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Message by the President

Dear WFDF Members and flying disc enthusiasts:

It has been quite a busy last several months.

On the events side, the WFDF World Overall Flying Disc Championships were held in Fort Collins, Colorado, 18 - 23 July 2011. This was the 10th World Overall Championships sanctioned by WFDF (the first was held in 1987) and featured seven individual disc disciplines: accuracy, discathlon, freestyle, disc golf, self-caught flight, double disc court, and distance. Harvey Brandt won the Open Division title and, in the Women's Division, Lori Daniels took gold. We congratulate all the other divisional winners and participants.

In the World Championships of Beach Ultimate (WCBU), the USA came away with the gold medal in five of the six divisions of the week-long event held in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy finishing Saturday 27 August. The event was co-hosted this year for the first time by WFDF and Beach Ultimate Lovers Associations (BULA). This was the biggest World Championship of Beach Ultimate by far, with 1,060 players on 72 teams from 29 countries and five continents. The World Championships hosted six divisions: Open, Mixed, Women, Masters (players born in 1978 or before), Mixed Masters (players born in 1978 or before), and Grand Masters (players born in 1972 or before). It was a well-organized tournament in a beautiful venue, with extremely competitive but spirited play all week.

On the administrative side, the 2011 WFDF Congress was held over two days during the final weekend of the WCBU. One of the most pressing topics for discussion was the proposed WFDF anti-doping program. Earlier this year, WFDF had been advised by SportAccord and the International World Games Association that full compliance with the World Anti-Doping Association WADA code – including in-competition and out-of-competition testing – was going to be required of all members, with a final report being submitted by WADA in November. After a lively discussion, both the new WFDF Anti-Doping Code and the WFDF 2011-2013 Anti-Doping Plan were approved by all present with one abstention, and went into effect September 1. On other topics, Simon Hill presented the restructuring plan for the Ultimate Committee that had been approved by the Board. The WFDF 2011 election will include votes for chairs of four subcommittees and a Deputy-Chair with the hope that this will make the Ultimate Committee more transparent and accountable to Members. The 2012 budget was presented and approved, with total income of \$103,225 and total expenses of \$117,150 for a net loss of \$13,924. Michael Hu and Fumio Morooka

presented their plans for the Asia Flying Disc Federation, an organization that will be launched this December to better coordinate regional events and affairs. Finally, we had time to discuss a broad and interesting range of topics on a more informal basis.

A major focus for WFDF in the coming months will be the introduction of the WFDF Anti-Doping Program. I encourage all athletes and administrators to review the materials we have circulated and posted on our web site. Education is the first and most important step in WFDF's anti-doping program. The next step for us was to create the WFDF Medical and Anti-Doping Committee (MADC) and the WFDF Doping Control Panel (DCP). The MADC will be comprised of three physicians demonstrating specialized knowledge of anti-doping and sports, and will be responsible for review of Therapeutic Use Exemptions ("TUEs") submitted by WFDF athletes. The three members of the DCP will be responsible for the results management process and will provide medical and legal expertise. WFDF will keep all testing results and information strictly confidential within WFDF, and the MADC and DCP will assist in insuring this commitment is upheld, until the final results of any investigation are completed. Only positive results and resulting sanctions after any appeals will be made public. **Importantly, athletes who plan to participate in a WFDF World Championship event need to become aware if they are taking certain substances for medicinal or therapeutic reasons that are included in the WADA Prohibited List and be prepared to submit TUEs.** A pilot program will be introduced at the Asian Oceanic Ultimate Championship (AOUC) in Chinese Taipei this December with some limited testing. The comprehensive program as outlined in the WFDF Anti-Doping Plan -- and as approved by WADA -- will go into force in 2012. This will include a limited Registered Testing Pool (RTP) and testing at the World Ultimate and Guts Championship (WUGC) next July in Japan. Testing at a national level by Member Associations is currently not required under our 2011-2013 Plan although all Members are encouraged to maintain an educational program.

