

## **Christchurch Disc Golf Club Incorporated - Annual General Meeting 31st May 2020**

### **Chairman's Report on the Operations of the Club for the year to May 2020**

The last year has been a relatively quiet but steady year as the Club positions itself for more rapid growth.

2 new courses were installed during the year, an 18-hole object course in Ascot Park/QE2 in October, and a 9-hole basket course in Brooker Ave (Red Zone) in November. This takes the number of courses in Christchurch to 5 (63 holes).

The Club has strengthened its relationship with the Christchurch City Council, something that will continue. The Council appointed a senior single point of contact for the Club. The Club has submitted applications for 9 more courses in the city, has designed 4 of them, and has conducted walk-rounds with Council staff of 3 of them (the 4th was done by the Council, with no need for assistance from the Club).

We expect to progress applications for new courses with the Council and Community Boards soon.

Fundraising is an important next step for the Club. We have been unable to do much without our first annual set of accounts (the Club was incorporated in January 2020), which have only just been finalised. With our first set of annual accounts, we are now in a position to apply for funding (from both the private and public sectors), and to apply for the status of registered charity (as agreed by Members last year).

The number of players in Christchurch has grown significantly. There are an estimated 1,500 or more players in Christchurch now, and growing rapidly. Jellie Park has seen significant numbers of players at peak times (hundreds a day). Queueing is not uncommon, underlining the need for more courses.

In terms of our Strategic Plan 2019-2033 and our Capital Expenditure Plan JAN19-JUN20, we are perhaps 6 months behind schedule. This is due mainly to the dependency on producing our first set of annual accounts (something I had not anticipated a year ago), and to a lesser extent due to Covid-19. In all other respects, these plans are in robust good health.

The Club has received no complaints or queries from the Christchurch City Council or media regarding Covid-19.

A Club website was launched during the year, to provide a source of standing data, news and information beyond what can be provided on our Facebook page. We expect to refine this further over the coming year.

I myself have devoted somewhat less time to the Club in the last year, due to my commitment of time to the position of Chairman of NZDG. However, a major portion of my NZDG time has been committed to initiatives which can be expected to greatly assist the Club, for example the building of a new NZDG website (important source of information for new players, government bodies, donors, sponsors), building a relationship with Sport New Zealand, and mobilising resources to assist Clubs with fundraising initiatives (something I expect to bear fruit over the coming year).

Looking wider at Canterbury (ex-Christchurch), we now have 2 courses in Timaru, 2 courses in Tekapo, a fully basketted course in Twizel, and a course in Waimate. There are also initiatives afoot for new courses in Ashburton and possibly Hanmer, Ohau and Mount Cook. A sure sign of vigour. The Club stands ready to help such places if they do not yet have an incorporated Club (for example our Club is able to receive and disburse funds on their behalf, and to write letters of support - NZDG likewise). It is hoped that other champions will come forward from other parts of Canterbury.

Last, but not least, a word of thanks. We are a voluntary association of some 50 Members. Without them, and the selfless commitment of time and effort from the Members of our General Committee, we are nothing. My hearty thanks to you all.

Paul Deacon, Chairman

## Committee

President: Jonny Ferrari

Secretary: Katene Ngatai

Treasurer: Calvin Jenkins

Committee: Brayden Marsden, David Kennedy, Daniel Middlemiss, Ethan Stout, Jaden Menzies

## Disc Golf South Achievements

- Hosting and running our third NZDG tour tournament attracting 88 players and 21 sponsors from around our province
- Becoming the biggest Disc Golf Club in New Zealand with 110 members
- Hosting our first successful doubles tournament catering for 40 people
- Club days which are held on Sunday afternoons and thursday evenings with an average of 20 participants from various age groups
- Being invited to events to showcase Disc Golf in our community i.e. Hop and Vine beer festival, Windsor Bonanza day
- Continuing to engage and take groups, clubs, and companies through the course
- Working with Bryan Stout and Claire Miller getting some baskets into New Zealand's first residential care facility, Bainfield Park. They offer Disc Golf facilities as well as some. Beautiful custom stamped discs. This achievement also made an article in the American. Based UDisc blog.
- Having club members Bray Marsden, Jonny Ferrari, Levi and Ethan Stout picked up for sponsorship
- Ace tags were created by Coren Sheriff and distributed to members at a cost of \$20.

## Meetings

As a committee we meet on a monthly basis, but we also schedule extra meetings. As required when planning for events. There is also a great commitment from committee members whether it be in presence at club days and local events or when it comes time to give a hand with a shovel.

