

**21st Annual Southwestern
Team Disc Golf Invitational
December 7-8, 2002**

21st SOUTHWESTERN TEAM DISC GOLF INVITATIONAL

The Team Tourney has a long and rich tradition as a very fun and exciting event for those fortunate enough to participate. There are always many smaller stories that thread themselves within the larger tapestry of the outcome of the event. Ams who beat pro's with far greater credentials, players who finally beat life long rivals they've never bested before, and players who've sought to make the team for years and when they finally do are able to make that next step forward competitively are all common themes that help make this event unique. After coming off a huge win last year where San Diego crushed 12-0 in the finals after going undefeated and unchallenged in the prelims this year San Diego missed the finals by 1 point. With the return of the Redwood Empire team from northern California signaling a resurgence of competitive spirit in the event several other teams responded as well. Sylmar returned this year with the full Rico contingency and salvaged the best remains of a now defunct Oak Grove team. Huntington Beach guided by team captain Will West skillfully put together a talented and spirited team top to bottom. Arizona arrived with a very capable crew as well. When the dust had settled on Sunday Huntington Beach had their first ever win here at the Team Tourney prevailing 7.5 to 4.5 over a powerful Redwood Empire team.

Team Santa Cruz knowing they were short some of their usual big guns set their sights on winning the newly created "Spirit of the Event" award. To that end over half the team shaved their heads in a "Mohawk" and wore numbered team jerseys while playing. Their efforts were rewarded, as they became the second recipient of this award. Last year Santa Barbara won when they all wore matching outlandish Hawaiian shirts and did team cheers before their rounds.

The competition amongst the teams was the closest it's been in years. There were a record 4 different rounds, which ended in a 6-6 tie and had to be broken by going to the individual points scored in each match being totaled. San Diego lost both their ties. Redwood Empire won 35-33 and Huntington Beach won 39-38. Redwood Empire also bested Arizona 46-43. Finally, Las Vegas escaped the cellar this year when they snuck by Santa Barbara in the 7th round 39-36 in their 6-6 tie.

Rich Dionne and Jim Tobish put on a putting exhibition on Friday night at the tourney hotel the Inn Suites of North Park. 48 players tested their skills on the ever tough putting course at the tourney hotel. 5 players moved on to the finals. Jim and Rich tied again in the finals and had to go to a third sudden death overtime before Rich hit his third putt from the 4th station to stage a dramatic win over Jim.

Results:

1-Rich Dionne-\$100

2-Jim Tobish-\$75
3-Mark Collicot-\$50
4-Jay Tome-\$40
5-Mike McMahon-\$35

This year's player package consisted of an embroidered crew necked sweatshirt with team name, matching embroidered hat, T-shirt with new tourney art and team name on front, #1 Hyser, 2 mini's, lunch Saturday, player pass for weekend, and free drawing. Many thanks to our Sponsors: Innova, Discraft, Lightning, Red Bull, Bill Richards, and NP Trophy. Also thanks to all the guys on staff for a job well done again; Willmeister, Mac, Aaron, Steve K, Miker, D2, John M, Sean O, Bill C, Robert, and Chris. Z ya next year.

The second place team got 2 discs each and \$70 each. First place got a plaque, \$120 and 1 disc each and Will W. got the perpetual trophy. The "Team Spirit " award came with 2 discs each for the players and that perpetual trophy.

Congratulations to Huntington Beach who beat out the Redwood Empire in the finals to win the 21st Annual Southwestern Team Disc Golf Invitational. Beth Verish got the first ever ace by a woman in this tournament. Way to go Beth.

Thanks to all of the teams for making the trip to play in the tournament. Also a huge thanks to our staff, sponsors, and volunteers.

Team Huntington Beach wins the 21st Annual Southwestern Team Disc Golf Invitational.

Team Redwood Empire takes 2nd in the 21st Annual Southwestern Team Disc Golf Invitational.

Team Santa Cruz wins the Spirit Of The Event award.

Beth Verish gets the first ever ace by a woman in the 21 years of this tournament.

Round Results

Round 1

SD (9) LV (3)
AZ (9) SB (3)
HB (4) RE (8)
SM (7) SC (5)

Round 2

HB (8.5) SC (3.5)
SM (5.5) RE (6.5)

SD (10.5) SB (1.5)
AZ (7) LV (5)

Round 3

SD (6) 33 RE (6) 35
AZ (8) SC (4)
HB (8.5) LV (3.5)
SM (8) SB (4)

Round 4

HB (8.5) SB (3.5)
SM (10) LV (2)
SD (7.5) SC (4.5)
AZ (6) 43 RE (6) 46

Round 5

SD (9.5) SM (2.5)
AZ (1.5) HB (10.5)
SC (9.5) LV (2.5)
RE (10.5) SB (1.5)

Round 6

RE (10.5) LV (1.5)
SC (9.5) SB (2.5)
SD (6) 38 HB (6) 39
AZ (5) SM (7)

Round 7

SD (10) AZ (2)
HB (7) SM (5)
SC (5) RE (7)
SB (6) 36 LV (6) 39

Play-off Round

HB (7.5) RE (4.5)

Finishes

1st. HB- W (7) L (1)
2nd RE- W (7) L (1)
3rd SD- W (5) L (2)
4th SM- W (4) L (3)
5th AZ- W (3) L (4)
6th SC- W (2) L (4)
7th LV- W (1) L (6)

8th SB- W (0) L (7)

Team Rosters

San Diego

Carlo Pelg

CVK

Alex Torriente

Ron Boulter

Juan Fierro

Rick Bays

Ryan Stroh

Donny Olow

Dave Devine

Jay Tome

Dave Butcher

Diana Horton

Arizona

Dan Ginnelly

Steve Wisecup

David Dollar

Mildog

Lesli Tonga

Jim Garnett

Chris Gibbs

Lance Plummer

Russel Shelton

Scott Carle

Ted Miller

Karen Borges

Huntington Beach

Chris Brophy

Matt Roulette

Chris Kunde

Travis Reynolds

Mark Collicott

Joe Garcia

Dan Molloy

Steve Killian

Marcus Cisneros

Bill Davis

Tom Clickner

Michelle Wade

Sylmar

Steve Rico
Robert Cox
Bamba Rico
Dan Duron
Chuck Gunn
Dennis Bohanan
Mike Byrne
Armando Valera
J.R.Rico
Fred Dean
Bill Henley
Beth Verish

Santa Cruz

Jim Kroutch
Tony Tran
Jim Hagen
Donald Smith
Sean Roybal
Marty Hapner
Chris Jahr
Rob Harding
Dave LeVan
Mark Karleskind
Hunt Hyde
Carrie Burlogar

Redwood Empire

Dave Feldberg
Roger Cansler
Peter Sontag
Jeff Fiedler
Jim Tobish
Mike Ruzika
John Child
Scott Riley
Kenny Lee
Kevin Parkhurst
Tom Ford
Anni Kreml

Santa Barbara

Kent LaGree
Kevin Winn
Hugh Montgomery

Billy Carnaghe
Gabe Valera
Joe Graham
James Temple
Rich Dionne
Chuck Theriot
Greg Koppel
Warren Whidbee
Kimbra Macauley

Las Vegas

Chance Stephens
Cary Trotter
Casey Lewis
Duane Kline
Rich Capriotti
Alan Zamora
Mark Lumus
John Katsigenis
Lanny Lacroix
Mike Cloyes
Dave Martel
Laurie Cloyes