We have been advised by WADA that our Program meets their requirements and that we will be deemed compliant. With this certification, we now intend to submit our application for International Olympic Committee "recognition" next year.

Please be sure to vote in our upcoming elections. Thank you!

Robert "Nob" Rauch
President

Picture of the month – World Championships of Beach Ultimate

The following picture shows a spectacular action during the World Championships of Beach Ultimate 2011 in Italy (Canada vs Germany, Womens division). Picture by Alexandr Tikhomirov ©



USA Wins Five of Six Divisions at World Championships of Beach Ultimate

Great Britain wins gold in Mixed Masters Division

The USA came away with the gold medal in five of the six divisions of the 2011 World Championships of Beach Ultimate, a week-long event finishing Saturday 27 August and held in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy. The event was co-hosted this year by World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) and Beach Ultimate Lovers Associations (BULA).

This was the biggest World Championship of Beach Ultimate by far, with 1,060 players on 72 teams from 29 countries and five continents. The tournament, directed by Max Vitali and overseen by Patrick van der Valk (WFDF Beach chair and BULA president), was held on the beach in front of Getur Sports Village, a 90 minute drive from Venice on the Adriatic Sea. This was the first World Championship of Beach Ultimate co-hosted by WFDF, with previous events held in 2007 in Maceio, Brazil and in 2004 in Figueira da Foz, Portugal.

"WFDF was pleased to be able to co-host Beach Ultimate as an official WFDF World Championship for the first time, having signed the memorandum of understanding with BULA earlier this year," stated WFDF President Robert "Nob" Rauch. "Beach Ultimate has become an increasingly popular sport and it is exciting to be able to showcase it in such a beautiful setting. It was a pleasure to see such competitive, athletic, and spirited play throughout the entire week."

The World Championships hosted six divisions: Open, Mixed, Women, Masters (players born in 1978 or before), Mixed Masters (players born in 1978 or before), and Grand Masters (players born in 1972 or before). Each of the 29 countries participating was awarded one team per division. Games were played to 13 points or capped at 45 minutes, to keep the intensity high and exciting for both players and spectators. The format was the traditional five-on-five beach game, on 75m x 25m fields with 15m endzones.

In the Open division, the USA beat Philippines 13-9 in front of an audience of nearly 3,000 spectators. The USA had lost to Italy earlier in the week in pool play. Switzerland took bronze, with India winning the Spirit Award.

World Championships of Beach Ultimate (continued)

In the Women's division, the USA edged Canada for gold 10-9, with Great Britain taking third and France winning the Spirit Award. In the Mixed (coed) division, the USA narrowly beat Germany 9-8 under difficult wind conditions, with Australia taking bronze and Germany awarded the Spirit trophy. In Masters, the USA handily defeated Austria 12-5, with France taking third and Spain winning the Spirit Award. In Mixed Masters, Great Britain prevailed over the USA 11-7, with Germany taking bronze and Great Britain awarded the Spirit Award. Finally, in Grandmasters, the USA beat Austria 13-7; Germany took third and Great Britain won the Spirit category.

by Robert "Nob" Rauch

2011 WFDF World Overall Flying Disc Championships Results

by Robert "Nob" Rauch

The 2011 WFDF World Overall Flying Disc Championships were held in Fort Collins, Colorado, 18 - 23 July 2011, hosted by Bill Wright and the Wright Life Sports Store. This was the 10th World Overall Championships sanctioned by WFDF (the first was held in 1987) and featured seven individual disc disciplines: accuracy, discathlon, freestyle, disc golf, self-caught flight, double disc court, and distance.



