

Beyond the Flight

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Reflections and the Future

July hasn't exactly been the best weather for disc golf, with rain and wind playing a big



part of our summer time this month, however the disc golf world doesn't sit still and this has given us some time to reflect on why the UKWDGA came about; to create a strong female community,

establish a platform for sustainable growth and provide opportunities and support for women to grow in disc golf in the UK. Although no particular time or quantifiable goals were set for this, as we are breaking new ground, the Executive Board believes that we are heading in a positive direction. The Board is only three people and for some time has only been two, with a vision of what could be possible but we don't have all the answers. Therefore it would be helpful for the future of the UKWDGA if we could have further input from you, the current members, and what you would like to see from this organisation. With this in mind we will be sending out a questionnaire during August which we would encourage you to complete. Surveys/Questionnaires are notorious in many walks of life for having small percentage returns, but without the input it's hard to second guess what members would like, so please take the time to help us to understand your needs and desires as well as those of future members, so that the UKWDGA can continue to flourish. You have the opportunity to help with the future so please take it.

New Membership Officer

Following a vacancy for Membership Officer we are delighted to announce [Amanda Humphries](#) will be supporting the Executive Board in this role. Thank you Amanda and welcome on board.



UKWDGA goes to Sherwood Pines

The disc golf course at [Sherwood Pines](#) was introduced, in conjunction with our Chair, [Zoe Woodward](#), Nottinghamshire DGC and Disc Golf UK as an activity that Forest England would trial on this site to see how popular disc golf would be. Its success has



been acknowledged and as a result Forest England has also put a course in at Thetford Forest and is now moving forward with other venues. Last year the UKWDGA

participated in a small way in a disc golf open day at Sherwood Pines,

encouraging people visiting to have a go at disc golf. Members helped Sherwood Pines staff issue discs for a free to try period on the day, showed people how to putt and navigate the pop up course so they could have a try before tackling the main course. This was very rewarding and also added a small amount of exposure to the fact that women/girls can play this sport too. So the UKWDGA is returning **this weekend for the open day on 29th July to help the Sherwood Pines** staff once again along with our Supporter [Disc Golf UK](#). Come along and say hello, join in the fun and help show other females what's possible; you see it, you can be it!

* Click any blue underlined text to access links

Members Monthly Draw

For our free Members July Disc Draw we had this Dismania Astronaut, provided by our Supporter [London Disc Golf Community](#). Congratulations goes to our lucky member, [Ophelia Byrne](#). Hope you like trying this out Ophelia, it will be flying its way to you soon.



UK Women's Championships 2023

Are you signed up for the UKWDGA Championships 2023 on the 16th September, which also coincides with the [PDGA Europe European Women's Event](#)?

We have tried to remove one of the barriers to participating in competitive play by encouraging a UKWDGA Championships in each of the UK Nations (incl All Ireland). As we continue to grow, nurture and support, each event will be TD'd by a UKWDGA Member.

We now have events here;

- * [England at Fairways, near Reading](#)
- * [All Ireland event at Coleraine, N Ireland](#).

Click above for Registration links;

These events are not just for women members but for any division player who wishes to join us and support women's disc golf. All Divisions will be open.

If you know of anyone who's interested in sponsoring any part of our Championships events, whether that be prizes, trophies, CTP, then please contact us. None of the above need to be disc golf related, we just appreciate the support.

Bag tags and introducing new players

Congratulations to Members [Tery Pospíšilov](#) and [Esme Martin](#) for



taking time out to encourage more people to play. Inspiring and encouraging is what it's all about.



Bag Tag plays and exchanges continue to



happen. There's still plenty of time for you to have one to one or group challenges, so get



out when the weather permits and have a fun time trying to improve your position in the League. It's mainly for fun and a great way to meet up and have a bit of good humoured banter.



If you ever want to offer a little write up to put in this Newsletter/Comms then please drop us a line to info@ukwdga.org

Have a great weekend, let's hear those chains!!