

Disc Golf competes in first tourney of season

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Last Saturday, a few brave BC disc golfers traveled to Richmond Hills Park, home of one of Asheville's most difficult disc golf courses, to compete in the opening tournament of the 2007/2008 season.

Brevard competes in a series of tournaments hosted by the Western North Carolina Intercollegiate Disc Golf League. According to the President of the League, "we're

the only organized intercollegiate league in the country."

The tournament began at 2:30 by a shotgun start. The six member team from Brevard valiantly battled for nearly three hours as the players wound their way through rough terrain, tight fairways, and dense forest.

All levels of skill were represented from those who had never played the game before to those who had played for eight years or better.

Showing up is half the battle

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If a Frisbee is thrown on Green lawn, and nobody is there to catch it, is it still a game?

The Ultimate Frisbee intramurals are currently taking place on campus, and so far it appears as if the team that shows up the most will take home the tee shirts.

And I don't mean this in the overused sports anchor idiom-way of saying "showed up," as in "Well, Bill, we'll have to wait and see which Atlanta Braves team shows up this afternoon."

What I mean is that it appears as if the intramural team that is physically present for the most of their games will be this year's champion.

In most of the Ultimate games so far, not enough players on either team have shown up to play, causing most of the games to be settled by forfeit.

"We are 3-0, all because of forfeits," said Marc Newton, whose team The Pimps

advanced to the finals on Wednesday with a forfeit win in the tournament semi-finals.

Dee Dasburg, a member of Staff Infection, has had a similar experience this season. "Staff Infection is currently 4-1 with all of our games being decided by forfeit," Dasburg said.

Dasburg was quick to point out, however, that most of the time the players who do show up split up and play pick-up games, still having fun in a less competitive setting.

Coach Brenda Skeffington, who is the head of intramurals, works extremely hard to give students the opportunity for exercise and fun through intramural athletics, and it is a shame that her efforts go to waste due to lack of participation.

Skeffington has a full slate of activities planned for the rest of the semester, including sand volleyball, flag football, tennis, and 3-on-3 basketball. The refs are hired, the times are set, and the tee shirts are ordered. All that is missing are the players.

The overall winning team was UNC Asheville, due to the unparalleled turnout of over 14 competitors. According to club president and team captain Scott Brown, 14 is "a number that Brevard should easily be able to beat."

By the end of the afternoon, the winning scores represented some truly extra-ordinary skill. Par for the entire course was posted at 59 strokes. The top three scores ranged from 55 to 61. These were also the only three scores below 65.

The top scores from Brevard were 71 and 72. When asked about his score, one player said "I've never played a course this technically difficult. It would be fair to say that the trees were more responsible for my score than I was."

All in all, the individual scores count little for the teams score compared to the points given for the players in attendance. Each team

(college) earns one point for every male competitor that attends and two for each female.

The disc golf season consists of six tournaments held at various courses, three in the fall, and three in the spring. The next event will be on October 20, held at Mars Hill College's challenging course (also near Asheville).

Chocked full of ideas and support, Brevard hopes to have a full 18 hole course by the time that the tournament is scheduled to be held here on campus in February.

The club hopes to have large numbers show for its first general interest game Thursday afternoon at 2:00. They will meet at the start of hole number one, between the Villages, and tee off by 2:15. Keep your eyes open for e-mails from this revamped organization, the semester is still just beginning!



The BC disc golf team

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