Harvey Brandt won the Open Division title with a total of 342.5 points, followed by Cody Kirkland and Conrad Damon, tied for second at 336.5 points. Rounding out the top five were Chris Max Voigt and Jack Cooksey. In the Women's Division, Lori Daniels took gold with 70 Points, followed by Kaili Young and Stephanie Chan with 68 and 58.5 points respectively. Beth Verish and Ari Kloke followed them at fourth and fifth. Thomas Cole was first in the Masters Division, Conrad Damon led the Grandmasters Division, and Mark Horn took first in the Senior Grandmaster Division. Alan Koechlein headed up the Juniors (19) Division and Tobias Cole was top finisher in the Juniors (11) Division.

Disc Summit Held at WFDF World Overall Championship

by Jack Cooksey and Stork Roddick

A non-competitive highlight of the WFDF World Overall Championship was the midweek "Disc Summit," which was called for and hosted by the PDGA. Sandie Hammerly, Secretary, represented WFDF at this meeting in Fort Collins. The PDGA's expressed intention was "to get the band back together" — more specifically, to foster communication and cooperation between all of the major disc sports, all of which were represented at this meeting.

BULA - Beach Ultimate - Patrick van der Valk
 DDC - Conrad Damon
 FPA - Freestyle - Lori Daniels and Bethany Porter Sanchez
 USGPA - Guts - Steve Taylor
 Overall - Jack Cooksey, Harvey Brandt/Kevin "Skippy" Givens
 PDGA - Disc Golf - Dave "Nez" Nesbitt, Brian Graham
 USA Ultimate - Tom Crawford, Will Deaver
 WFDF - Sandie Hammerly
 Hosted by Bill Wright
 Moderated by Dan "Stork" Roddick



Picture: Front Row: Nez, Skippy, Jack, Sandie, Will, Back Row: Tom, Brian, Stork, Steve, Bethany, Conrad, Patrick, Bill, Lori

During the four-hour session, the representatives each gave an overview of their sport's current activities along with some insight on the major challenges and opportunities that they see on the horizon. Although, the organizations and activities involved now vary widely in their level of complexity and funding, the discussion centered on similarities that continue to connect us.

Some opportunities for immediate cooperation were discovered and other promising collaborations were contemplated. One example of such collaboration is that Tom Crawford, Executive Director of USA Ultimate, went to the PDGA Headquarters in Georgia to participate in the PDGA Spring Summit. The very productive result of that connection led to the PDGA Board's interest in calling for this sport-wide meeting. Representatives from the PDGA unveiled their grand plan for four future "disc sports festivals" across the USA, with the hope that major players from all of various disc sports would be able to lend talent and expertise to the event. The primary goal of this unique gathering was to reacquaint the disc organization leadership with the full landscape of our diverse sport and to open a continuing network of communication to foster cooperation. To that end, the conversation continues in an electronic discussion group, designed to move forward on the promise of the Summit.

WFDF Elections to Commence November 15

The 2011 Elections for WFDF will commence November 15. The following positions are open for election to two-year terms to the Board of Directors commencing on 1 January 2012 and concluding 31 December 2013: Secretary, Treasurer, Ultimate Committee Chair, and three Directors-At-Large. Further, with the restructuring of the Ultimate Committee, there are now a number of elected positions (which are not Board level positions) for which WFDF also is seeking candidates: Ultimate Committee Deputy Chair, Events Subcommittee Chair, Championships Subcommittee Chair, Spirit of the Game Subcommittee Chair, and Rules Subcommittee Chair.

The elections will run from 15 November 2011 to 15 December 2011, with results announced by 31 December 2011 subject to confirmation of acceptance by elected candidates.

WFDF Congress Approves New Anti-Doping Rules and 2011-13 Anti-Doping Plan

The World Flying Disc Federation Congress held August 27 in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy approved Anti-the new version of the WFDF Doping Rules as well as the 2011-2013 WFDF Anti-Doping Program Plan. The Rules are based on the World Anti-Doping Association template and stipulate the regulations by which WFDF will run its anti-doping programs. The 2011-2013 Plan outlines the specifics of how WFDF intends to implement its anti-doping program and this document has been approved by WADA. Both of these documents can be found on the WFDF web site.

