

### **2008 NZDG Committee**

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### **NZDG 2008 Chairman's Report**

The year has been a productive one for Disc Golf in New Zealand. The number of players on the NZDG Tour has grown, so too has the number of events on the NZ Tour with the 'Christchurch Fling' taking the number to 11 plus Match Play of course. Growth in permanent courses has been good as well with 3 more going into Northland [Dargaville, Kaitaia and Kawakawa] along with the one in Whangarei, and 1 in Alfred Cox Park in Gisborne with negotiations happening on a few more as well. All of these courses are in handy easy to play parks and with encouragement will help our great game grow.

It's also great to have more help at the business end of NZDG; more committee members taking the running of our sport seriously and offering to take on some of the not just TD roles but the every day running of NZDG.

### **Finance**

The Disc Golf levy on sanctioned events is working well and we have a positive bank account. In fact our only money out is for insurance and WFDF Fees and a couple of basket freights. Oh! and bank fees..

I would like to see us use some money in the not to distant future for the likes of a colour brochure that could be distributed around the country and handed out to potential players. Another project for someone to get their teeth into.

### **NZDG Tour**

Thank you to everyone who organised and ran Disc Golf events this year. The standard of play on the NZDG tour in 2008 has improved immensely with course records being broken regularly. What we need now is for all of the tour 'events' to be of the same high standard. TD's must commit to

supplying NZDG with everything that is required of them in the set time-frame. If not then we need to be looking at an 'A' & 'B' tier sanctioning system. Our aim when we set the tour up 9 years ago was to have all events 100% basketed by 2005, we're a little behind the schedule in this and should be applying more pressure to make this happen.

### **NZDG on the International Stage**

At the 2008 World Disc Golf Champs in Kalamazoo Tauranga's **Fiona 'Ming' Menzies** pulled off a stunning result coming **2nd** in the Am Woman's Grand Masters (and putting the word on notice she'll be back for gold!) The Lost Tribe's **Pete Boyle** gave the top Am Men's Grand Masters a shake up as well tying for **3rd** and only 10 shots off the winner. **Blair Joines** also from Taumarunui's Lost Tribe scored a creditable equal **93rd** playing in the huge Advanced Am's field of 286. Kalamazoo based New Zealand Golfer **Arthur Pengelly** ended up **99th** equal in the Advanced Am's also and his Canadian born wife **Dawn Pengelly** (who learnt her DG skills on the courses of Taumarunui) placed **18th** in the Woman's division. Playing in the Pro Masters for the first time at Worlds **Simon Feasey** placed **36th** equal with a tournament score of 28 under. Well done to all of the self funded travellers.

### **NZDG into the Future**

I believe the time has come for NZDG to put some sort of '**strategic plan**' together to get our sport to a level it needs to be at in New Zealand. It's a great game/sport and hundreds of people partake of it all around the country. We have a NZDG committee and a NZ Tour but other than that do we have a plan for the future? We have assets that are spread between Queenstown and Auckland in the way of baskets and discs but are we using them to their full potential? I realise our biggest problem is we are an association run by volunteers and don't have any budget to pay someone to take school groups etc. so how should we do it?

### **In Conclusion**

- 2008 was a year of growth, all be it small but in my books getting bigger as apposed to smaller is better any day.
- The NZDG Tour is consolidating but the standard of some events needs a little assistance.
- The standard of play has increased both locally and by New Zealand golfers on the World Stage.
- We have money in the bank.
- NZDG needs to make a plan for the future.
- We're all having fun ..... Most of the time!

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NZDG Chair 2008