



WFDF Re-Launches Newsletter

Welcome to the first of what 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 Anne-Marie Carey at ed@wfdf.org by the 25th of each month for publication in the following month's issue. 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 "Photo of the Month" feature, travel adventures involving disc sports, stories about your "Road to Vancouver" detailing preparations leading up to WUGC 2008, miscellaneous media sightings involving disc sports and stories about the development of a particular disc sport in your area. Be creative!

WFDF Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships

Gold Medal Match: Japan over Australia, 15-11
Bronze Medal Match: Chinese Taipei over Philippines, 15-13

The 1st WFDF Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships commenced on Friday, December 7, 2008. Six mixed division teams from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines, Singapore and Taiwan competed in the three day event held in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei. This will also be the location of the 2009 World Games. A full report will be available in the next issue, and will also be posted to the WFDF website. WFDF is committed to increasing the profile of regional championships and will continue to support the growth of the Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships and the Pan American Ultimate Championships in the future.

WFDF Board of Directors: Election Announcements

2007 WFDF Board of Directors Elections will open on **December 5, 2007** and close on **December 19, 2007**.

The announcement of results will be made as soon as the Nominating Committee is in agreement on the validity of the results.

Each WFDF Regular and Organisational Member in good standing is eligible to submit one ballot which should represent the candidate choices of their association. Associate and Provisional Members are not entitled to vote in WFDF Board Elections.

All voting WFDF Members will be emailed a link which will grant them access to their ballot.

WFDF has appointed the following Nominating Committee to run the election:

Melle Clark, Chair
Anne-Marie Carey, Administrator
Johan Lindgren, Committee Member
Barry O' Kane, Committee Member

WFDF uses a Single Transferable Voting policy. This means that if the voter's preferred candidate is eliminated or has already been elected, the voter's vote for that position will not be lost. Instead, the voter's next preferred candidate will receive their support.

Further information on election processes can be found linked on the home page of www.wfdf.org.

The following candidates are running for election.

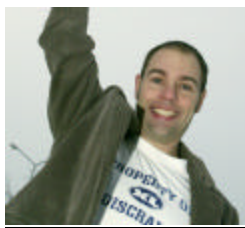
Their candidate statements appear on the ballot and on the WFDF website.



Kate Bergeron (USA),
Treasurer



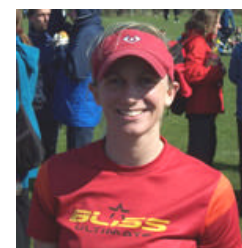
Harvey Brandt (USA),
Individual Events Chair



Tomas Burvall (SWE),
At Large Director



Todd Demetriades (USA),
At Large Director



Rebecca Forth, GBR
At Large Director



Kevin Givens (USA)
At Large Director



Jesus Loreto (VEN/USA)
At Large Director



Robert Rauch (USA)
At Large Director



Stef Stevens (MOZ)
At Large Director

WFDF Event Hosting Bid Deadlines

WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships 2010: March 30, 2008

WFDF Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships 2009: February 1, 2008

WFDF Pan American Ultimate Championships 2009: February 1, 2008

WFDF World Overall Championships 2009: February 1, 2008

WFDF World Junior Championships 2010: June 1, 2008

If you are interested in hosting one of these events, please review the details listed at:

<http://www.wfdf.org/index.php?page=events/bidding.html>

World Ultimate & Guts Championships 2008 (WUGC 2008)

WFDF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN WFDF TEAM SPORT EVENTS

Effective November 15

1. WFDF membership is a requirement for registering and competing in WFDF sanctioned championship events.

2. Only Regular, Organizational, and Associate Member organizations in good standing may register teams to the following WFDF events:

WFDF World Ultimate & Guts Championships
WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships
WFDF Regional Championships
WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships

In order for a member organization to register teams for one of the WFDF events mentioned above, the member organization must be in good standing as defined here:

If the opening day of registration for a WFDF event is on or before April 30th, a member is in good standing if it has paid WFDF membership dues for the previous calendar year and fulfilled all its obligations for previous years.

If the opening day of registration for a WFDF event is on or after May 1st, a member is in good standing if it has paid WFDF membership dues for the current calendar year and fulfilled all its obligations for previous years.

3. **One time participation for Provisional Members:** A Provisional Member organization of WFDF may register teams to one of these events once. In order to participate in future events that member must first apply for regular, organizational, or associate member status.

Even if the organization that originally held the WFDF Provisional Membership for a certain country has ceased to exist, any participation from that country counts as use of the one time participation allowance and any new organization from that country wanting to send a team must apply for Regular, Organizational, or Associate Member status.

4. In order for a team to be allowed to start competing at one of the WFDF events mentioned above, the member organization must be in good standing as defined here:

If the opening day of competition at a WFDF event is on or before April 30th, a member is in good standing if it has paid WFDF membership dues for the previous calendar year and fulfilled all its obligations for previous years.

If the opening day of competition at a WFDF event is on or after May 1st, a member is in good standing if it has paid WFDF membership dues for the current calendar year and fulfilled all its obligations for previous years.