Doping is defined as the use by a player of prohibited substances or methods in order to enhance his/her sport performance. The current (2009) version of the World Anti-Doping Association Code states its fundamental rationale: "Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport", it is the essence of Olympism; it is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is characterized by the following values: ethics, fair play and honesty; health; excellence in performance; character and education; fun and joy; teamwork; dedication and commitment; respect for rules and laws; respect for self and other participants; courage; community and solidarity. Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport."

Ultimate and other flying disc sport athletes and administrators likely find this statement by WADA very familiar. Much of the rationale is captured under the "Spirit of the Game" that is such an integral part of flying disc sports. Notwithstanding, anti-doping is a funny concept for disc sports, or Ultimate in particular as that is our one Disc Sport involved with the Olympic Movement at present. WADA's motto is "play true."

Spirit of the Game in Ultimate is all about playing fairly, not cheating, and at its essence that is what WADA is trying to instill in so many sports where doping in some form gives an unfair advantage to some athlete or team, and is a form of cheating. For Ultimate, where adherence to not only the letter but the spirit of the rules is an obligation for each individual player, the idea of bringing in an outside arbiter -- a drug-tester, in effect a referee - is anathema to what we are trying to exhibit to the world. However, it is unfortunate that, given the level of cheating in so many other sports, drug testing is now mandatory. Over the last year, it has become clear that -- if (a) our Member associations want to receive recognition from their government or national Olympic or other sports federation, (b) we want flying disc sports and our athletes to obtain the recognition they deserve, and (c) WFDF wishes to remain a part of the Olympic Movement through SportAccord and the World Games -- we are now obligated to institute a comprehensive anti-doping program. We have done our best to design an anti-doping program where the fundamental elements of Spirit of the Game are preserved and yet we are still deemed by WADA to be in full compliance with the Code.

Education is the first and most important step in WFDF's anti-doping program. Some basic materials are available on the WFDF website and will be distributed to athletes through Member Associations. Additional information can also be found at the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) website at www.wada-ama.org.

The next step for us was to create the WFDF Medical and Anti-Doping Committee (MADC) and the WFDF Doping Control Panel (DCP). The MADC will be comprised of three physicians demonstrating specialized knowledge of anti-doping and sports, and will be responsible for review of Therapeutic Use Exemptions ("TUEs") submitted by WFDF athletes. For 2011-12, the MADC will be comprised of Jamie Nuwer, M.D. (USA) as chair, Florian Beiglboeck, Dr. med. (AUT), and Jascha Wiechelt, Dr.med. (GER). The three members of the DCP will be responsible for the results management process and will provide medical and legal expertise. For 2011-12, the DCP will be comprised of Volker Bernardi, Ass. Jur. (GER) as chair, Don McKenzie, M.D., Ph.D. (CAN), and Koki Yamashita (JPN).

As noted in the WFDF Anti-Doping Plan, WFDF will keep all testing results and information strictly confidential within WFDF, and the MADC and DCP will assist in insuring this commitment is upheld, until the final results of any investigation are completed. Only positive results and resulting sanctions after any appeals will be made public.

Importantly, athletes who plan to participate in a WFDF World Championship event need to become aware if they are taking certain substances for medicinal or therapeutic reasons that are included in the WADA Prohibited List.

WFDF Anti-Doping Program Plan (continued)

It is important that athletes obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption prior to participating in any WFDF event or they will run the risk being disqualified and possibly banned from future competition. In order to obtain a TUE, an athlete must visit a physician to verify that the prohibited substance or method is a necessary treatment and must complete the TUE application form. That form is then sent to the Medical & Anti-Doping Committee for approval. The athlete is later notified when approval has been granted and over what timeframe that approval applies. TUEs obtained from National (ie government-run) Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) will be recognized by WFDF at the international level as well.

