

## To the Members of New Zealand Disc Golf

### Mat Prichard - Candidacy Letter for Treasurer



The last 12 months with NZDG has been incredibly rewarding and we're proud of the progress the current board have made for disc golf in NZ. Coming into the deputy chair role last year one of the main motivators was to re-unite the members. Although there really wasn't a clear pathway to achieving that, it was a very high priority of Ewan's in particular, and he successfully led that unity without hesitation. Thank you to all who believed in Ewan and the board, seeing the sport come together again has been personally very humbling.

My passion for our game remains strong and is encouraging a second term to complete some major board tasks which are currently underway. Of course, top of that list personally is the dream to unlock the funding potential for disc golf in NZ at a government level. Our game ticks so many health boxes and we now have a direct pathway to convince Sport NZ to recognise disc golf as a national sport partner.

Although the deputy chair position was the vacant role last year, I have also been filling the treasurer role since Jono stepped down last year (thanks for leaving everything in a good place Jono!). Being a chartered accountant and director of Sidekick Wanaka Accountants, plus 10 years of sports governance at Snow Sports NZ, the treasurer role at NZDG is the right fit for my experience.

My director goals include:

- Governance, sponsorship, funding, and strategy advisory and development
- Continually improve the Treasury function
- Assisting the other directors where possible
- Contribute to the development and future of the NZDG tour
- Continue investigating annual course installation funding provided by NZDG
- Continue Sport NZ relationships to have NZDG recognised as a national sports partner

In Wanaka the ongoing work with The Basket Tiers has led to a permanent course installation happening midyear. Funding for the installation is well advanced and has created an opportunity to get back on the club's committee to continue growing our thriving club. We were stoked to be a part of the NZDG Juniors Week recently and the new permanent course is perfect for kids and will likely be a breeding ground for future disc golf stars.

### More Baskets in the Ground!

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