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Welcome to the WFDF Newsletter. This will become a regular communication piece to be widely distributed to disc players and enthusiasts around the world. We encourage all of our members to forward this to the disc sport participants in their country. Future issues will include updates on WFDF initiatives, reports on upcoming and completed events, and newsworthy stories pertaining to all disc sports across the globe. We look forward to keeping you more up to date with the international world of disc sports.

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Call for Submissions

If you would like to contribute to the WFDF Newsletter, please submit your content to Kevin Givens at ed@wfdf.org. **If you would like your information to be posted in the next issue, email me for specific deadlines.** Not all submitted content is guaranteed to be published. Please note that event reports and other news should have international relevance.

Some suggestions for submissions include: tournament announcements and results from disc sport events with international presence, disc sport initiatives that your city or country are undertaking, submissions to a "Featured Photo" section, miscellaneous media sightings involving disc sports and stories about the development of a particular disc sport in your area.

World Records Fall at “Big D in the Desert”



World Distance Champion Jussi Meresmaa
(wfdfile photo)

April 5-7, 2008 Ivanpah Dry Lake, California / Primm, Nevada (at the NV state line, about 40 miles out of Las Vegas)

The annual distance event known as “Big D in the Desert” held southwest of Las Vegas, Nevada had extra meaning this year as it carried the World Flying Disc Federation World Title. The big news from the event was Val Jenkins setting a new Women’s World Record, along with two age group World Records falling. In the Open division, Finland took home the gold and silver medals. During the women's semi-finals, on her 3rd throw Val Jenkins caught the shot she had been waiting for all weekend. That throw set the new Women's World Distance Record at 148 Meters (485 feet) with a 157 DX Wraith, earning an unprecedented World Championship and World Distance Record.

Many expected favorites failed to make the final. Christian Sandström (SWE), the current world record holder at 250 meters, started strong with three throws over 200m by the end of round two, but did not get through the semi final. With Christian's world record set in El Mirage, CA in 2002 still intact, the \$10,000 bonus for the breaking of the World Record offered by Innova went unpaid.

In some warm up preparations prior to the start of the event, Max Voigt measured one of Avery Jenkins throws

at 255 meters! Unfortunately, this could not go down in the record books as it was not during the competition. Erin Hemmings showed early signs of victory posting 5 throws over 200m in the early rounds. He also failed to make the final, but recorded the longest throw of the weekend at 228 meters on Monday. Other favorites Chris "Max" Voigt (GER) and Avery Jenkins (USA) were also relegated to spectators for the final. Wind conditions seemed to favor the first group of semi finalists, however, the quality of players left out of the final also speaks to the incredibly competitive field put together for the WFDF World Distance Championship. Windy conditions with very high winds made the conditions difficult.



*Jussi Meresmaa shows his winning form
(wdf file photo)*

Open Champion: Jussi Meresmaa (Finland) 204m

Women's Champion: Valerie Jenkins (USA) 148m **WORLD RECORD** (Previous record: 139m by Jennifer Griffin, USA 6/28/05)

Master's Champion (35 and older): Jack Cooksey (USA) 208m **WORLD RECORD** (Previous record: 205m by Christian Max Voigt, GER 7/13/07)

Grandmaster Champion (45 and older): Jeff Stoops 172m

Boys <13 World Record: David Wiggins, Jr.(USA) 176m **WORLD RECORD** (Previous record: 157m by Cody Kirkland, USA 1/5/07)

Biggest throw of the event: Erin Hemmings (USA) 228m

World Disc Games Results



Val Jenkins rips it deep
(World Disc Games file photo)

July 1st - 6th. (Santa Cruz, California)

The World Disc Games returned to Santa Cruz, California after a 5 year hiatus with a modified format. Self Caught Flight was trimmed down to Maximum Time Aloft (MTA) and Discathon was eliminated. There was also a new team format in place in an effort to have greater collaborations and entice new players into the fold.

MTA was won by current and two time World Disc Golf Champion Nate Doss over veterans Andrew Lemann (2nd) and Mark Farrar (3rd). Nate's first throw ever in competition was a remarkable 12.25. Current World Disc Golf Champion Val Jenkins also won the event with her first attempt at the event.

In Distance, the historic Fields at UC Santa Cruz just got a little bit smaller after some booming throws pushed the boundaries. Avery Jenkins threw a World Disc Games

record 212 meter throw in the first round which actually cleared the track at the far end of the field. He held on to win with a final round 175 meter throw. Val Jenkins almost bested her 'Big D in the Desert' World Record of 148 meters with a throw of 145 meters. This throw may be even more impressive considering the conditions were only mildly assisting.

