



WSDGA News

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Annual General Meeting and Elections

Our annual general meeting for all association members is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th, 2007. The general meeting is the association's way of getting together for a summary of our work, projects, events and activities. Also, at this time we will be electing members to the three at-large board positions. The at-large position is a one year term. A ballot for the election will be in the mail before the election on May 26th. All current members are eligible to run for a board position. Anyone interested in running please contact John Conte at 360-769-8481 or email at jconte@wavecable.com before Friday May 11th, 2007.

Hooked on Disc Golf

By John Cohoon

On July 16th last year, my wife, Cathy, and I drove to the NAD Park on Austin Drive to see what disc golf is all about. There's an eighteen "hole" course there in the forest behind the swing sets. We met some disc golfers who were pretty good players and they gave us some pointers about how to throw our drives and our putts, and we've been hooked on the game ever since. We're both in our mid-fifties and we really need the exercise the game provides, but there's more to it than that. We love the challenge of placing our discs in just the right spot.

There's nothing like seeing a brightly colored disc sailing through the trees on its way toward the basket. It may sound corny, but there's a sort of spiritual aspect to the game of disc golf. It's played outside in places where nature flourishes, so it offers us a chance to commune with the squirrels and the birds and the trees. It's simply rejuvenating to fling the disc on one of the courses in Kitsap County, and to rejoice in the greenery, the fresh air, and the serenity of the natural world.

And then there's the fellowship of the disc golf community. Cathy and I have made several important friendships with our fellow flingers. Several of us volunteer our time and energy to building new courses and improving the existing ones so that more and more people can join in the fun. Working together builds strong bonds—it's good for business, too. Just as with ball golf, there are some lucrative deals made while folks are out on the course having fun.

The exercise, the spiritual rejuvenation, and the friendships are just a few of the reasons Cathy and I have gotten hooked on disc golf and play every chance we get.

Spring Handicap League

10 weeks of age-inappropriate, bare-knuckled, chain-saw hearted,

death-defying, extraterrestrial, fast-paced, grit-grinding, hard to believe, inexplicably inexplicable, jaw dropping competition.

If you're not participating, you are missing out.

If you have not participated in any previous WSDGA Handicap League, you start at 'scratch' – i.e. NO HANDICAP – the first time you participate.

You shoot over-par and your score the next week begins at that same score below par. You shoot par, your score next week is par. You shoot under-par, your score next week begins at that score above par. So come on out and give it a try. Saturday's at NAD park, sign in at 1:30 PM and tee off at 2 PM. Call Bob Sismour for more information at (206) 855-9342.

Tuesday Night Doubles at Van Zee Park

Sam Huff is hosting Tuesday night random doubles at Van Zee Park starting at 6 PM. Two rounds for 20 holes. The cost is \$5 per person. Playing random doubles is a lot of fun and this course should see loads of ace runs. For more information please call Sam at (360) 985-1711.

Briefs

- Port Orchard Independent front page Van Zee article.
- Bremerton parks starts six year parks plan.
- Fairgrounds expansion announcement expected soon.
- Bremerton High School starting disc golf club.

Notes

- Thank you Mayor Kim Abel and the City of Port Orchard.
- Thanks Sam Huff for the fabulous redesign at Van Zee Park.
- Three new holes at NAD course. Concrete soon to follow.
- **Nine holes open at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.**

Microsoft & Adobe donate to West Sound Disc Golf

On Saturday, April 14th, 2007, three teams of Microsoft interns made a stop at NAD park for an event called "The Game." "The Game" is a sort of scavenger hunt with 300 miles of driving, visiting interesting places and solving puzzles. This was the test run for their full scale event scheduled for July 21st. For our participation and assistance, the West Sound Disc Golf Association was awarded a \$300 donation.

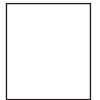
Early this year an Adobe employee donated \$200 to the association and then applied for the Matching Fund Gift Program to which Adobe matched with another \$200 and this helped build the Van Zee course.

The WSDGA is working hard for our communities to have the funds necessary to build new courses and support opportunities to introduce the recreation of disc golf into

people's lives. We look forward to more exciting opportunities to grow our membership and expand our places to go and play. Thank you Adobe and Microsoft.



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Volunteers needed

As we grow as an association we need to keep finding others who have the same will to want to share their professional skills to better our recreation experience. We are always in need to people to do things. There are many duties and issues that are spread between too few members. We are assembling committees that are going to be in charge of specific issues. So, if you think you have

skills that our organization needs or should have, please look us up and let us know what you think we should consider.

