

Beyond the Flight

Communication from the UK Women's Disc Golf Association

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It's a longer read this month!

Happy Birthday UKWDGA

On September 1st 2023 the UKWDGA celebrated its 2nd Birthday and during the month we issued a questionnaire asking current members a series of questions about the future of the



Association with the opportunity to provide the Executive Members with feedback and opinions on a variety of topics. Statistically there was an excellent return and this information will now be used to shape what happens next, as one of the most important questions was whether the UKWDGA should continue into the future. With a resounding positive 100% we now need to review the other responses to take account of what our members would like and make plans for the forthcoming year and beyond.

Members Monthly Draw

For our free Members September Disc Draw



we had this [MVP Fission Photon](#) provided by our Supporter [London Disc Golf Community](#).

Congratulations goes to our lucky member, **Rachel Kane**. An MVP fan, Rachel will hopefully be happy trying this one out.

UK Women's Championships + PDGA Europe Women's Event (EWE) 2023

Since Saturday the 16th September the weather has been less than good, however on the day of the UK Women's Championships + PDGA Women's Event (EWE) at Fairways Family Golf Centre,



Reading, Berkshire, we couldn't have ordered more perfect weather. Light winds, blue sky and hot sunny weather, where we had a great turnout of 17 female players amongst a total of 51 players, across 15 divisions. We also had a successful sister event at the Banrion of the Chains UKWDGA



Championships + PDGA EWE at Coleraine, Northern Ireland where a further 5 female players hosted a total of 23 players. A huge achievement for first time TD's.

We had a great tombola style players pack draw at Fairways, made up of items of a value of £10 or more with the top value item of a [GRIPeq G2 Bag](#). In addition to this

[Innova](#), [Whale Sacs](#) and [Uplay Disc Golf](#) items were sent over to Coleraine for players there.



Thanks to all our Supporters who provided us with items & sponsorship for this event; [Disc Golf UK](#), [London Disc Golf Community](#), [MVP Disc Sports](#), [PDGA Europe](#), [Udisc](#), [Grip Equipment](#), [Throw Pink](#), [Uplay Disc Golf](#), [Innova Discs](#), [Whale Sacs](#), [Teeboxsox](#), [Disc Golf Pro Tour](#) and [Shewee](#). Thanks to the [BDGA - British Disc Golf Association](#) for the donation of the Division 1st Prizes.

Both of our events were linked to the inaugural [PDGA Europe Women's Event \(EWE\)](#) which a lot of people didn't know was the initiative of our own **Zoë Woodward**. She had wanted a women's event in Europe to embrace the momentum that was beginning to take hold and worked really hard to create and develop this initiative, with help from her husband **Will** and other UKWDGA member **Carole Findlay**. A total of 227 female players in 16 events with 15 divisions ranging from FJ15 to Masters Women of 70+, were spread across not just our events but in events in Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden and Ukraine.

Zoe had also worked hard to get sponsors to donate prizes for a raffle for all female participants of the EWE and 41 prizes were donated from [Züca](#), [Latitude 64](#), [European Pro Tour Disc Golf](#), [Kristin Tattar](#) and the [UKWDGA](#).

It was fantastic that the UKWDGA events were part of this awesome initiative which Zoë should be highly commended for and and thank you to all the other players who came along and made it truly special. Next time it will be even bigger, we are sure.

Photos from our events can be seen in the Gallery at the end of this newsletter.

Swedish Disc Golf

Written by Leia Turner

In August, myself, Ellen Daly and our partners went on holiday to Sweden. We wanted to go play disc golf because they have a huge amount of courses and some that were ranked among the best in the world. We also had a friend who used to play with us at Cambridge who moved back to Gothenburg.

On the first full day we went to [Ale Disc Golf course](#) about half an hour's drive north of Gothenburg. We played the yellow course first, which wound its way through the woods, over creeks and was more like a beautiful hiking trail than any disc golf course I'd ever played before. This was my favourite course of the holiday and definitely worth a visit!



After lunch, we played the more open white course. This was definitely more challenging in terms of distance but still had lots of fun holes, including elevation changes and hole with a pond to throw over.

On the second day of holiday we spent some time sightseeing in Gothenburg, and then followed a day where we travelled to Stockholm on the train. Our first disc golf experience in Stockholm was a short course in a park in the city centre called [Tantolundens Discgolfpark](#). This was quite fun, and we did a round of doubles too since it was quite short.

Our final day in Stockholm was at [Jarva Disc Golf course](#), to the northwest of the city but reachable by public transport. We started by playing a short-tee 9 hole course in the woods, for a bit of a warm up. After we got our eye in we then played the main 18 hole blue course. This was another very scenic course with beautiful views and variations in elevation. Getting par on any of the holes was a bit of a challenge, so whenever I did it felt like a birdie. I would recommend going to Jarva if you're in or near Stockholm.

Photo Gallery







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