## Looking Forward As A Club

- Continuing to grow the sport in Southland
- We have been granted permission and have made headway with our second course. Development being Oreti Sands and having the go ahead to put a course in. We have. Started the construction by removing trees and clean up is ongoing. We are currently in the process of obtaining funding through various local funders to continue working on the Oreti Sands course.
- Running a winter putting league potentially at the Y.M.C.A.
- Look at potential places to run a pop up course i.e. Donovan Park

- Work with other Southland groups and people that have approached us to look at new course opportunities
- Look at fundraising ideas to improve funds available for purchasing resources for the club
- We are working on a proposal down at the old Kew hospital site for a potential nine hole course, we have been down and mapped out potential holes and a few different layouts which we are planning to present to the southern district health board in due time.

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Disc Golf Wanaka report to NZDG AGM  
8 May 2020

Our first calendar tournament ran again in May 2019 with The Lords of Lismore selling out for two consecutive years. Looks like we may need to add Eely Point into the mix in 2020 to satisfy demand and get our registrations up to the 100 mark. Twizel's Moonbase tournament had its fifth instalment in October 2019 and continues its growth with 55 players registered, which was up from 51 in 2018. We extend thanks to our super-crew for running such smooth and successful events that, through their ongoing support, go from good to great.

Disc Golf Wanaka was lucky enough to co-host NZDG's 2019 AGM at the beautiful Rippon Winery above Lake Wanaka. Martin Galley set up a fantastic 9-hole in the woods there with stunning views of the place we call home. We would love to again incorporate Rippon with future events in Wanaka so watch this space.

After much healthy deliberation DGW has implemented a paid membership system for the club and since run three quarterly leagues that have had positive uptake. Luke Hetzel our coding whiz has created a reliable online league scoring database for the club that even applies recent league handicaps. Thanks to Kai for their support and the fun league prize-givings we've had at their bar. It's local businesses like Kai that are doing great things for our sport around the country.

A big congratulations to Paz Maslen of Wanaka Lawn-Care for his awesome work in setting up monthly full moon night golf. A great little 6-hole repeat loop with illuminated baskets and discs, plenty of local brewery sponsored product and some huge player turnouts has made for some great club and even interclub bonding. Looking outside now at the super flower moon, it's a shame we're not at it tonight.

Ben Thomson continues his hard work at the public 18-hole course on the shores of Lake Hawea. If you haven't had a crack yet, be sure to get there when you can. What a spot... just be prepared for a "wee bit o' wind".

Other course investigation continues, but with a hiatus on the Peninsula Bay and Piwakawaka course ideas we are patiently awaiting the Luggate Red Bridge course to progress through the red tape. Ed Waddington has been continuing his bushwhacking at the Clutha and Cardrona River confluence and we look forward to getting out there with our pop ups soon. Our next step will be to show Ben's Hawea contact around the course and test their appetite for a permanent 9-hole.

Martin Galley and I put our heads together late in 2019 and thrust the club's systems under the microscope. The goal was to produce an effective template for applying for public funding. The results speak for themselves with a generous \$15,000 granted by four funders for Lismore Park and Eely Point course upgrades. Expect to see some innovate tees and more course luxuries in Wanaka soon. Our plan is to soon roll this template out to other disc golf clubs and continue our march on unsuspecting reserves around NZ.

Congratulations once again to Wanaka players, Hayley Flintoft, Kyle Martin and Dom Hayden who were selected to represent NZ in the Team World Disc Golf Champs in Estonia in August 2019. Well done to the team on their ninth place finish.

Thanks also to Queenstown Disc Golf for the much anticipated Battle for the Crown days and to the NZDG board and committees for their stellar work over the last year. Stay resilient everyone and we'll see you all out on the course soon.

Mat Prichard  
Treasurer

## Queenstown Disc Golf Regional Report 2019/2020

The Queenstown disc golf club (QDGC) continues to be a leader and promoter of disc golf in New Zealand, and globally. Striving to provide a great community facility for everyone in the district, as well as national and international visitors to the area. The Queenstown gardens course continues to see a huge leap in numbers of people playing in the last year. With the majority being novice to intermediate players. It is not uncommon to see 200-300 people a day playing on the gardens course, with around 20% of these players being new to the game. This certainly makes it a vital asset to disc golf in New Zealand, and disc golf internationally. With easily over one and a half million people having played on the gardens course, having it and protecting it is essential for the growth of disc golf. Trip advisor having voted visiting the Queenstown gardens and playing disc golf in the top 10 things to do while visiting Queenstown.

