



MDDGA

Fall 2014

NEWSLETTER

MDDGA Tags - Every Sunday @ 10 am. Try to attend the official tag round of the month that is always the first Sunday of the month, that would be on October 5th, November 2nd, etc ! Beginning in October, we will try a second day for tag challenges at Horse Bridge with tee offs around noon Saturday. Note: for every person that plays tags on Saturday, Larry will award the best score with a certificate based on how many players participated. Come on out on Saturdays or Sundays, or better yet, do both!

Horsebridge GDC

Horse Bridge Golf Course on Mt. Hermon Road is still the 2nd local 18 hole disc golf course in Wicomico County. Remember, green fees are only \$3 for MDDGA members and you can rent a powered cart for \$9 more if interested. Larry has an additional 9 holes in the woods expanding disc golf at Horsebridge. Larry is more than thrilled to have disc golf on board. Also, this is Larry's private property so bringing your favorite beverages are always welcomed. Don't forget to show Larry your 2014 tag!

New Disc Golf Course!!

Disc golf in Snow Hill is now open and ready for your throws! John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill has opened 9 holes of disc golf, mostly open shots with fairways you sure do not want to miss. Some play the rough or tall grass as OB which really tightens this layout. This is a good sign for disc golf in Worcester County. We are in high hopes of another disc golf venue in our county as Scott Roberts is in close contact with Wicomico County Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism. Cedar Hill, maybe Pemberton, hopefully Winterplace or the highly regarded City Park continue to be sought after for disc golf. If you have, or know someone that has land available for disc golf, contact the MDDGA at middelmarvadga@gmail.com for ways we can help.



Eddie Mitchell at John Walker Smith Park

Beer and Wine Festival

Lost Box....

The MDDGA has purchased a new lock for the lost disc box. It had a combo lock so each committee member will have the combination to check the box and will be able to retrieve a recent lost disc for you on the spot. This has been helpful to return lost discs to the rightful owner. A new key lock has been purchased and keys will be dispersed to board members only! Please continue using the box for any found discs on the course at Schumaker, good Karma will find you!

Course Workdays

This past year, unfortunately we did not have any workdays to maintain our course, other than the necessities before the 2014 Summer Classic. We still have several piles of stone to level our tee surfaces; we have a sign to reinstall, among other projects. Keep an eye out for an email to all members looking for help, so please pitch in and sign up to help.

As always....please keep an eye out for mischief while at the park and report any unwanted activity by calling the sheriff's non-emergency line at **410-548-4891**. Save this number in your cell now for quick responses to situations.



The MDDGA is looking for members to represent our club and sport at the upcoming Good Beer & Wine Festival to be held at the Pemberton Historical Park on October 11 and October 12. There are some great benefits for volunteering so contact Chris Perkins today at 410-713-9888 for more details. Our club will receive a gift of \$350.00 if we do our part. Please note: You must be 18+ to volunteer.

General Election

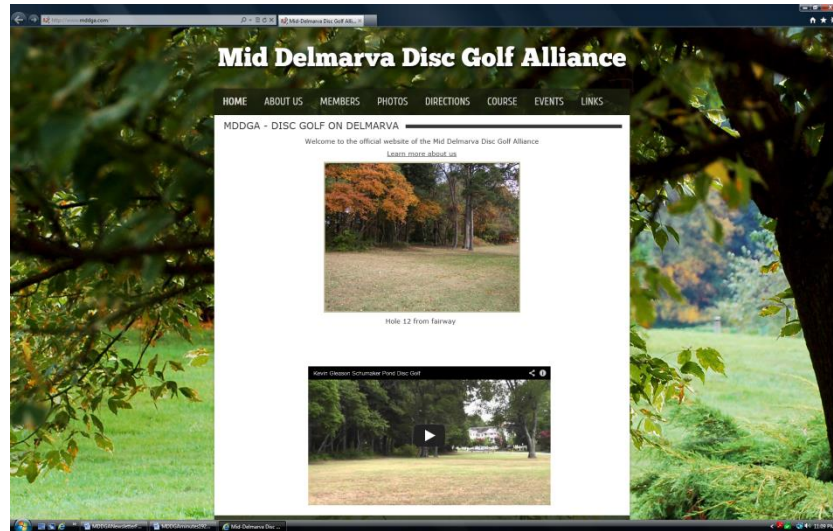
Nominations for Vice-President and Treasurer are open. Election date TBD but should be before the end of this year. You can nominate any current MDDGA member, even yourself! Both Vice-President and Treasurer will be for a 2 year term. If you remember: It was decided not to elect all 4 board members in a single year, we started last year with Chris Perkins elected in 2013 as President for 2 years and Ray Menzel was re-elected for 2 years as Information Officer, also in 2013. Chris Roberts is current Vice President and Neil Stegman is now the Treasurer. Nominations are only accepted for Vice-President and Treasurer this year. Submit your nominations by email, phone or voice or whatever means you choose, but do so.

