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The Newsletter of the
Kansas City Flying Disc Club

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You are cordially invited to participate in the 2009 PDGA World Championships

Helping Out

Some of the approximate 920 disc golfers from all of the United States and 11 other countries who we expect to be at Worlds have begun descending upon our great metroplex. This is an exciting time for the Kansas City disc golf community as we seize this prime opportunity to showcase our community, our parks, and our incredible courses for what should be the biggest disc golf tournament ever. We have much to be proud of here in KC, but the one thing that we hope will last the longest in the memories of the out-of-town Worlds players is the hospitality and warmth of the people here.

It truly is the people in a community who make the greatest impact. While we have identified over 75 local players (listed on the next page) who are taking the opportunity to play in a World Championship, we're still looking for others who can help during the event, starting with player package assembly on Thursday, July 23 through the final rounds at Blue Valley on August 1. By finding at least one way to volunteer, you will be adding tremendously to the overall goal of making this the best Worlds ever, and being part of a marvelous undertaking. Please note that we can likely find a spot for you to help out, even if you have but one morning or afternoon to spare. Volunteers will receive some Worlds goodies.

Here a rundown of dates, tasks, and whom to contact:

Thursday, July 23, 6 p.m. Disc Golf World. Players' Package Assembly. Contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Friday, July 24, 9 a.m. until done: Disc Golf World. Players' Package Assembly. Contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Westin Crown Center. Player check-in & package pick-up, merchandise sales. Shifts will be arranged. Contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Sunday, July 26, 9-5. Field Events. Help measure distance, score putting and mini golf, keep everyone hydrated, etc. Contact John: chappyfade@kc.rr.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.547.6148.

Sunday, July 26, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Westin Crown Center. Player check-in, player package pick-up, merchandise sales. Shifts will be arranged. Contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Monday, July 27, Noon – 5p.m. Westin Crown Center. Player check-in, player package pick-up, merchandise sales. Shifts will be arranged. Contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Tuesday – Friday, July 28-August 1. All courses, all day. A goal of any tournament, especially one that will be the largest in the history of disc golf, is to keep people from spending time looking for mis-thrown discs. Thus, WE NEED SPOTTERS, in various numbers depending on the course, during every round of the tournament. Other tasks during the week include keeping everyone hydrated, keeping tee pads clean, putting up and taking down banners and tee signs, checking scorecards, running errands, and whatever else needs doing. Again, if you only have one morning or afternoon free, we'll find a spot for you. Contact John: chappyfade@kc.rr.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.547.6148.

Wednesday, July 29. 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 Westin Crown Center Ballroom. Fly Mart. Selling Worlds-related merchandise at the KCFDC/Worlds tables. Contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Thursday, July 30, Westin Crown Center Lobby, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. Par Crawl. General assistance. Contact Becky: borntoshimmer2003@yahoo.com, 785.250.8300.

Be Part of It!

We definitely encourage you to participate in some of the following fun-filled events, which are open to the public.

Tuesday, July 28, Westin Crown Center Ballroom, 8:00 p.m. Star Par Talent Show & Jam Session—Sponsored by Innova.

This promises to be a fun, lively evening of entertainment as disc golfers show off some of their non-disc golfing skills. Spots are limited. If you want to perform, contact Becky: borntoshimmer2003@yahoo.com, 785.250.8300. If you have an axe, bring it.

Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Westin Crown Center Ballroom. Fly Mart.

There will be at least 75 tables full of disc golf stuff for buying and, maybe, even trading. If you've got something to sell and are interested in purchasing a table, contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Thursday, July 30, Westin Crown Center Lobby, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. Par Crawl/Urban Mini Disc Golf Doubles Tournament.

Yes, it's a Pub Crawl, but we're dubbing it the "PAR-CRAWL" because not only do you visit three nearby watering holes (all within walking distance) but you get to play some mini-golf while you're there! Entry fee? What entry fee? There is none! We've designed 12 holes (six of them after dark) and will play random-draw doubles for a truly memorable experience! Prizes for the winners. Contact Becky: borntoshimmer2003@yahoo.com, 785.250.8300.

Friday, July 31. Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (7:00-8:30) and Worlds Players' Party. Crossroads KC at Grinders (419 E 18th St. Enter on the west side of the venue).

This is a special year for Kansas City disc golf as two long-time Kansas City disc golfers—Crazy John Brooks and Lynne Warren—are being honored with induction into the Disc Golf Hall of Fame. The ceremony will kick off the players' party that will feature the band,



Cowboy Mouth. While there is no cost for tournament players to attend the ceremony only, others can still get the special Worlds offer and enjoy the full evening's festivities. For \$15, you get the ceremony, the party, the band, and receive a \$10 voucher for food and drink at either Grinders restaurant. The price at the door is \$15, but without a voucher. You can buy tickets at discgolfworld.com: <http://tinyurl.com/Discgolfhalloffameparty>. Contact Rick: rick@discgolfworld.com, 816.471.3472 or 816.914.0094.

