

Welcome to the UKWDGA AGM 2023 Chair Report!

Purpose

When a vision become a reality.

Are you part of a fun, supportive disc golf community?

I hope that the answer is YES, because this is the key to achieving our aims and objectives, the outcome and result we looked forward to.

The purpose of this report is to provide our members with information as to what and how we have been achieving, our Aims and Objectives along with future proofing the UKWDGA.

Who would have thought that the UKWDGA is now a Globally renowned association with members across the world! Where we all are now is still a pinch me moment and a credit to each and every one of you!

Our Constitution outlines our objectives:-

1. Raising awareness through promotion campaigns;
2. Applying for funding opportunities to further the growth of women's disc golf;
3. Support all women players;
4. Hold Disc Golf events and run an annual National Bag Tag League to promote both fun and competitive sides to disc golf;
5. Support and develop women Tournament Directors and Officials;
6. Support Clubs with their development for all women players;
7. Support Tournament organisers;
8. Provide Safe Spaces for all women players to play.

Achieving and maintaining our objectives has been our goal, looking back... we smashed it!

Welcome

Welcome back to our returning members and welcome to our new members. We hope that you have enjoyed your membership pack and are making good use of the goodies!

Gabi joined the team as our Memberships officer and has been an absolute asset, ensuring that 2023 members received their welcome emails. A task which is not straight forward and extremely time consuming, so thank you Gabi for giving up your precious time.

Tournaments

Holding tournaments meet our objectives as they:-

1. Raise awareness;
2. Support all Women players;
3. Provide the opportunity to compete and play for bag tags;
4. Support Women Tournament Directors and Officials
5. Provide a safe space for Women to play.

We have provided the following tournaments:-

1. Winter Wonderland 2023 (free to members) - [2023 Winter Wonderland presented by UK Women's Disc Golf Association | Professional Disc Golf Association \(pdga.com\)](#)
2. Spring Sling 2023 (£10 to members due to course hire) - [2023 Spring Sling presented by UK Women's Disc Golf Association | Professional Disc Golf Association \(pdga.com\)](#)

We are planning to hold:-

1. Summer Soiree 2023 (free to members) - [2023 Summer Soirée presented by UK Women's Disc Golf Association | Professional Disc Golf Association \(pdga.com\)](#)
2. UK Women's Disc Golf Association Championships and PDGA Europe Women's Event - [UK Women's Disc Golf Championships 2023 - PDGA Europe Women's Event presented by UKWDGA | Professional Disc Golf Association](#)

It's great to see so many Women out on the Disc Golf courses and so many smiling faces! Our events although competitive are great fun, no one gets judged, everyone is supported.

UKWDGA Club Level Program

Clubs are getting on board and making fantastic use of our resources in both the UK and again globally, we now have over 15 club signed up for our programme giving them access to our templates, which include:-

1. Club Constitution
2. Safeguarding Policy
3. Safe Guarding Procedures
4. Online & Social Media Policy.

For further information - [UKWDGA Club Level Program© - UK Women's Disc Golf Association](#)

The Club Level Program feeds into our objectives as it:-

1. Raises awareness;
2. Supports all Women players;
3. Supports Women Tournament Directors and Officials
4. Provides a safe space for Women to play.

The PDGA have also seen what we are doing and have been looking at how they can replicate our program.

Events Calendar

The UKWDGA's asset of the events calendar has been called the best in the Country. We are leading and shaping the standard, allowing for a dynamic platform set for a better future. Carole has been the driving force behind this.

Through 2021-2023 the UKWDGA provided a centralised schedule seeing 41 events using the UKWDGA to promote their events on [Events - UK Women's Disc Golf Association \(ukwdga.org\)](#).

Providing the Events Calendar again is key to our objectives as it:-

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Bag Tag League

The West Plaza Tomato Company over in the USA heard what we have been doing and wanted to become involved, hope you're enjoying seeing their splat...Thank you!

It's fantastic to see all the challenges taking place and Carole has done a fabulous job of keeping everything in order. I also really enjoyed seeing the West Plaza Tomato Company design around the courses. New for 2023 is the Bag Tag Photo Draw with prizes galore!

Providing the Bag Tag league is one our objectives as it brings Women together and creates a fantastic community.

PDGA Rule Official Exam

13 members have taken the PDGA Rules Official Exam since the UKWDGA secured free exams for our members from the PDGA, allowing us to shape our tournaments to the wants and needs of our

membership. The growth of Women TD's and Officials has been instrumental in our ability to facilitate free tournaments for our members.

Effecting Direct Change

Our Constitution outlines our responsibility to raise awareness through promotional campaigns. The UKWDGA launched an inclusion campaign and wrote to the PDGA with reference to opinions on some proposed rules changes, thank you to everyone who reached out to the PDGA.

As a direct result The PDGA 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....”

We believe that even if a single Woman is entered into a division that division should remain open, this has numerous effect, it shows other Women there is opportunity, it shows the history and it creates inclusion not indirect discrimination.

We have also given a significant push regarding divisions in the UK, reaching out to Tournament Directors which weren't mirroring divisions. This has had a direct effect in the shaping of tournaments, 8 tournaments in 2022 and 4 so far in 2023.

The Tournament Directors have listened and are supportive and understanding, our aim is to not have reached out to any Tournament Directors in 2024.

Supporters

None of the above wouldn't have been possible without our supporters:-



So, a huge thank you for your unwavering support!

A gargantuan shout out to our Event Committee and how they have provided the UKWDGA with a sound base in the way of new Assistant Tournament Directors and Tournament Directors along with ideas and support. Stepping up when I was sick ensuring that the events still went ahead.

Feedback

How do we learn and improve? We are always seeking feedback, so please feel free to contact us. After one of our events, participants receive a feedback form, here is a feel for the comments:-

Well organised and a friendly relaxed atmosphere

Thank you for such a great event. Everyone was chatty and helpful. Advice given, chatted about different discs and putting technique. It was fun and a great competition. I hope to attend future UKWDGA events!

Enjoy disc golf, happy to attend events that focus on supporting women, hoping to friendships within UK disc golf.

Within reasonable distance and love the atmosphere

Wanted to support organisation and local course

To play with other women

TD's were amazing shout-out Elva!!! (And Amanda for stepping in!) These events have become a must do for me they are the most fun and are excellently ran which is what I expect from these and it's always the same high level running keep up the good work all.

Prizes are always fantastic 😊

I'd also like to thank Carole! She is an absolute legend, her tenacity, her determination, and sense of humour keep us motivated and resolute.

Looking forward to speaking with you soon!

Kind Regards



Zoë Woodward

UKWDGA Chair

We Support, Mentor, Encourage, Nurture and Grow Women's participation in Disc Golf