

Beyond the Flight

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Reflections on Success

As 2022 draws to a close it's only natural that we would reflect on the year and what amazing success we have had, gauged against our aims and objectives and the mission of the UKWDGA. From the catalyst of what is now referred to as the Original UK Women's National Bag Tag League with 46 Members, we have worked hard to engage with our 2022 incredible Supporters and increase the participation of women in disc golf within the UK. Obviously after 1 year we have only just got started and continue to learn what is working, what is not and also realise how much there is to do. We can report on what our initial steps have achieved and acknowledge that we are only sharing part of the story, as not all people who play disc golf want to compete. We can demonstrate some measurables as a baseline, and look to see how other data can be collected in the future.

In 2018-2020 there were 5 individual female players competing in 2 or more events across all PDGA Sanctioned Tournaments in the UK. The introduction of the Original Bag Tag League in 2021 increased that participation to 46 in the league and increased interest in sanctioned events. However in 2022, the UKWDGA created a supportive community with 73 members, where 65 unique individuals played in 1 PDGA Sanctioned Tournament and from those 65 participants 50 played 2 or more events. The UKWDGA has had the most female participants at their



PDGA Sanctioned events out of any UK PDGA Sanctioned Disc Golf Events in 2022. In 2019, 25 females were registered with the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA), now in 2022 there are 53 UK based females registered with the PDGA. Just to add to this, out of those 53 PDGA members, 16 are now PDGA Qualified Rules Officials!!

We know there are women out there playing who are not part of these statistics and never will be, however our aim is to encourage more women participation in this amazing activity of disc golf, and we will continue to strive for that broad goal.

2022 is marked as a huge milestone in the history of UK Women's Disc Golf and if you follow our socials or read our other [newsletters](#) you will see what we've been doing!

UKWDGA 12 Days of Christmas

We launched our 2023 Membership and Benefits in November and began December with our 12 Days of Christmas, which can be seen on our [Facebook Page](#), and gave a fun insight to our Membership Benefits. Here's part of the Membership bundle hitting the post box of over 60 members for 2023 already - Bag Tag and pack of seeds, provided by Supporter [The West Plaza Tomato Company](#), and 2 light weight Fission plastic Axiom Crave & Insanity Discs provided by Supporter [MVP Disc Sports](#). Big

shout out to [Zoe Winfield](#) for packing and posting all these for our members. An awesome task and job well done.



2022 UK Women's National Bag Tag League Results

The 2022 UK Women's National Bag Tag League, operated and run by the UKWDGA, commenced in January at the 2022 Winter Wonderland, presented by the UK Women's

Disc Golf Association. With prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd plus a prize for Most Players played for Tags and Most Courses played whilst playing for tags, provided by our Supporter [Ace Disc Golf](#). We had some great participation throughout the year with tags changing hands several times up and down the 73 members. Concluding in November, congratulations go to all who participated. The results are;



UKWDGA influenced PDGA Competition Manual change

The UKWDGA wrote to the PDGA with reference to opinions on some proposed rules changes. Thank you to everyone who reached out to the PDGA following this. The Competition Manual for Disc Golf Events has been amended and corrects the misunderstanding that a division must have four players to be contested, and emphasises the importance of offering underserved divisions. [Competition Manual 2.01 General para L](#)

"Tournament Directors are strongly encouraged to offer divisions which are otherwise underserved (see 1.02.C.2.c) and to hold such divisions even if fewer than four eligible players register..."

2023 Winter Wonderland Registration

Yes it's come around again, the Winter Wonderland event, presented by the UK Women's Disc Golf Association. For 2023 we've moved the venue to [King George V NG18](#), Mansfield, to provide a different type of course and opportunity. Open to all with the objective of women's participation with support and encouragement by M Division players. So come along and start your New Year with an event full of support and camaraderie, Register [HERE](#).

PDGA Europe Women's Event

PDGA Europe wishes to maintain the momentum of both the promotion and celebration of the sustained growth of Women in Disc Golf and has subsequently established the [PDGA Europe Women's Event](#)

for those years when the PDGA Women's Global Event (WGE) is not held. Led by our PDGA Europe Board Member & UKWDGA Chair, [Zoe Winfield](#), the PDGA Europe Women's Event will be held on the weekend of 16/17th September 2023. This event will be incorporated into the [UK Women's Disc Golf Championships 2023 - PDGA Europe Women's Event presented by UKWDGA UKWDGA](#) on the 16th September 2023. **Make sure you drop this date in your diary.** Venue tbc.

Monthly Draw

Our December Disc draw was for a lovely Innova Mamba Disc, provided by our Supporter [Throw Pink](#). Congratulations goes to our lucky member [Eva Parker](#) and thank you [Throw Pink](#) for your support.



2023 Members Christmas Draw



We committed that if we got 30 or more 2023 Members before December 20th, all would be entered into a free draw for an [Upper Park](#) Disc Golf Bag (discs not included).

Well we doubled that number and we drew 2023 Member no. 11. Congratulations to [Elva Preston](#).

DGPT 2023 Supporter & BDGA Discount for UKWDGA Members

We just love bringing you good news. We are super happy to announce the continued support for 2023 from the Disc Golf Pro Tour (DGPT).

They've sent us a box of goodies to support our mission. Plus they've donated a 1yr subscription to the Disc Golf Network



and we are going to be holding a **BINGO** night for Members in February where the winner will get the subscription.

Also the British Disc Golf Association (BDGA) are continuing into 2023 with their 50%

discount off their Membership for 2023

UKWDGA Members. The discount code can be found in our Members Only website page.

Here's wishing all our Members, Supporters and the Disc Golf Community a very happy new year and an awesome 2023 season.