The DDC title went to the scrappy team of Deano Porter and Mark Farrar who kept veterans Andrew Lemann and Doug Korn on their heels and never let up to take the title.

Accuracy carried the extra weight of the official World Flying Disc Federation World Title as well as the World Disc Games designation. In the Women's Division Val Jenkins went first and narrowed her keen focus to card a tidy 14 hits. Carrie Berlogar who had posted 14 and a 12 in the previous day's qualifiers couldn't find the magic and carded an 11 for Silver. In the Men's division San Diego's Deano Porter started early and recorded 16 hits which held up until local phenom Nate Doss showed why he's a clutch player at Disc Golf by hitting the target 18 times. Last up was expectant father Conrad Damon. He rebounded after a shaky start and in an incredible display of concentration, ability and drive nailed 3 of 4 from the difficult short left position to take Gold. It was a stunning display and came right on the heels of Nate Doss' impressive rally down the stretch. It was all in all a stirring finals.

Freestyle also carried the extra distinction of the WFDF World Titles. The top three teams battled it out in a classic thriller with tight

scoring determining the places. In third with a strong performance but a few too many drops was Larry Imperiale and Italian Fabio Sanna. Coming in second place .1 ahead of the third place team was Paul Kenny and

Arthur Coddington. They actually tied for the best execution score but it was not enough to knock off Dave Lewis and Dave Murphy who won the World Disc and World Flying Disc Federation titles.

US Open Individual Overall Results



Papa Jack Roddick
(photo by Janet Capanna)

July 14th - 19th (Reading, Pennsylvania) The US Open was revived after a 10 year hiatus. Tournament Director Scott Lash and his group put on a wonderful event. Not only was the weather great, but the facilities were top notch.

In Accuracy, Jeff Kennedy made it to the finals via a tie-breaker then went on to win the. Beth Verish led the way for the women. Jack Roddick (87 yrs) set a new age group world record with 10 hits.

The Self Caught Flight competition carried the extra value of the official WFDF World title. The field was strong and experienced. Defending champion Jack Cooksey kept his title over Rick LeBeau and Sam Kaye. Beth Verish took home gold for the women. Jim Palmeri set a new age group world record for the Senior Grandmaster division with a throw of 9.53 seconds.

The Distance competition was held in light conditions but still featured some strong

throws. Mark Spang took the title over Andrew Lemann, Harvey Brandt, Dan Berman and Rick LeBeau. All finalists were within 13 meters of each other. In the women's division, perennial distance force Tita Ugalde finally broke Beth Verish's hold on first place.

Golf was held at Roland Park in Akron, Ohio. It featured a mix of tight wooded fairways and open rolling grassy areas. It made for a nice mixture and a challenging layout, particularly in the rough where some poison ivy awaits the wayward shot. Roland Park course pro Bill Geibel took home the gold with a two throw win over Mark Spang with Tom Weeple taking third. Susie Horn held on to win over Beth Verish and Tita Ugalde.

Discathon also carried the WFDF World title designation. The Open finalists were long time legends Harvey Brandt, Rick LeBeau, Mark Horn and Jim Herrick along with young gun Spencer Herrick. Harvey took an early lead and never looked back to take the title over Rick and Jim. Beth Verish took the title for the women.

In Double Disc Court, Harvey Brandt and

Dave Hesselberth took down Rick LeBeau and Jim Herrick in a stunning five game finals match. Including their semifinal match, Rick and Jim were on the courts for 5 hours in the heat and humidity of the Pennsylvania summer. Beth Verish and Tita Ugalde took the title over Susie Horn and Marygrace Clark.

In Freestyle Doug Korn and Steve Scannell won their first major titles over Harvey Brandt and Rick Williams with Dale Crawford and Dan Berman taking third. Anne Goh won the title in the Women's Division

The Overall competition Harvey Brandt rode his two event victories and no finish lower than 4th place in any event to take the title over a very game Rick LeBeau. Senior Grandmaster Mark Horn took third, with Jim Herrick and Andrew Lemann rounding out the top 5. Beth Verish dominated the Overall competition, winning 4 of the 7 events. Marygrace Clark edged out Susie Horn for second. In the Junior's division Spencer Herrick took the title. PapaJack Roddick won the Legends division and said, "Get your parents out here; I need some competition!"

