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THE NEW YEAR IS HERE!!!

Another New Year! Welcome the first issue of 2008!! I hope that everyone's holiday season went well. Now, its time to get ready for the new disc golf season! The main events this quarter are the Ice Bowl events, followed by the areas first sanctioned tournament in San Angelo. Did you know that the PDGA competitive structure changed? There are now 4 Amateur divisions instead of the traditional 3 and the ratings breaks changed for these as well. Check out [2008 PDGA Tour Standards](#) for all the info. There are lots of good things in store for West Texas disc golf this year....so lets start the New Year on the right foot!!

San Angelo does it again

For the second strait year, San Angelo made its presence known on a statewide level. Team Warlock (SA1) took home first place in the newly formed merged division at the 2008 Texas Teams competition at Circle R in Wimberly. The Warlocks started out kind of slow, but a huge birdie by Johnny Deleon in his early match got the team fired up. After that, solid play against the other 12 teams earned San Angelo great respect, lots of notoriety, and great memories for years to come. The team consisted of Jason Moore, Brandn Moore, Nick Rowton, Pete Barizon, Johnny Deleon, and Donovan White. Congratulations guys!! You made West Texas proud!! For a first hand account of the action, go the story at www.conchovalleydiscgolf.com. Good luck in 2008!

DisCrazy is hitting the road

Matt Smart with DisCrazy is planning the Budweiser DisCrazy Series beginning later this year. Matt will be holding some fundraising events leading up to this years DisCrazy Shootout (May 3-4) but the series won't officially start until The Wild Hair in Abilene; the series' first event this summer. DisCrazy merchandise will be for sale and included in Payouts, CTP's, and other prizes. If you are interested in holding a Budweiser DisCrazy event or one of this years fundraising events, please contact Matt Smart at 806-336-0553. You can always keep up to date on all DisCrazy news at www.discrazy.com.

Cal Young Park in Abilene looks to expand

The West Texas Disc Twisters and the Rotary Club of Abilene are teaming up to expand Cal Young Park into the area west of Lytle Creek. Pending city approval, one of the first things to go in the new section of the park is another 18-hole disc golf course! To that end, the Disc Twisters will be holding a tournament point's series throughout 2008. Three divisions will be offered at 6 one-day events with Ace Pot and CTP prizes included. There will be a payout to the top finishers at each event. The Rotary club will use the series to sell sponsorship packages and raise money for the project. Here are the event dates:

March 1	April 6	May 10	May 24 <i>(makeup date only)</i>
July 12	August 16	September 6	September 24 <i>(makeup date only)</i>

The Rotary Club wants the new course to be as attractive as possible and are planning on having it designed by world renowned disc golf designer John Houck. Add to that a piece of property that will yield a very different course from the existing one, and the future of Abilene disc golf is looking very bright indeed. Details for the series are on the attached flyer and look for updates at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/dg23837/index.htm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's the place for upcoming local events to shine! The plan is to have one newsletter every quarter. If you have a tourney flyer ready before the next newsletter, I will be happy to include it as an attachment with the newsletter.

Ice Bowl 2008

Once again, several Ice Bowl events will be held throughout West Texas to raise money for local charities. Last year, 3 events raised \$2,700 and 1,703 lbs. of food for people who are less fortunate than we are. San Angelo will be holding their own version of the Ice Bowl this year, adding a 4th regional event. So, find an event near you and get out and support a very worthy cause. Contact you local representative for start times and formats. And remember: **NO wimps!! NO whiners!!**

San Angelo - Jan 26 Eola, Tx (Bright Brewing) Contact Jason Moore 325-653-4809	Lubbock - Jan 27 Mackenzie Park Contact Patrick Kitten 806-798-8381	Abilene - Feb 9 Cal Young Park Contact Jerry Kingston 325-829-6579	Amarillo - Feb 10 Disc Creek DGC Contact John Rock 806-670-3172
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Crush on the Concho – March 15-16, 2008

For the 6th year in a row, San Angelo brings back their annual event by the lake! This year's event will again be sanctioned. Carl is planning more added cash and extras to make this event the best Crush ever. Camping is available right by the course, which always provides for lots of fun late-night activities! Details are still being finalized, but the guys in San Angelo are expecting this event to fill. Don't get left out!! For more information contact Carl at 325-450-8090 or carl6964@msn.com. Also, look for updates on their new website www.conchovalleydiscgolf.com.

In conclusion...

2008 is shaping up to be great!! Please send me any new dates, corrections, or information for the next newsletter (April 1). Until then, we'll see you on the course!

FOCUS ON THE RULES

Scenario: Player 'A' adds his score after the round and watches as each member of the group checks and confirms his score. Satisfied that his score is correct, he writes "+2" in the total column on the scorecard and turns it into tournament HQ. When the round scores are posted, Player 'A' notices that his score is 2 throws higher than he recorded it on the scorecard. After talking with the tournament staff, he is told that his total score should have been 58 and he was assessed a 2-throw penalty for the mistake. Player 'A' thought that since par for that round for his division was 56, "+2" should be correct.

Question: Should Player 'A' have been penalized?