5. These regulations apply to all divisions and all disciplines of the events listed in (2) above including guts. Participation in any division of an event counts as participation in that event.

MESSAGE FROM THE GUTS COMMITTEE

A number of top guts players from Asia and the United States are determined to help rejuvenate the sport of Guts for the 2008 World Ultimate & Guts Championships. They are strongly encouraging National Federations to consider sending a 2nd tier of ultimate players who do not qualify for the national ultimate team to instead compete on one of two Guts teams that each WFDF Member is entitled to register in the event. To help entice new participants in Guts, they will offer some coaching and provide playing tips on site in Vancouver. They are also willing to send Guts discs and instructional videos to those teams who register.

Participation by new teams is especially encouraged in the women's division to help reach the divisional requirement of a minimum of four nations participating, to make 2008 the 1st ever WFDF sanctioned World Championship of Guts.

WUGC 2008 (continued)

WUGC 2008 REGISTRATION

Registration for the World Ultimate & Guts Championships to be held from August 29, 2008 is now open. The tournament organizers launched a revamped website on November 19, and the registration system went live on December 2nd. All countries that fulfill the requirements set out in the previous section of this newsletter are now eligible to register.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.WUGC.2008.com/registration>

Important registration timelines include:

Registration opens	December 2, 2007
Team fees increase 25%	May 10, 2008
Player fees increase 25%	May 24, 2008
Team registration closes, All payments due	June 7, 2008
Player registration closes, All payments due	June 21, 2008

Schedule published	July 5, 2008
Rosters frozen, No player changes	July 19, 2008
Tournament start	August 2, 2008

NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR WFDF EVENTS

Regulations for player eligibility are being revised and will be forwarded to all WFDF Members as soon as possible.

WFDF WORLD TEAM DISC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2008: UPDATE

The WFDF Board of Directors had considered adding a new WFDF sanctioned event to the schedule for 2008. The concept was to create a National Team Disc Golf World Championship that would be contested in Vancouver, BC in conjunction with the World Ultimate & Guts Championships set for August 2-9, 2008. There was some interest, but no bids were submitted to host. WFDF will consider finding a spot on the schedule at a later date for such an event.

Congratulations to the Philippine Ultimate Association and the Singapore Ultimate Players Association for upgrading their membership from Provisional to full Regular Members.

Their applications were approved at 2007 WFDF Congress held in Ithaca, NY.



IF YOU CAN DO IT WITH A DISC, WE COVER IT!

The disc golf community is in for a ride as *Flying Disc Magazine* soars into mailboxes late January 2008. *FDM* is the new official magazine of the PDGA (replacing *Disc Golf World*). It offers readers comprehensive and entertaining content that not only appeals to disc golfers, it also covers other disc sports - guts, freestyle, ultimate, K-9, and more. Look for *FDM* to hit newsstands later in 2008. For now, the only way you can get a hold of one of these sure-to-be-collector issues, is to subscribe at www.flyingdiscmagazine.com.

(PDGA members: Remember to "Opt In!")

***Happy
Holidays!!!***

*from the staff & volunteers of
the World Flying Disc
Federation*

WFDF World Records

Did you know that WFDF maintains an archive of world records pertaining to flying discs events?

The following records were broken this past summer at the WFDF World Overall Championships held in Ithaca, NY.

SELF CAUGHT FLIGHT			
Name (Country)	Score	Division	Previous Record
Jack Cooksey (USA)	149.65 MTA: 12.3s TRC: 82m	Men (35 and older)	149.62 by Jack Cooksey (USA) 7/12/95
Jim Palmeri (USA)	92.33 MTA: 8.06s TRC: 48m	Men (65 and older)	54.43 (5.89 s/ 22.04 m) by Der-Hsin Tang (ROC) 7/12/94
DISTANCE			
Name (Country)	Distance	Division	Previous Record
Max Voigt (GER)	205m	Masters - Open	200.06 m - Randy Lahm (USA) 4/29/01
Jim Palmeri (USA)	111m	Legends - Open	77.31 m - Jack Roddick (USA) 7/11/96
Jack Roddick (USA)	54m	Open (85 and older)	New Division
Tita Ugalde (USA)	106m	Grandmasters - Women	104.24 m - Bethany Sanchez (USA) 8/17/02
ACCURACY			
Name (Country)	Score	Division	Previous Record
Jim Palmeri (USA)	13/28	Men (65 and older)	12/28 by Jack Roddick (USA) 7/12/95
Jack Roddick (USA)	4/28	Men (85 and older)	new division

Correction to WFDF Website:

The women's SCF champion at the World Overall Championships 2007 was incorrectly listed in the history section on www.wfdf.org and has been corrected to report the win by Yumiko Tauchi (JPN).

Featured Job Posting

This job is best suited to those living in Canada, and preferably in the province of Ontario.

The Ontario Disc Sports Association, a non-profit organization recently recognized as a Provincial Sports Organization by the Ministry of Health Promotion, is seeking an Executive Director. The position requires an individual to run day-to-day operations of the 11,000+ member organization while executing a number of new initiatives.

