Disc Golf Pennsylvania

2005 PDGA Pro Worlds Supplement **Bringing PA Disc Golfers Together**

Breaking News…

We Got It!

Pennsylvania to Host 2005 PDGA Pro World Championships

Allentown to Provide Great Fun, Great Courses, and Big Support

As the third largest city in Pennsylvania, the resources and amenities of Allentown can often be taken from granted from those outside the city. However, after conducting some preliminary research on the resources the Lehigh Valley has to offer, one cannot but help being impressed with this vibrant community.

As with any PDGA World Championship event, the courses will go a long way in determining how the players judge it. In 2005, Pennsylvania will be offering five outstanding disc golf courses for the competitors who grace our state. With a solid mix of distance, technical, scenic, and open holes, the Lehigh Valley courses will provide pros from around the world with a true slice of disc golf in our great commonwealth.

What is also quite impressive about Allentown, and the rest of the Lehigh Valley, are the amenities and community support that is already being pledged to the 2005 Pro Worlds. Whether it's the thrill of roller coaster, the serenity of a microbrew, or the funding by national or local businesses, the Lehigh Valley is ready to stand behind disc golf and welcome our players, in what we truly believe will be a "one-for-the-ages."

Dorney Park will host the Opening Ceremonies and Friday Pig Roast during the 2005 PDGA Pro Worlds

2005 Pro Worlds: A Force to Awaken MADC "Sleeping Giant"

EDITORIAL: For years, I have considered the MADC the center of the disc golf universe. Yet, after attending the PDGA Board Summit in Scottsdale, AZ, February 25th—26th, I began to gain a more worldly perspective on how dedicated disc golfers are to the sport, as well as appreciate that our great MADC region has yet to fully realize our potential in the entire scheme of things.

Sure, our five-state club has a number of great achievements in our history: a 110 tournament schedule year-after-year; numerous PDGA Super Tour events, including this year's Eric Yetter Memorial; a number of World Champion players; and the development of some of the worlds most coveted courses. Yet, the MADC remains mainly an umbrella organization of grassroots, locally organized disc golf clubs. Indeed, the schedule for our five-state region is what essentially brings our disc golf leaders together every November and sends them home only to exchange a few e-mails and a few calls for the remainder of the season, all while running great events at their courses.

Well, all that is about to change! The 2005 PDGA Pro World Championships are coming to Allentown, Pennsylvania! With a motion by Dave "Nez" Nesbitt, the PDGA Board unanimously accepted our proposal to host the worlds. So in a short 17 months, the Lehigh Valley Disc Club, in conjunction with other MADC clubs, will be hosting the planet's best disc golfers from as many as 15 nations.

This singular event should be the poke in the side of the MADC that awakens the "sleeping giant." Our disc golf leaders have long been aware of our great potential, but now we have a chance to harness the collective skills of our clubs to organize, promote, administrate, market, sponsor, and operate a world championships. Past MADC President, Craig Gangloff calls this "the biggest undertaking in MADC history," and he is right. This is also the biggest chance we have to make our club the center of the disc golf universe. So let's work together and awaken the "sleeping giant" for all the world to see!

Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau Got It Started

It's a rare day, when a major promotional organization comes to disc golf and says, "How do we get a big tournament to our town."

But that is exactly what happened when the Lehigh Valley Sports Commissioner, Michael "Kuzy" Kusmuk called on a cold day late last November. With the success of disc golf in the Allentown Sportsfest, Kuzy figured that it was time to move disc golf into a bigger arena. The PDGA World Championships was what he was looking for (and that is exactly what he got).

With strong community support from the Allentown Mayor, the Parks and Recreation Department, the hotel association, and the entire Lehigh Valley region, disc golf has now forged great (non-disc golf) partnerships that will help guarantee the success of the 2005 Pro Worlds. And that is unique indeed.

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Overview of 2005 PDGA Event

What: 2005 Pro World Championships
Where: in Allentown, Pennsylvania region at five designated courses:
--Tinicum Park (Erwinna, PA)
--Nockamixon S.P. (Quakertown, PA)
--Jordan Creek (old course)
--Lehigh Parkway (temporary set-up)
--South Mountain (Bethlehem, PA)
When: July 23 through July 30, 2005
Who: up to 432 PDGA Disc Golfers from as many as 15 nations
Hosts: PDGA, Lehigh Valley Disc Club and the Mid-Atlantic Disc Club
Estimated Purse: $75,001
Entrance Fee: $175 for each player by invitation only

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