Since 2012, your current committee has formulated the MDDGA club with official By-Laws (recently shared with you via email), created banking and checking accounts, Pay Pal, Gmail accounts, has a functional website and has hosted a B Tier in 2013 and last year's A Tier tournament. While we have made progress, there is so much more we can do as a club. We encourage anyone with desire to expand disc golf in our region to get involved. We are open to ideas and suggestions so please contact us with your thoughts and rest assured, it will be reviewed by the board at its next meeting.

MDDGA's Website

2014 Summer Classic

The MDDGA hosted its first A-Tier tournament this past June 14th and June 15th. Again, we were happy to host this tournament in conjunction with Wicomico County Department of Parks and Recreation. This is the second year Wicomico County Tourism financially helped the MDDGA by designing and purchasing discs with the county's logo and sponsor's artwork for player's packs. New sponsors this year included Jet Carpet Cleaners and Pasco! Many thanks to Chris and Chip for their part in supporting this event. This 2 day event featured 3 Wicomico County courses, Horsebridge, Woodcreek and of course Schumaker. In 2013, we had 42 total players in the Summer Classic and this year, we had 93 players! 34 players were pros with 2 from Oregon and 1 from Wisconsin. A clinic was held on the eve of the 2014 Summer Classic by 2 pros from Oregon. It was well received and we wish to thank Dustin Keegan and Zoe Andyke for hosting this enjoyable clinic. A random draw doubles best shot event followed that clinic.



Our website still needs more content and ideas. Shoot us an email at middelmarvdga@gmail.com with past or present pictures that we can post. Tournaments shots are needed the most, but whatever you have, please share with our website.

Also, as mentioned before, you should go the MDDGA's website and register. After registering, we'll validate you as a current member; then you will be able to log in and have access to more content than anyone merely viewing the site. Here we post information such as MDDGA minutes, our by-laws and coming soon, the treasurer's report. So visit soon and give us your feedback!

2014 Summer Classic Photos



Greg – Grand Masters Champion



Chris P and Steve



Mike – 3rd Advanced



Ray – 3rd Grand Masters

More pictures from Summer Classic 2014



Zoe – Snap – Hannah



More plastic for winners!

Another Interesting Year.....my perspective!

Before the club was formed 2011, most would agree we wanted more disc golf in our area. Seven years after Schumaker was transformed into a disc golf course and with basically no new other courses underway, it was time for a change, a club. The formation of the MDDGA in the fall of 2012 was a rocky road then and it can be now. Our first year bringing in 60+ members was monumental to the club's efforts in promoting disc golf to Larry at Horsebridge. With so many members Larry could envision there can be rewards by offering disc golf. So now, we have 2 courses, Horsebridge and Schumaker and let's not forget the temporary course the MDDGA uses for tournaments, also in Delmar, Wicomico County. There are other prospects in the works, stay tuned and ask how you can help! Special kudos to Chris Roberts for his continued efforts as the Chairman of the City Park Commission. Chris has pushed....I'm sure to no end for disc golf in the City Park or other areas. Last I heard this could very well happen in the City Park! The MDDGA is in good position as a club to elevate disc golf to another level in Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties. But still, we need everyone's involvement by at least rejoining the MDDGA. Some may think, I don't play for tags, or, I am not good enough to play tags, or I'm not around that much, etc., but...your membership means so much more. Numbers is what the county sees, and in the very short time, the MDDGA has registered almost 100 members since 2012. Membership renewal will be in January 2015, but any new members joining after October 2014 will be in good standings thru 2015. Please find time to re-join the MDDGA's efforts for more disc golf in our region, each and every member counts.

Keep 'em in the middle!

Ray

MDDGA Information Officer