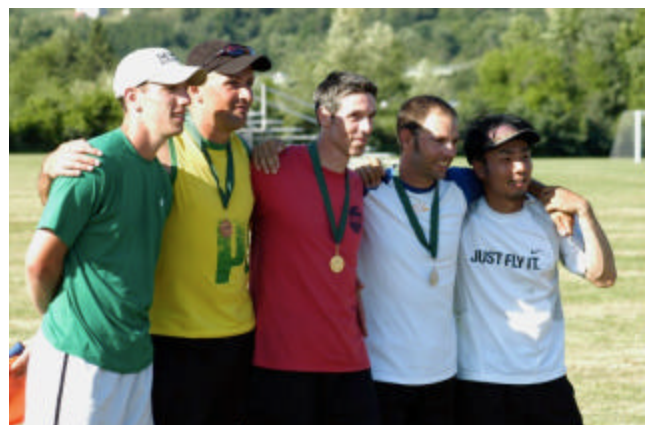
Funding is confirmed to support the position for a 22 month term (January 2008 to November 2009). This is a new position that requires a conscientious and detail-oriented individual. Candidates interested in learning more about this position and/or to apply, please visit

<http://www.ondisc.org/administration/availablejobs.html>

Resumes will be accepted either as a Word document or as an Adobe PDF.

Interested parties can apply from November 24th through to December 22nd, 2007 to the ODSA Job Search Committee at edjob@ondisc.org.

All submissions will be acknowledged, however only those candidates that we wish to engage will be contacted for interviews.



Finalists in World Overall Championships SCF: (from left) Sam Kaye (USA), Christian Max Voigt (GER), **Jack Cooksey (USA - gold medalist, WR)**, Tomas Burvall, eventual Open Division Overall Champion (SWE), Daisuke Kuroda (JPN). Photo by Andy Lemann.

More News Highlights from 2007

Full stories on each topic can be read in the 2007 news archive on the www.wfdf.org homepage by searching through "More News".

THE FRISBEE CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

January 13th, 1957 marked the first sale of the flying disc.

2007 RULES OF ULTIMATE ANNOUNCED

An updated version of the rules of ultimate went into effect on April 1, 2007. WFDF is still collecting translated versions into various languages to be posted to the WFDF website.

INTERNATIONAL FRISBEE TOURNAMENT (IFT) HOSTED IN MICHIGAN, USA TURNS FIFTY

The oldest flying disc tournament celebrated its 50th anniversary over the weekend of June 30 through July 2, 2007. Two Japanese teams joined the otherwise USA based list of participants in this celebration of Guts. Congratulations go out to **Katon**, the winning team hailing from Japan. Team members included: Takeshi Osada, Kosuke Sampei, Tsuyoshi Seki, Naoki Nishikata, Ryoichi Ohgushi, and Takaki Harada. **Selfish**, also from Japan, finished second, and the bronze medal went to **Silverbacks** from the USA.

WFDF 2007 CONGRESS

WFDF's annual congress was held on July 8th, 2007 in Ithaca, NY. It was attended by 12 participants and 5 voting WFDF Members. The agenda, reports and draft minutes are posted at:

<http://www.wfdf.org/index.php?page=structure/congress/index.html>

WORLD OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2007 RESULTS

Ithaca, NY played host to the World Overall Championships from July 9-14, 2007. Competitors were tested in Accuracy, Disc Golf, Self Caught Flight, Distance, Discathon, Double Disc Court and Freestyle. Final rankings in each event are calculated to crown the overall champions:

OPEN DIVISION

Overall Champion	Tomas Burvall (SWE)
12 & Under	Kevin Palmeri (USA)
16 & Under	Jeff Palmeri (USA)
Masters	Jack Cooksey (USA)
Grandmasters	Harvey Brandt (USA)
Senior Grandmasters	Mark Horn (USA)

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Overall Champion	Yukari Komatsu (JPN)
16 & Under	Yuriko Sobue (JPN)
19 & Under	Ann-Charlotte Johannison (SWE)
Masters	Lori Daniels (USA)
Grandmasters	Tita Ugalde (USA)

Upcoming Events

- December 11-16, 2007: BULA World Championships of Beach Ultimate, Maceió, Brazil <http://beachultimate.org/home.html>
- December 28-30, 2007: Freestyle Jam Camp, Los Angeles, CA, USA <http://www.freestylejamcamp.us/>
- December 29-30, 2007: Vietnam Hat 2007, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam <http://saigon-ultimate.com/content/view/23/40/>
- January 16-22, 2008: Acapulco Ultimate Fiesta, Acapulco, Mexico <http://fiesta2007.discovolador.com/>
- January 19-20, 2008 Tsunamixte 2008, Nemours, France http://tsunamiduloing.free.fr/orga/tsunamixte/2008/main_en.php
- February 16-18, 2008: Kaimana Klassic, Waimanalo, HI, USA <http://www.hawaiiultimate.com/kk/kk21/>
- March 20-24, 2008: Paganello, Rimini, Italy <http://www.paganello.com/>

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. All submissions are subject to editing prior to publication.