WORLD ULTIMATE AND GUTS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Photo courtesy of Pad Timmons (Discraft)

August 2nd - 9th (Vancouver, Canada). The World Ultimate and Guts Championships returned to historic Vancouver, Canada. When Vancouver hosted the 1997 WUGC it was considered a turning point for the sport of Ultimate. Tournament Director Brian Gisel and his staff strove to duplicate that lofty ideal by once again setting the standard by which other major Ultimate tournaments will be measured. They certainly seemed to meet that challenge by hosting another great

event on the fields at and around the University of British Columbia.

The event began on August 1st and featured eight days of competition between teams from 20 nations playing over 350 games. The division's contested were Women's,

Mixed, Master's, Junior Open and Junior Girls. The North American teams had another strong tournament with the USA winning gold in Women's, Master's and Junior Open and Canada taking gold in the Open division. However, the land of the rising sun served notice that they are a future force in the game with Japan winning 4 medals. Another great story from the tournament was the Colombian Team which fielded 5 teams. While they did not medal they too showed fine form and will soon be another strong opponent with designs on the medal podium. The Australian women also had a strong tournament making the semi finals with a spirited win over a strong United Kingdom team winning 16-15 in the Quarterfinals. The Great Britain Open team made the semi-finals with a 17-11 win over the Australians. In the Guts Division, the USA Red team beat top seed Japan Red to

take the Gold while Japan White held on to take Silver and Japan Red the Bronze.



Photo courtesy of Pad Timmons (Discraft)



*Team Canada storms the field
Photo courtesy of Pad Timmons (Discraft)*

Final Placements for the 2008 World Ultimate and Guts Championships

| | OPEN | WOMEN | MIXED | MASTERS |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1st | Canada | USA | Canada | USA |
| 2nd | USA | Japan | Japan | Canada |
| 3rd | Japan | Canada | USA | New Zealand |
| 4th | Great Britain | Australia | Australia | Australia |
| 5th | Australia | Great Britain | Great Britain | Great Britain |
| 6 th | Sweden | New Zealand | Germany | Japan |
| 7 th | Finland | Germany | France | France |
| 8 th | Colombia | Colombia | Chinese Taipei | Italy |
| 9 th | Switzerland | Finland | Italy | Germany |
| 10 th | Italy | Switzerland | Colombia | Venezuela |
| 11 th | New Zealand | Sweden | Hong Kong | |
| 12 th | Venezuela | Italy | Mexico | |
| 13 th | Germany | Ireland | | |
| 14 th | Ireland | France | | |

- 15th Netherlands Mexico
- 16th South Africa
- 17th Dominican Republic
- 18th Mexico

| | <u>JUNIOR OPEN</u> | <u>JUNIOR WOMEN</u> | <u>GUTS</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 st | USA | Japan | USA Red |
| 2 nd | Canada | Australia | Japan White |
| 3 rd | Germany | USA | Japan Red |
| 4 th | Great Britain | Colombia | USA White |
| 5 th | Colombia | Canada | Canada White |
| 6 th | Australia | Great Britain | International |
| 7 th | France | Finland | Canada Red |
| 8 th | Japan | | Ireland |



Thunderbird Stadium. photo courtesy of Pad Timmons (Discraft)

New Bylaws Passed

The new Bylaws that were presented at the 2008 Congress in Vancouver Canada pass and are now in effect . The effects of the new bylaws will be many. Among those will be the determination of what constitutes a Disc Sport, a Disc Discipline and a Disc Game. They are listed as follows:

DISC SPORTS

- Ultimate
- Guts
- Overall
- Freestyle

DISC DISCIPLINES

- Disc Golf

Disc Games

- None Listed

Another important element of the new Bylaws is restructuring the membership in to 3 categories. Those categories are:

- 1- National Members
- 2- Disc Game Organizational Member
- 3- Provisional Member

The category of Associate Member will no longer be recognized. Organizations there were recognized as Associate Members will move up to Regular National Membership status. If it is not your desire to move up,

please contact us so that we may clarify your options.

Another element of the Bylaws is a restructuring of the number of votes a given membership would receive. That means that we can potentially have up to 5 National Game Organization's as members from a single country. Refer to this listing from the Bylaws:

| <u>Number of Constituents</u> | <u># of Votes</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| From 0 to 200 | 1 |
| From 201 to 400 | 2 |
| From 401 to 800 | 3 |
| From 801 to 1,600 | 4 |
| From 1,601 to 3,200 | 5 |
| From 3,201 to 6,400 | 6 |
| From 6,401 to 12,800 | 7 |
| From 12,801 to 25,600 | 8 |
| From 25,601 to 51,200 | 9 |
| 51,201 and above | 10 |

It will now be possible for more than one national disc organization to become WFDF member, provided that those disc organizations are serving different disc games. To read the new Bylaws in full go to

http://www.wfdf.org/index.php?page=news/WFDF_Bylaws_Congress_2008.html

World Ultimate Club Championships 2010

Prague, Czech Republic has been selected to host the WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships from July 3rd - July 10th (optional 10th - 18th). The location of the event will be at the Stahov and Slavia areas of Prague. Over 100 teams representing 30 nations will gather to compete for the world title.