Saturday, August 1. All day. Finals. Blue Valley Park. Smaller divisions finals will be in the morning. Divisions that play semi-finals will begin teeing off for the finals around 12:30 p.m. Amateur divisions will go first, followed by the pros. Open division tee off will be around 4 p.m. Visit <http://kcworlds.com> for a full schedule.

2000 People at Blue Valley on August 1

By attending these special events you have the opportunity to meet and rub elbows with some of the greatest players in the world as well as some of the most famous people in disc golf. At the finals, we are hoping to draw the biggest gallery ever at a Disc Golf World Championships. It's hoped that all of us will make a committed effort to bring everyone we can to Blue Valley on Saturday. If you have ever wanted your family, your friends, the people that you work with, and people who you might someday try to entice into installing a disc golf course to truly know what disc golf is, this is your chance! What could be a better opportunity than for all of those people to see, with their own eyes, the very best disc golfers playing at a breathtaking venue? There will be vendors with disc golf wares, as well as food and drink, for sale. We're hoping that Saturday's finals will have the big punch that hopefully will attract the attention of the media and will produce some great photos and videos showing how vital this sport is. It will be a fun-filled day that is sure to be remembered by all who attend!



Win Nine Holes & Support the Worlds

The drawing that will award two lucky people each with nine powder-coated Mach III baskets will be held at the players' party on Friday night. To enter this raffle, purchase a DGA



Aftershock prior

to the drawing. Not only will you get a high-quality overstable midrange disc that has a \$15 value, but will have a



chance to win

nine holes that have a value of nearly \$4,000. Best of all, each purchase supports the Worlds. Discs are now on sale at the Disc Golf

World store and also at discgolfworld.com; sunkindiscs.com; discnation.com; and gottagottathrow.com. They will also be for sale at the Fly Mart.



There will many other commemorative discs (some are shown here) and clothing for sale. Check it out at the Fly Mart or stop by the hotel during check-in or several courses during the week or at Blue Valley on Saturday. Any or all of these discs will make wonderful gifts or souvenirs of this historic event. Collectors will want to get some autographs while so many stars are in town.

Support Our Own

We have a huge local contingent of local players in the Worlds this year. Let's support them and wish them the best of luck: Justin Atwater-Taylor, Mike Audley, Kevin Babbit, Tim Becks, Slim Belcher, Angie Biondo, Gary Brinkmeyer, John Buckle, Brett Burgess, Tom Butler, Tavish Carduff, Pete Cashen, Daniel Coffman, Kevin Crist, Leo Daprato, Tom Demark, Shane Diersen, Steven Drew, Tony Dutiell, Lance Dwyer, Brandon Elkins, David Emerson, Joseph Engelman, Peter Engelman, Aaron Gabrielse, Brian Gammon, James Gray, Bryan Guthrie, Rob Hack, Steven Harris, Gary Harvey, David Hemmeline, Elliot Hicks, Frosty Hicks, Max Hilgers, Ken Hostetler, Steve Hostetler, Amanda Jackson, Jared Jenkins, Andrew Jewett, Aaron Johnson, Lindsey Keith, Raymond Kinnett, Zach Kirby, Ron Klein, Eric

Kolkmeier, Hal Kurz, Andre Labruyere, Gary LaFreniere, Theo Langner Jr, Andy Lewis, D Loomis, Joel Maslin, James McLaughlin, Scott Melrose, Adam Morrison, Ryan Oldham, Dick Parker, Jim Sherwood, Matt Shively, Steve Slinker, Jason Springer, CD Steiner, Mark Stiles, Matt Taylor, David Tull, Dean Uhlman, Bobby Villarreal, Caleb Walker, Tracy Walker, Josh Warner, Bruce Wehling, Lance Williams, Nick Winkelbauer, Marshal Wolfe, Dan Youngblood, Dan Zink.

Parting Shots

As we make the final preparations before all of our guests arrive, I wanted to thank the many KC disc golfers who have helped out. Early on, I suggested that everyone needed to get involved: be it as a helper, a sponsor, a player, or a spectator. Many, many people have stepped up, and now, it's my hope that everyone will be at Blue Valley on August 1 to show that disc golf is not only fun to play, but worthy of watching.

I realize that the Worlds is going to be an imposition to some of you who are used to playing disc golf when the urge strikes. We have posted flyers at the affected courses listing when the courses will be reserved for Worlds' competition. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding of the situation. On the flip side of the coin, please enjoy the new Downunder baskets, the new tee pads at Cliff and Shawnee Mission, and the new tee signs around town. All of these have been made possible because of the Worlds. (If interested in bidding on one of the old Downunder baskets, contact Rick at 816.471.3472.)

Even if your favorite courses are not available to you, there are several area courses that are not being used for Worlds, including Legacy in Lee's Summit, English Landing in Parkville, the Lawrence courses, and two new courses—at Old Pike Country Club in the Northland and a course at Smithville Lake.

Looking ahead after Worlds, there will some events coming up, including the Lion's Den at Cliff Drive on August 22, the Ace Race at Swope on September 12, and the KCFDC Championships and the Rosedale Amateur Championships to be announced. Check out kcfdc.org for updates.

Again, my hearty thanks to the KC disc golf community. We're the best! — *Rick Rothstein, KCFDC President.*