

Twizel Club Report by Chairman Ed Stead

Hi Martin,

The Twizel Club held AGM on 26 Jan with election of Secretary (Paul Hannagan), Treasurer (Haley Mcenry) and re-election of Eddie Stead as President.

The Club revived our annual easter local's tournament on 2 April focusing on introducing young people to the sport. Junior boys and girls' divisions competed as well as an open competition in the afternoon.

23 Juniors competed and received some really good tuition from Mikey You and Liene Krastina. All Juniors received a free disc.

Everyone left with a prize thanks to great sponsorship from local businesses.

Novelty events were also held including the circle of fire and a BBQ lunch. New groups of young people can now be seen playing regularly.

Ed

Te Anau Club Report by Grant Chapman

Hi Martin,

Club incorporated 02 October 2021.

Looking after 18 Tee pads, 18 Helix baskets and various signage in Ivon Wilson Park Te Anau.

Currently in the midst of pushing 9 baskets out into schools and smaller parks in the community.

Aiming to run two one day tournaments a year paying cash and spot prizes to locals and players from the southern region.

Club rounds on Sundays - ace kitty and bag tags.

Cheers,

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Disc Golf Dunedin Report

Just like the rest of the disc golf community, the last year has been a big one for Disc Golf Dunedin!

At the end of last year, we started two new events. Firstly, we ran a ladies' night for several weeks, which introduced many new women to our amazing game. Some have gone on to become regular social round attendees. With its positive response, we expect to run this again in the future.

Secondly, we ran our first league at the end of 2020. This was a huge success with dozens of people playing and being introduced to the competitive side of our sport. We have just finished our second league during Autumn. We had 43 different people play, with over half of them playing very consistently. League allows us to have more members get involved with the club when they can't make it to Sunday social rounds. We plan to start up the next one after winter.

In January we ran The Hyzlander, an NZDG 2021 tour major. This was our biggest and best version of it so far. 119 people entered making it the biggest tournament in New Zealand history. It accomplished being a true disc golf celebration, financial success, and a daunting battle with the course for all competitors.

We have just received approval for and put in a ten-hole object course at Brockville as a trial. Many locals are already loving using the course. We are currently working on a funding application to hopefully make it a permanent, basketed course before summer.

Many of our members are loving getting away to tournaments. We recently had 19 members at the Lords of Lismore in Wanaka, making up one-fifth of the field. We are particularly proud of Sue Brown and Tom MacKay who won national titles in Paradise earlier this year.

We have just finished up the end of our membership year. We approximately doubled our members to 43 from the previous year! With so many eager, helpful members we are making great progress in growing our sport. Time to keep that momentum rolling.

Here's to another amazing year of disc golf!

Andrew Fleming
Disc Golf Dunedin Chairperson

CHRISTCHURCH AND CANTERBURY REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MAY 2021 (for NZDG)

CHRISTCHURCH DISC GOLF CLUB

2020 was an eventful and successful year for the Club.

Covid-19

Covid-19 and associated measures brought both good and bad news for the Club, but the good outweighed the bad. Membership renewal was disrupted, since it occurred during lockdown. Our Annual General Meeting was held by video-conference (Zoom). Two Members of our General Committee lost their jobs due to the pandemic, but I am pleased to say have bounced back and found employment.

Following the end of lockdown in May 2020, growth in player numbers accelerated significantly, a trend which has been seen in other parts of the world. Perhaps it is due to the perceived higher hygiene of disc golf, compared to contact sports.

Player Growth

For a second year running, the Club invested significant resources in growing the game at the Jellie Park course, our first course (2015) and main base. Every Sunday we provide a gazebo, table and chairs, practice baskets, free training, disc sales and advice, so as to create a welcoming environment for new players.

In consequence, player numbers have continued to grow at a rapid rate. According to local residents, play begins at Jellie Park every day before dawn. We can have 400-500 people play the course on a busy weekend day. According to UDisc (data from October 2020), Jellie Park is the busiest course in Australia/New Zealand. This is consistent with the congestion seen on the course on busy weekend days and holidays.

According to the same data from UDisc, Queenspark, Christchurch's second course, is the 10th busiest course in Australia/New Zealand. The third basketted course in Christchurch, at Brooker Avenue (Red Zone), also became much busier (according to anecdotal reports).

We have perhaps 3,500 players in Christchurch. We estimate that player numbers may be growing at the rate of 6 new players a day in Christchurch. If sustained, this would mean 2,000 or more new players a year. This may be expected to grow further with the provision of more courses (see below).

Private Courses in Christchurch

Christchurch now has 2 private courses, one at a holiday park, and one at an industrial business park (the course was put in by the owners to improve the work/life balance of their client's employees).

As the game continues to gain in popularity, the number of private courses can be expected to grow further.

Disciplinary Case

In the period July to October 2020, the Club had to devote significant time and resources to an unexpected Membership disciplinary case. With the help of Members, the case was seen through to a satisfactory conclusion.

General Committee Resources

We are a voluntary membership club, and as such are dependent on the time and energy of Members, and especially Members of the General Committee. The Club's resources came under some strain during the year, notably through job losses (see above), handling a time-consuming disciplinary case (see above), and an unforeseen physical injury to one of the General Committee (healing well). I am pleased to say that the Club and its General Committee overcame all these issues, showing a pleasing degree of resilience.

Charitable Status

In November 2020, the Club was granted the status of registered charity. This was made possible because the Club was explicitly founded for the benefit of the community.

I would like to thank all Members and General Committee Members for their help in making this happen.

Course Approvals

In 2019, the Christchurch City Council approved a Club course in Ascot/QEII Park, as part of the strategic plan for the park. The course is currently operational using temporary tees and object targets.