The Tucker beach course continues to see good growth. Most weekdays there are multiple groups playing the course. On the weekends, the course is busy with a steady stream of players going through. Pleasing to see, as only serious players visit the Tucker beach course. Over the past 12 months, the Tucker beach course has seen considerable changes. This is due to the issues raised by members of the local community. The QDGC came to a mutual agreement with the concerned parties, and modifications were made. These changes have actually made the course more interesting and challenging in ways. I have continued to work alongside members of the community and the Department of conservation (DoC) to make sure we are using the reserve positively and keeping the whole community involved with what we are providing for them. Many meetings were involved with the Department of Conservation and concerned local community members. I continue to adopt the James Smithells ideology of 'bending with the wind' rather than trying to stand up to it. This has resulted in a year by year management agreement, with the chance to have an extended management agreement in the future.

The QDGC have also successfully commenced substantial changes on the gardens course. Currently sitting at around 90% complete, we anticipate completion in the near future. The QDGC are a major stakeholder in the gardens. Also a strategic management plan will be required from both the QDGC and QLDC to help with course management and maintenance. The

clubs member base continues to fluctuate, with currently 30 paying members. The QDGC committee strives to make the QDGC a great club to be a part of. Providing quality courses and events, to have healthy competition between our members, and to help each other's golfing abilities grow. And this shows with QDGC members having great results throughout the NZ tour events. In all levels and divisions.

Our two annual National tour tournaments, Queenstown Classic and Tucker beach Rush, consistently attract great numbers of golfers. Also our other two annual events, Winterfest doubles and the Discraft Ace Race, have been hugely popular. With numbers of registrations growing every year. We predict more growth in the future. The QDGC also looked at adding a third national tour event in 2020/21. TBA.

Of course the semi annual 'Battle for the Crown' continues to be a favourite between Queenstown disc golf and Disc golf Wanaka. This friendly event promotes healthy competition between the two clubs, and a camaraderie which is admired and wanted by other clubs throughout New Zealand. Long may it continue. The QDGC urges other clubs to have the same type of 'Club vs Club' formatted event.

There are currently another two courses in the proposal stages for the Queenstown area. Exciting times for disc golf.

On a whole, disc golf in the Queenstown district is going well, with a steady growth. Although as mentioned, as this steady growth continues, plans will need to put into place to help manage the numbers. This may involve assistance from our governing body, New Zealand disc golf association, whether it be funding or the like, as the Gardens course is undoubtedly the jewel in the crown for disc golf in this country. And needs to be protected.

Regards  
Hemi Te Awhitu  
Queenstown disc golf club  
Chairperson



## South Canterbury Disc Club Club Report for 2019/2020

The South Canterbury Disc Golf Club was formed in June of 2019, and has at present 35 paid up members. We have hosted several open days. One for club formation, another for the opening of our new 9 hole course, and an 'I am hope' fundraiser day, which was run in conjunction with Gecko's Dave Rose. We also raffled off a Nate Sexton signed disc, and brought in over \$800.

The club has implemented two Trophies, where 18 hole layouts are played at the respective 9 hole courses. We also have a match play bag tag club running, with 14 tags in circulation. Club socials, Sunday rounds and Thursday evening doubles, see around 10 players on average in attendance.

The club successfully gained approval from council for a new course late last year. Thanks to Vortica for the proposal and guidance on this, and local business sponsorship, the club installed the baskets ourselves in September, and have teepads being installed before winter (fingers crossed for level two)

2020 plans include growing membership numbers, and progressing to adding an 18 hole course to our local directory.

Regards,

Chris Smith

## **Westport Disc Golf Report 2020**

We have a course with 9 RPM baskets with two defined layouts located at the Westport Domain. Both layouts are in active use by locals and are uploaded to UDISC. The main layout for public use is called the Kawatiri 10 (tekau). Attached is a poster layout of this course. The secondary layout is called the Champion Course and provides a more challenging experience and 18 holes.

While we have received some funding from our local Council for the project we are still treading a fine line of consent. Thus we do not have any signage at the course at the course currently but hope to in the near future. Tee off markers are markers are wooden numbers with red bricks in the ground. (some photos attached)

### **Goals for 2020:**

- gain consent and post our designed poster at the course,
- begin the installation of some teepads,
- have our course design advertised on the NZ Disc Golf website,
- advertise our course to the public,
- grow our club numbers slowly and start planning for hosting a small tournament in 2021
- have fun playing disc golf ☺

Please come visit us and enjoy our famous West Coast hospitality while playing on NZ westernmost disc golf course. We would greatly appreciate any feedback on what we have done to date. Please Like and Follow our Facebook Page [Westport Disc Golf](#).

Gratefully

Stephen Dorey



This is some of the crew that help create Westport Disc Golf in front of our original homemade basket located at the high school. ☺ (LtoR: Stephen Dorey, Marcus Shenker, Daniel Reynolds and Luka LaBelle)



James "Jaguar" Smithells dropping by for a game.



Luka ripping one from tee#5



Tee #1 – game on





Shepard looking for an ace on #2



Showing off the nice CNC machine numbering for the Tees at #4.