

Chris Davies' Candidacy Letter for re-election as Communications Director

Dear fellow NZDG members,

Wow, what a learning curve I have been on since October when I came onto the board at a rather turbulent time. I want to thank Mr Prichard, Mr Galley, Mr Smith, and recently Mr Gorthy, for the governance expertise and the guidance they have been so generous with. I have learned a great deal these past seven-plus months.

I intend to continue to be the tool the board uses to communicate with the members as effectively as possible. And vice versa.

To date, I have logged over 150 hours working on NZDG business, however I have enjoyed the work, and engaging with the other board members. I look forward to carrying on, refining and continually improving the NZDG communications process.

The Communications Director's job is to serve the board and the members, and it is the members' best interests which guide my thinking at board meetings. There is much work yet to do for NZDG, and I am keen to continue that work.

Please vote for me as Communications Director in the upcoming election.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Davies', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Davies
New Zealand Disc Golf
Communications Director

NZDG election manifesto

Roberts Krastins - candidate for the role of Tour Director

I feel like the NZ Tour has a lot of potential for growth and I would like to be considered for the role of Tour Director to facilitate some changes that I feel would improve it for the players above all.

I have been working in management roles for the past 10 or so years - starting from being a Project Manager for a large international manufacturing/construction project with a budget of a million dollars and more recently being an Operations Manager at Canyon Swing in Queenstown. As many of you might already know I am quite proficient in the PDGA rules and believe that it will help me support other Tournament Directors.

The current Tour structure has worked well for the past few years, but with tournaments selling out in record times and more and more new players coming on board this might be the time to review it. I don't have a strict proposal as to exactly how it should look like. A format where the NZ tour runs across the summer season with the Nationals being one of the final events of the season would be worth considering. Another idea that might be a necessity soon: introducing a staged registration to the major Tour events. This would allow higher rated players (previous tour standings/ PDGA rating) a chance to register first before the tournaments sell out. This has been a standard in many other countries for years.

I believe that the NZDG board should be impartial without vendors' commercial interests having a seat at the table. The sport has grown greatly from a close knit group with the same proactive people having to do most of the heavy lifting because no one else would to a vast community of hundreds. It would be hard to make impartial decisions and put players first when those same decisions could affect your business.

Manifesto for voting of Secretary

My name is Liene Krastina and I am standing for the role of Secretary at this year's AGM.

I discovered disc golf and the amazing community that comes with it in 2017 in Queenstown. Since then I have competed on the NZDG Tour across the country. Definitely one of the highlights to this date has been a chance to represent New Zealand and be part of the Flying Kiwis for the Team Worlds Championship in Estonia.

I am looking forward to putting in the work and helping the NZDG board run as smoothly as possible. There has been a lot achieved in the past and I hope to help and keep the momentum going.

Liene Krastina

Candidacy letter from Chris Mance

Kia ora koutou,

I looked up the meaning of 'disc' in Maori and found this amazing interpretation:

"The Kopae (disc) represents eternity, togetherness and continuity"love it!

[Photo insert] There is an attraction to disc golf that can get even the most ardent couch-potatos out into the fresh air to wander from one side of a fairway to the other with little more than a few mutterings under their breath ".....that bl**inking disc was meant to anhyzer then fade back gently before landing right next to that basket!!".



Like many, I picked up my first disc at school, and it was all about cool backhands skipping off the playground asphalt or trying to throw the disc over the 4 story school building in a gale force wind (that's usually when our game stopped for the day). I was reacquainted with a disc 10 years later in 1986 and became addicted to the game of Ultimate Frisbee. I was lucky enough to travel the world playing with a number of teams in a number of different countries, with the highlight taking the first Latin American team from Venezuela to the World Ultimate championships in Toronto, Canada (1991). At the time there were really only 2 teams playing in Venezuela, but today there are over thirty teams, including over 10 women's teams.....they love ultimate in Venezuela (<https://www.facebook.com/yanomamiultimate>). I can't wait for them to discover disc golf, but right now Venezuela is in a difficult space, so not a lot of opportunity to get that started.

Arriving in New Zealand with my young family, I continued playing ultimate but did get the opportunity to buy my first three golf discs from a well-known shop in Q'town (SPS ☺) to have a go on the Botanical Gardens course. What an amazing setting, really!! For those interested, I bought a Hatchet driver, Buzz mid-range and a soft white Westside putter (still got my trusty Hatchet).

That brings me up to date, and looking forward to applying some of my previous flying disc experiences to NZDG in the role of outreach director. It's got to be one of the more rewarding roles open this election, and I hope you will give me the opportunity to give it a go.

I had a look at the NZDG constitution and read that the role is primarily about: making connections with / between existing, new clubs and their players; finding ways to get disc golf out into the less well-represented communities (lots of farm land out there ☺); raising \$\$s to put a disc in every teenage kids hand (that's a worthy goal for say 2026....that's about 50,000 discs a year for 5 years....aim high they used to say at school ☺); and importantly making sure we all know what it means to play safely and keep everyone else around us safe.

Easy right? Well maybe not, but we've got to start somewhere.

Quick segway: Over the last few years, I've taken a dg basket + 20 borrowed putters to my son's school fair (easy fund raiser), and on my most successful year, the kids at that school paid over \$120 combined to throw approximately 1000 discs at the basket. It was a truly awesome spectacle, and the fun story is that at one of these fairs there was a very persistent youngster who set their mind on winning a disc I had as a prize for the most putts made. Now this youngest (maybe 15 or 16 at the time) did win the disc (and lost it quite quickly), but he was hooked, and recently finished second overall at the Lords and Ladies of Lismore 2021 tourney. What an amazing journey in under 3 years, and living proof that all we need to do is put a disc into the hands of every youngster, and we can create passionate disc golf players, some of whom will drive themselves on to greatness.

I know so many of you are already are being incredible ambassadors for our growing sport (you are real-life outreach directors), and I'm going to need all of your help too, so that we can set some goals, and start working towards making them a reality.

Ka kite anō,

Chris

To the Members of New Zealand Disc Golf

Candidacy Letter for voting of Financial Advisor



Dear friends

As Finance Manager and senior leader for a national sports organisation (Snow Sports NZ), I have a professional understanding of sports administration and governance in NZ. Over the last eight years I have meticulously developed a proven and effective strategy for generating sport funding. This approach has been refined for disc golf and implemented firstly at Disc Golf Wanaka and now with great success for NZDG at Taupo's Spa Park course.

Although I am extremely passionate about growing the game of disc golf in NZ, I need to prioritise my time for my young family and put my energy into supporting the NZ team's lead up to the Winter Olympics in early 2022. I've battled internally with the decision to step down as Treasurer of NZDG, but other passions need my immediate attention.

However, I am committed to further developing our relationships with Sport NZ with my personal goal to get NZDG recognised as an official funding partner. This has the potential to unlock significant funding for NZDG in line with Sport NZ's strategy set to come into effect in early 2022. Therefore I am asking you as a NZDG member to vote me back on as Financial Advisor to NZDG so I can continue to assist the board and oversee our transition with Sport NZ.

I'm personally very proud of what the board has achieved at NZDG over the last six months and the enhanced professionalism the organisation now possesses. With secure and effective software now installed, proof that public funding works for disc golf, and a huge improvement in policy and procedure, the sport is in a great position to capitalise on the rapid growth our sport is about to experience.

I relish the opportunity to represent each of you as a committed and hardworking Financial Advisor to the NZDG board and to continue our great work in this space.

Mat Prichard
CA, BBus, GradDipCom