A pilot program will be introduced at the Asian Oceanic Ultimate Championship (AOUC) in Chinese Taipei this 1-4 December with some limited testing. Our plan has been to designate three athletes participating in the AOUC for out-of-competition testing (which will take place just prior to competition), and we have asked our Member associations in Australia, Chinese Taipei, and Japan to each designate one athlete. In addition, we will do only two in-competition tests, one athlete from each of the finalist teams in the Open division, at AOUC.

The more comprehensive program as outlined in the WFDF Anti-Doping Plan -- as approved by WADA -- will go into force in 2012. This will include a limited Registered Testing Pool (RTP) and testing at the World Ultimate and Guts Championship (WUGC) next July in Japan. Our plan is to designate six male athletes and three female athletes for the 2012 RTP. For 2012, the athletes would be chosen based on current world rankings. For the open division, this would be Canada, USA, Japan, Great Britain, Australia and Sweden. For the women it would be USA, Japan and Canada. For 2012, the athlete designated by each national association would be subject to the requirements of the RTP, including whereabouts reporting through the WADA "ADAMS" system. Again, out-of-competition testing would be done just prior to the event. We expect to do six in-competition tests at WUGC.

Testing at a national level by Member Associations is currently not required under our 2011-2013 Plan although all Members are encouraged to maintain an educational program.

WFDF Guts Committee Looking to Encourage Guts Play in New Countries

Ryan Scott, Chair of the Guts Committee, has been working to develop an outreach program to encourage disc players in countries where Guts has not been actively played to learn to play Guts. Please contact him if you are interested in hearing more about the project. The Guts Committee is looking to encourage as much participation at the WFDF World Guts Championship in Japan in July 2012.

Guts was the first Frisbee sport. It is a game played between two teams of five players each. The objective is to be the first team to score 21 points. To start play, each team lines up facing each other 14 m apart. Play alternates between the teams with a player attempting to throw the disc toward or at

the opposing team and within the reach of at least one player of that team, in hopes that the opposing team cannot make a clean catch. Scoring is contingent on the success or failure of the throwing team. A good throw, without a catch, results in a point for the throwing team and a bad throw results in a point for the receiving team. The player targeted goes on to make the next throw back to his opponent. Tips are permitted but the disc must be caught cleanly with one hand and may not be trapped against the body.

Guts Tournament Results

For the third year in a row, the Bataan Park Brothers Guts Frisbee team of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has won the US Guts Players Association World Championships. The Appleton Assassins lost the finals in two straight games, 21-11, 21-19. The Boomtown Saints from Lansing finished third, and Blame the Dog of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan came in fourth. The event was held 3-4 September 2011 in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Over the 4th of July weekend, the Boomtown Saints outlasted Blame The Dog to capture the 54th annual International Frisbee Tournament (IFT). Luigi's Rising Sun and Torrent from Japan both played well with Luigi's finishing in fourth place. The Appleton Assassins finished in third. Invented by the Healy brothers in 1958, Guts has been contested at the IFT annually on the Keweenaw, the birthplace of Guts, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



WFDF Member Association Opinion Survey

WFDF introduced a member survey this year to get input on its activities and on several issues being discussed today. Thirty-six members participated. In the following paragraphs, we will attempt to highlight some of the key findings, and we provide a summary of all the responses for your review in the following pages.

The first section of the survey is a report card on how WFDF is doing. WFDF does well on its ratings for hosting large international events such as the WUGC, WUCC, and WOC (1.89 - 2.10 out of 5.00), but not as well on its less well-established events such as Juniors, U23s, and Regional events (2.35 - 2.62 out of 5.00). The poorest marks come in the areas of the web site (3.21), support and development in Member countries (3.06 and 3.27). In looking at scores for whether progress was generally improving or not, most aspects were generally felt to be improving slightly (ranging from 1.47 - 2.00 with 1.00 being improving and 2.00 staying about the same).