In December 2020, the Council granted the Club permission to install courses in 4 more public parks in Christchurch, namely:

- Warren Park (Hornby)
- Cypress Garden Reserve (Bromley)
- Broomfield Common (Broomfield)
- Nunweek Park (Harewood)

These courses will bring disc golf to parts of the city where there are currently no courses, and (it is hoped) will relieve pressure on Jellie Park. Priorities are very much in line with our Club's Strategic Plan for new courses (February 2019).

Fundraising

Following the recent granting of charitable status, and the recent approval by the Christchurch City Council for the installation of 4 new courses, the Club is now actively fundraising for permanent baskets and tees for 5 courses (the 4 new courses plus Ascot/QEII).

Courses in Canterbury Outside of Christchurch

During the year, the Club was involved in looking at, and supporting, 3 initiatives for new courses in Canterbury towns outside of Christchurch (the remit of our Club is Canterbury-wide). Typically, such initiatives come from local disc golf champions and/or District Councils.

Course Maintenance

With the ever-increasing usage of the Jellie Park course, the Club has become more involved in maintaining the course. Baskets and tees were recently moved, and regular course maintenance has been carried out. This work will increase in intensity over coming months.

Club League

We have a highly successful and ever-growing league for Christchurch players, led and managed by one of our keen Members (for which my hearty thanks).

CANTERBURY (EX-CHRISTCHURCH)

There are now courses in Twizel, Tekapo (2), Timaru (2), Temuka and Waimate. These numbers can be expected to grow steadily.

LONG TERM PLANS

Our Club's strategic plan 2019-2033 envisages 4% of the Canterbury population playing disc golf (say 41,000 active players if current population growth is sustained). In turn, this will mean somewhere between 50 and 100 courses in total (current: 13), of which about 20 will be in Christchurch. The precise number of courses in rural areas with lower population densities cannot be predicted with accuracy.

Paul Deacon
Chairman, Christchurch Disc Golf Club Incorporated
May 2021

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Disc Golf Wanaka report to NZDG AGM
18 May 2020

Disc Golf Wanaka took on the huge commitment to run the NZDG National Champs again in 2021 and host NZ's second only A tier event, once again at the beautiful Paradise Trust property near Glenorchy. We are very proud of the event which at the time was the highest equal NZDG member event in the history of disc golf in NZ with 110 players. The new course layout proved challenging and the player feedback through PDGA was extremely positive. Thanks to Community Trust South for their generous funding contribution. Well done Martin Galley and Cooper Sallis (and everyone else that helped), another big tick for the club's event experience and expertise!

Just a few weeks later we ran the ever-popular Lords & Ladies of Lismore in April for 96 players. Including Eely Point in the event allows us to play more holes and accommodate more people, so we feel we are achieving the right balance of looking after current players, while still providing the opportunity for new players. Big congrats to our up and comer Ryan Cambridge with a fantastic third place overall finish coming in hot from the advanced division.

Twizel's Moonbase tournament had its sixth instalment in October and grew rapidly from 55 players in 2019 to 81 players in 2020. Again, we made the decision to include more holes to allow more players to get involved. We are confident this strategy is the right approach, and we will always look to expand courses so more people get to play in Disc Golf Wanaka's events. Based on the huge growth in player numbers in 2021 so far, we are looking at more options in Twizel to include more players. Watch this space!

Our awesome events would not be possible without the huge support of the DGW family, so we extend our heartfelt thanks to our super-crew for running such smooth and successful events that continue to go from strength to strength. Thanks guys, we love our wee gem of a club.



The beautiful vistas at the 2021 Paradise Plates New Zealand Disc Golf National Championships funded by Community Trust South

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The club's quarterly leagues continue to have slower than desired uptake, but the handicap system is working a treat. The scoring database is such an asset for the club and is creating healthy competition, not just amongst the stalwarts here, but also newcomers. Thanks to Kai Whakapai for their support over the last couple of years and to our new sponsor Ground Up Brewing. If only we could stop Ryan Cambridge from winning all the vouchers...

A big congratulations to Paz Maslen of Wanaka Lawn-Care for running monthly full moon night golf for well over a year now. 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 bonding. Keep it up Paz, they are well loved here and are getting people started in our sport.

Ben Thomson and the Brown family (Wayne, Sue and Casey) have worked extremely hard on the community funded 18-hole course on the shores of Lake Hawea, which is now officially complete! Well done guys, what a bunch of legends. If you haven't had a crack yet, be sure to get there when you can. What a spot...

Ed Waddington and Cooper Sollis have continued their bushwhacking at the Clutha and Cardrona River confluence and after some frantic post-lockdown effort, we hosted the 11th Battle for the Crown with the Queenstown Disc Golf crew. In breaking news, Land Information New Zealand have very recently approved consent for a permanent 9 hole there. This may be a NZ first course on Crown managed land and we're very excited to see what we can do with the challenging space. Our next big project will be creating 'The Confluence' course in Albert Town.



The happy crew at Moonbase VI in Twizel

One of the obvious challenges for the club over the next 12 months is to get juniors involved. Having a fantastic beginner course opposite a high school is not enough it seems. We'll be striving to engage kids in Wanaka to get into our sport and add to the massive momentum we are seeing across the country. Our recent registration as a NZ recognised charitable organisation will certainly assist our goals.

One last big thanks goes out to Martin Galley for five years and truly countless hours of dedication to growing our sport as Tour Director of NZDG. Martin should be very proud of the legacy he has created and has prepared our sport extremely well for the massive growth we are all expecting in the next year or two. Good on ya Martin, you're expertise will surely be missed at NZDG and we are very lucky to have you here in Wanaka leading our journey.

Kia Kaha everyone, see you out on a course soon,
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Treasurer

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