804.03 Scoring

C. The scorekeeper shall record the score for each player on each hole as the total number of throws, including penalty throws. **The round total shall be recorded as the total number of throws, including penalty throws. The use of anything else (including the lack of a score) represents an incorrect hole or total score and is subject to penalty as described in 804.03.G (2).**

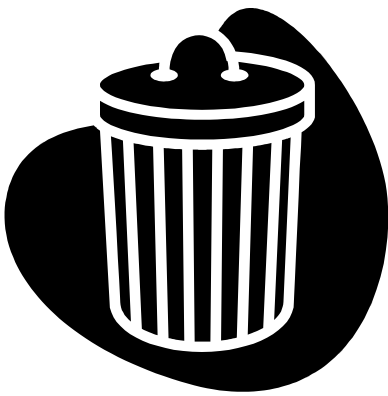
Answer: Yes. Although he didn't add his score wrong, he put something other than the total number of throws (plus penalties) in the round total column. "+2" is the correct score to par, but not the correct total number of throws. The only penalty for scorecard mistakes is a 2-throw penalty. Most players receive this penalty because the total is not added up correctly. It happens often, and can happen to anyone (even a Pro!!). Most of you reading are probably shaking your head up and down right now (I know I am...)

The moral of the story: Add your score...then add it again...then pass it around...then add it again...then walk to the scorers table and add it again. Get the hint? Then when you're satisfied, write the total number of throws in the total column. If everyone would go a little overboard with this, it would happen much more rarely than it does. And, for those divisions that generally throw higher scores, offer to be a second pair of eyes and help them make sure they get it right.

Learn the rules....Know the Rules....Enforce the Rules!!!

[Click here for the complete PDGA Official Rules of Disc Golf](#)

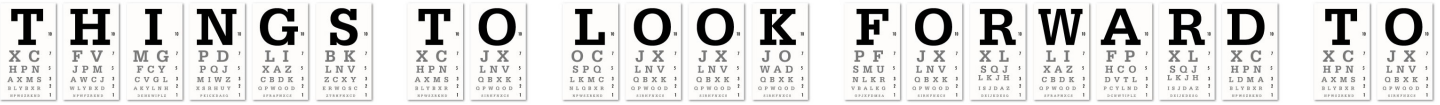
If anyone wants to submit a question about the rules or wants a certain rule broken down, drop a line at dg23837@suddenlink.net.



Trash Talk

I don't think enough can ever be said about litter. DON'T DO IT!!! In the winter months, it's a lot easier to see trash, so pick some up. Do you carry a trash bag with you on the course? Are there enough trashcans at your course? Do you get on to people that litter? (cigarette butts are also litter!) Remember: *everyone* has to be actively involved if litter is ever to be controlled. Did you know that littering is a rules violation? And, if it persists, you can eventually give penalty throws to the offending player? See rule 801.01E, F and G in the [PDGA Official Rules of Disc Golf](#).

Keep our courses clean!! It's not only environmentally sound, but it will score points with your local Parks department. And in turn, they will likely help your local club more because of it!



West Texas Events for 2008

*Events in **BLUE** are PDGA sanctioned events*

January 26 – Eola Ash Ice Bowl Mini – Eola, TX (San Angelo) – Bright Brewing
January 27 – Lubbock Ice Bowl – Lubbock – Mackenzie Park
February 9 – Abilene Ice Bowl – Abilene – Cal Young Park
February 10 – Amarillo Ice Bowl – Amarillo – Disc Creek DGC
March 1 – Cal Young Expansion series #1 – Abilene – Cal Young Park
March 15-16 – Crush on the Concho – San Angelo – Middle Concho DGC
April 6 – Cal Young Expansion series #2 – Abilene – Cal Young Park
April 12 – Woodman Spring Fling – Amarillo – Disc Creek DGC
April 19-20 – West TX Disc Golf Championship – Big Spring – Commanche Trails Park
May 3-4 – DisCrazy Shootout – Amarillo – Thompson Park
May 10 – Cal Young Expansion series #3 – Abilene – Cal Young Park
June 21-22 – The Wild Hair - Abilene – Cal Young Park
July 12 – Cal Young Expansion series #4 – Abilene – Cal Young Park
August 16 – Cal Young Expansion series #5 – Abilene – Cal Young Park
August 23-24 – Top of Texas Open – Amarillo – Disc Creek DGC
September 6 – Cal Young Expansion series #6 – Abilene – Cal Young Park
October 11-12 – Big Arms on the Brazos – Lubbock – Mackenzie Park

LINKS

<http://www.pdga.com> - Official website of the Professional Disc Golf Association
(The 'PDGA Tournament Info' thread on the DISCUSSION board is a great place for real-time tourney updates)

<http://www.lsdga.com> - Texas Disc Golf site run by Gary Duke, State Coordinator

<http://www.tulsadiscsports.com> - Good site for Oklahoma Disc Golf information

<http://www.nmdgc.org> - New Mexico Disc Golf site

<http://pages.suddenlink.net/dg23837/index.htm> – Abilene Disc Golf Information

<http://www.discrazy.com> – Amarillo Disc Golf Information

<http://www.innerpole.com> – Big Spring Disc Golf Information

<http://members.door.net/mryan/Windriders.html> - Lubbock Windriders Information

<http://conchovalleydiscgolf.org/> – San Angelo Disc Golf Information

If you have any questions, comments or submissions; please send them to dg23837@suddenlink.net.