Our next section dealt with Olympic Movement and anti-doping issues. A total of 52.8% of respondents felt that IOC recognition should be pursued but not to the exclusion of other priorities, and 27.8% felt that it should be an extremely high or even the highest priority for WFDF. Regarding the question of National Olympic Committee recognition, 11.1% said they were already recognized, 36.1% said they were pursuing it, and the majority - 52.8% - said they were not currently pursuing it. Separately, 36.1% said they had some

Member Association Opinion Survey (continued)

other form of national recognition, and another 44.4% were pursuing it.

On anti-doping, fully 52.8% said we needed to fully embrace anti-doping for flying disc sports to be taken seriously which, together with the 36.1% of respondents who recognized that anti-doping programs needed to be introduced, constitutes fully 88.9% of respondents in favor of some form of anti-doping program at WFDF.

Regarding national anti-doping programs, 19.4% of Members already have some form of program and another 25.0% are considering. However, we note that 47.2% have yet to consider the issue and 5.6% are opposed to any form of anti-doping at their national association level.

Moving on to the next section, most members agreed that WFDF's highest priority should be the running of World Championships (80.0% rated this 1 or 2 out of 7). Several other top items were Communications, (72.2% in priority 1 and 2), development in new countries (63.9%), Spirit of the Game (61.1%), and overall growth (60.0%).

There was interesting input on some of the event specific issues. In Ultimate, Members want a good quality competition environment with trade-offs for cost, do not want events too close in time to each other, and want a balance between development and elite competition. There is general support for some form of Continental championships, but there are concerns about the form those might take and reluctance to have them act as qualifiers.

There is a willingness to see a split of mixed and masters for WUCC due to size considerations, but only about 38.2% of Members thought they would be able to field a women's master division team at this time. A little less than a majority wants U23s on a biannual instead of quadrennial basis. Many Members were unsure whether WFDF was spending the proper amount of time on World Games.

On the question of taking on responsibility for flying disc sports other than Ultimate, 44.1% already consider themselves multi-disciplinary, and another 26.5% would be willing to consider it; however 23.5% would not be interested or think WFDF should only focus on Ultimate.

On areas where WFDF could be of greater assistance to Members, the two main areas were Coaching Training (72.7% priority 1 or 2 out of 6) and General Promotion through the Media (61.7%). On development, it was interesting as no area received a majority of support as a high priority (50% for priority 1 and 2). There were some interesting regional differences however.

Summary of the 2011 WFDF Congress, August 27-28, Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy

by Robert "Nob" Rauch

The 2011 Congress was held over two days during the final weekend of the World Championships of Beach Ultimate in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy. Regular members in attendance (with votes available) were Austria (5), Canada (5), Chinese Taipei (2), Colombia (4), Finland (3), France (5), Germany (5), Italy (3), Japan (5), Poland (1), Russia (1), Slovenia (1), Spain (3), Switzerland (3), United Kingdom (5), and United States (5). Provisional members in attendance were BULA, Iceland, and Portugal. A representative from the United Arab Emirates attended as an observer, and Volker Bernardi was introduced as Executive Director.

The meeting was presided over by President Robert "Nob" Rauch and also attended by Board members Sandie Hammerly (secretary), Simon Hill (Ultimate chair), Patrick van der Valk (Beach Ultimate chair), Michael Hu (at-large), and Fumio Morooka (at-large).

One of the most pressing topics for discussion was the proposed WFDF anti-doping program. Earlier this year, WFDF had been advised by SportAccord and the International World Games Association that full compliance with the World Anti-Doping Association WADA code – including in-competition and out-of-competition testing – was going to be required of all members, with a final report being submitted by WADA in November.

Based on responses provided in the 2011 Member Association Opinion Survey, Members had indicated support for WFDF's efforts prior to the Congress, with 52% of respondents indicating that "if flying disc sports are to be taken seriously, we need to fully embrace anti-doping" and another 36.1% stating that "anti-doping programs need to be introduced to flying disc sports, but hope that the impact can be minimized." After a lively discussion, both the new WFDF Anti-Doping Code and the WFDF 2011-2013 Anti-Doping Plan were approved by all present with one abstention, to be effective September 1.

