10:00
School: **IES Monte Naranco**
Students: two classes, ages 17-18
Main teacher: Catherin

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Monday December 3, 12:00
School: **Fundación Vinjoy, proyecto Trampolín**
Students: one class, ages 13-16
Main therapist: Francisco Camarero

The Trampolín project helps kids between the ages of 13 and sixteen. These children have behavioral disorders and are often unable to stay in the school system for long periods of time. The project uses more practical
teaching methods to motivate the students and prevent them from dropping-out of school. The game of disc golf has become one of their activities, and has proven to generate good results through positive social approach to play, and boundary settings such as order of play.

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Monday December 3, 15:00
School: **IES Alfonso II**
Students: one class, ages 18-19
Main teacher: Carlos Cima

Tuesday December 4, 08:30
School: **IES Leopoldo Alas**
Students: two classes, ages 18-19 and 14-16
Main teacher: Carlos Homet
itself with the use of the donated discs and a portable basket. We also introduced the students to the game of Ultimate, and even played a short game.

Tuesday December 4, 11:00
School: **IES Rio Trubia**
Students: two classes, ages 13-17
Main teacher: Roberto Llamedo

We met this school at the course. We gave an introduction to the sport of disc golf and the PDGA. Informed about the local course in Oviedo. Gave practical information and hands-on crash-course on the game itself with the use of the donated discs and a portable basket. At the end we divided the students in two groups and let them complete a couple of holes while giving instruction when needed.

Tuesday December 4, 13:00
School: **IES Veneranda Manzano**
Students: two classes, ages 8-12
Main teacher: Alberto Urrutie

This is the school closest to the course. We gave an introduction to the sport of disc golf and the PDGA. Informed about the local course in Oviedo. Gave practical information and hands-on
crash-course on the game itself with the use of the donated discs and a portable basket.
The teachers are already planning tours to the course on a regular basis.

Tuesday December 4, 15:00  
School: **IES Corvera**  
Students: one class, ages 14-16  
Main teacher: Diego Fernandez Trelles

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Wednesday December 5, 10:20  
School: **IES Perez de Ayala**  
Students: one class, ages 14-16  
Main teacher: Oscar Busto

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Wednesday December 5, 10:20
School: **IES Fozaneldi**
Students: two classes, ages 8-11
Main teacher: Faustino Menendez

We gave an introduction to the sport of disc golf and the PDGA. Informed about the local course in Oviedo. We divided the students into two groups to allow a short hands-on crash-course on the game itself, using the donated discs and a portable basket.

Monday December 10, 09:00
School: **IES de Pravia**
Students: two classes, ages 14-16 and 17-19
Main teacher: Javier del Riego

We gave an introduction to the sport of disc golf and the PDGA. Informed about the local course in Oviedo. We divided the students into two groups to allow a short hands-on crash-course on the game itself, using the donated discs and a portable basket.
Monday December 10, 12:00
School: **IES Emilio Alarco**
Students: two classes, ages 14-16 and 17-19
Main teacher: Pilar del Canto

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Monday December 10, 18:00
School: **IES Ramón Areces**
Students: two classes, ages 14-16 and 17-19
Main teacher: Juan Benedet

We gave an introduction to the sport of disc golf and the PDGA, and information about the local course in Oviedo. We gave practical information and hands-on crash-course on the game itself with the use of the donated discs and a portable basket. We even showed a little freestyle and let the students try it out.
All in all, the schools have received a total of 255 discs (12x20 for the schools and 15 for the Trampolín project). Five of the schools received a portable basket, and the Oviedo club has received 60 discs and two portable baskets. This is actually a little bit more than the numbers in the application (315 vs 285). In addition to this, we have printed 1,000 copies of the Spanish version of the PDGA trifold. The club will distribute them during tournaments, they will be distributed amongst the schools in the area, and placed in the restaurant by the course.

I addition to the visits to the schools, I also held a course for physical education teachers from the schools in the area. This was a practical course with special focus on the game of disc golf and the basic techniques of throwing. Everybody tried the different discs, driving, approaching and putting. I also gave a short introduction to all the other disciplines, from ultimate & guts, to SCF and freestyle. With 42 participants, the course turned out to be a great success.

The project has, in my opinion, been a success. We’ve got the schools involved in the project. The teachers like the game and the students love to play. The course in already in use, the club is working and, due to press coverage, the people in the area know what disc golf is all about.

I hope this we’ll be the start for new course development in 2013, and I have a few new leads. My plan is to put together a national tournament during 2013. We know there are players around the country, and we would like to bring them together as soon as possible. I’ve met with representatives from the Spanish Flying Disc Association (FEDV) on Sunday the 9. I showed them the course, and they tried the game. We’ve already agreed on forming a disc golf committee within the FEDV, and that I’ll be very much involved in the process.

I’ll keep you informed about the development in the country, and I sincerely hope we can carry on cooperating on the development of the sport in Spain.

Regards,
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