The event will be organized by the Czech Flying Disc Association. They have previously organized the European Ultimate Club Championships in 2001. The WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships were last held in Perth Australia in 2006. Prague is one of the most beautiful and historic cities in Europe.

World Game Qualifiers Announced

The top 5 Ultimate teams in the world as well as the host country qualified for the 2009 International World Games which will be held in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei. The games will be contested at the World Games Stadium between July 19th to 21st, 2009. Based on an elaborate system which considered the Vancouver results in several divisions, the following national teams have qualified for the mixed tournament which will be played at the World Games Stadium between July 19 and 21, 2009.

The teams are: □

- Canada □
- United States of America □
- Japan □
- Great Britain □
- Australia □
- Chinese Taipei (host)

The World Games is a quadrennial event held the year after the Olympic Games. It is held under the auspices of the International World Games Association (IWGA) and is made up of 32 International Sports Federations. It was previously held in Akita, Japan and Duisburg, Germany. For more information about the World Games go to:

<http://www.worldgames2009.tw/>

New World Records

Distance

| | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|---------------|
| Women (102 and older): | 8.08 m | Esther Johnson (USA) | 7/26/08 | Cupertino, CA |
| Women (65 and older): | 56.69 m | Leslie Charles (USA) | 7/12/08 | Dexter, MI |
| Boys (12 and younger): | 176.00 m | David Wiggins (USA) | 4/5/08 | Prim, NV |

Boys (8 and younger): 96.26 m Nicholas Duran (USA) 4/6/08 Pinetop, AZ

Girls (4 and younger): 19.35 m Grayson Salsburg (USA) 5/25/08 Jacksonville Beach, FL

Girls (11 and younger): 12.00 m Diana El Nabriss (AUT) 4/27/08 Baden bei Wien, AUT

Girls (9 and younger): 8.50 m Mariam El Nabriss (AUT) 4/27/08 Baden bei Wien, AUT

Boys (8 and younger): 19.34 m Leonard Hermes (AUT) 4/27/08 Baden bei Wien, AUT

Girls (6 and younger): 6.80 m Clara Giendl (AUT) 4/27/08 Baden bei Wien, AUT

Roller Distance (Turf)

Men (45 and older): 206.00 m Hiroshi Oshima (JPN) 8/26/08 Hokkaido Nakashibetsu-tyou, JPN

Mini Disc Distance

Women (55 and older) 20.55 Patricia Martin (UK) 7/12/08 Netherton, GB

Men (35 and older) 107.25m Phil Willetts (UK) 7/12/08 Netherton, GB

Girls (10 and younger): 26.25 m Kayleigh Pomfret (UK) 7/12/08 Netherton, GB

Foot Throw Distance

Open: 44.40 m Riku Kaajakari (FIN) 9/14/08 Oulu, FIN

Maximum Time Aloft

Men (65 and older): 9.53 s Jim Palmeri (USA) 7/14/08 Denver, PA

Boys (15 and younger): 14.01 s Cody Kirkland (USA) 5/2/08 San Diego, CA

Accuracy

Men (85 and older): 10/28 Jack Roddick (USA) 7/14/08 Denver, PA

Guts Speed Catch

Open: 123.00 km/hr Takeshi Osada catching Yasuhiro Komori (JPN) 5/3/08 Chino-city, Nagano, JPN

Upcoming Events

Oct 25, 26 Hong Kong Pan Asian Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
<http://www.hkupa.com>

Oct 30-Nov 2nd Ultimate Player's Association National Championships Sarasota, FL
<http://club2008.upa.org/>

Oct 31st-Nov 2nd European Ultimate Championship Finals Paris, France
<http://www.eucf2008.org/>

July 16th - 26th World Games 2008 Kaoshiung, Chinese Taipei
http://www.worldgames2009.tw/wg2009/eng/koc_kaoshiung.php

Nov 8th, 9th Arizona States Overall Tournament Scottsdale, AZ
Contact Harvey Brandt at teambanzai@cox.net

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