On other topics, Simon Hill presented the restructuring plan for the Ultimate Committee that had been approved by the Board. The WFDF 2011 election will include votes for chairs of four subcommittees and a Deputy-Chair with the hope that this will make the Ultimate Committee more transparent and accountable to Members.

The subcommittees would be: (1) Events (logistics, event bid review, and other technical issues); Championships (play issues, eligibility, scheduling, formats, event cycles, etc.); (3) Spirit of the Game; and (4) Rules. The four Subcommittee Chairs will serve along with Deputy-Chair and Board-level Ultimate Chair as the Ultimate Committee, with much of the day-to-day discussion occurring at the subcommittee level.

Elected chairs will be able to select their subcommittee members.

Congress Summary (continued)

On other topics, the membership application of Latvian Flying Disc Federation was approved, as was the budget for 2012. For 2012 the WFDF Board has estimated total income of \$103,225 and total expenses of \$117,150 for a net loss of \$13,924.

The WFDF Risk Management Assessment 2011 was reviewed, citing eight key areas of risk, among them ensuring safety for participants at events, sustaining and improving financial viability, the ability to recruit/attract sufficient volunteers, and applying good corporate governance principles including compliance with regulatory requirements.

Other highlights include the confirmation that the two Continental Championships this fall will not serve as qualifying events for World Ultimate Championships, that there will be a Women's Masters division at WUGC 2012 if there is sufficient interest, and the announcement that the Asian Flying Disc Federation was being formed to coordinate regional activities.

For further information, please refer to the comprehensive minutes prepared by Secretary Sandie Hammerly available on the WFDF web site.

Attendees at 2011 WFDF Congress



Back row: Thomas Griesbaum (Germany), Tushar Singh (Canada), Hernando Zapata Melo (Colombia), Simon Hill (UK Ultimate, and WFDF Ultimate Chair), Nejc Kodric (Slovenia), Klemen Zupancic (Slovenia), Anze Zorman (Slovenia), Sandie Hammerly (WFDF Secretary).

Front row: Patrick van der Valk (Portugal, and WFDF Beach Ultimate Chair), Julianna Jee (UAE), Christian "Buddha" Schneider (Switzerland), Patrick Nadonley (Iceland), Tom Crawford (USA Ultimate), Robert "Nob" Rauch (WFDF President), Fumio Morooka (Japan and WFDF Board member), Michael Hu (Chinese Taipei and WFDF Board member).

In attendance but not in photo: Volker Bernardi (WFDF Executive Director), Emma Briggs (Australia), Wolfgang Wurz (Austria), Christian Leitner (Austria), Andrea "Oddi" Furlan (Austria), Matt Kass (BULA), Marja Elonheimo (Finland), Stefano Carcangiu (Italy), Alberto Gilsanz Avellon (Spain), Ekaterina Barabanova (Russia), Patrick Fourcampre-Maye (UAE).

News from National Federations

Revolver and Fury Win Open and Womens USA Ultimate Club Championships - West Coast Domination Continues in USA

by Robert "Nob" Rauch

The USA Ultimate Club Championships were held 27-30 October 2011 in Sarasota. For the second year in a row, Revolver of San Francisco bested Ironside 15-10 in the Open championship. Remarkably, eleven of the last twelve open club champions have come from the US West coast. In the Women's Division, Fury (also of California's Bay Area) won its sixth consecutive championship, defeating Riot (who had beaten them in an earlier round) 15-13.

In the Masters Division, Minnesota's Surly won its third title in four years, defeating Beyonders 15-10. In the Mixed Division, San Francisco's Blackbird was able to close it out over Polar Bears in a tight, windy battle, squeaking by 17-16.

Dylan Tunnell of Chain Lightning won the Pete Farricker Spirit Award in the Open Division, Gwen Ambler of Riot was awarded the Kathy Pufahl Spirit Award in the Women's Division, and Russ Adams of Surly won the Marty Bakko Spirit Award in the Masters Division.

USA Ultimate Club Championships 2011 - Results

Award	Open	Women	Masters	Mixed
First	1 - Revolver	1 - Fury	1 - Surly	1 - Blackbird
Second	2 - Ironside	2 - Riot	2 - Beyonders	2 - Polar Bears
Third	3T - Chain Lightning	3T - Capitals	3 - Reckon	3T - District 5
Fourth	3T - Doublewide	3T - Phoenix	4 - Wheelchair	3T - Wolverwines
Fifth	5 - Ring of Fire	5 - Traffic	5 - Chaland	5 - Slow White
Sixth	6 - Southpaw	6 - Showdown	6 - Boneyard	6 - The Ghosts
Seventh	7 - Madison Club	7 - Molly Brown	7 - Real Huck	7 - Chad Larson Experience
Eighth	8 - GOAT	8 - Scandal	8 - Tejas	8 - AMP
Ninth	9 - Machine	9 - Further	9 - Chesapeake	9 - Drag'n Thrust
Tenth	10 - Truck Stop	10 - Brute Squad	10 - Old Style	10 - 7 Figures
Eleventh	11 - Johnny Bravo	11 - Ozone	11 - DoG	11 - Overhaul
Twelfth	12 - Oakland	12 - RevoLOution	12 - No Country	12 - Bucket
Thirteenth	13 - Furious George	13 - Nemesis		13 - Jacks and Jills
Fourteenth	14 - Condors	14 - Safari		14 - Sabre Corp
Fifteenth	15 - Sub Zero	15 - DeSoto		15 - Mesteno
Sixteenth	16 - Tanasi	16 - Bent		16 - Termite's Entourage
Team Spirit	Chain Lightning	RevoLOution	Surly	Slow White
Individual Spirit	Dylan Tunnell (Chain Lightning)	Gwen Amber, (Riot)	Russ Adams, Surly	n.a.
MVP	Matt Robholz (Ironside)	Gwen Amber, (Riot)	Greg Husak (Beyonders)	Emily Baecher (Slow White)



Pictures by Brandon Wu ©



GERMANY:

“Fair-Play”-Trophy of the German Sport awarded to the German Flying Disc Federation (DFV)

The German Flying Disc Federation “Deutscher Frisbeesport-Verband”, DFV, has received the “Fair-Play”-Trophy of the German Sport in the special category.



The awarding ceremony – the President of DFV Volker Schlechter (middle) and Treasurer Manfred Ketz with Laudator Rosi Mittermaier-Neureuther (left).

The President of the German Flying Disc Association (DFV) Volker Schlechter showed himself impressed by the ceremony of the “Fair-Play”-Trophy of the German Sport. This trophy is awarded by the German Federal Ministry of the Interior and the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB).

The laudatio on the DFV was held by Fair-Play Ambassador Rosi Mittermaier-Neureuther, two-times Olympic Champion in Ski Alpin at the 1976 Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck.

She underlined the speciality of the team sport Ultimate being a self-refereed sport without referees: “Where rules regulate that the players have to find a decision themselves, there is no referee needed.” The players in Ultimate try to find a proper solution and than just continue with the game. This example is a role model for fairness in sport as every player is responsible for the match”.



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- 24-27 November 2011 WFDF Pan-American Ultimate Championships 2011 (PAUC), Medellin, Colombia
- 1-4 December 2011 WFDF Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships 2011 (AOUC), Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei
- 7-14 July 2012 WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships 2012 (WUGC), Sakai, Japan

To be listed in this section, your event should be an international event. If you plan to attend any of these events and would like to submit a new story about your experience, please forward all submissions to ed@wfdf.org for insertion in the next available issue.

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If you would like your information to be posted in the next issue, email me for specific deadlines.

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Some suggestions for submissions include: tournament announcements and results from disc sport events with international presence or for national championships, 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.

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