

Candidate statements

President

Will Wasserstrom

To all my fellow Arizona Discgolfers,

I would like to formally announce that I am running for President of the AZDGC.

As you all know, Dan and Sue started this club and have been running it for several years. They have helped to promote and grow this sport with a passion that is very rare in this world. They have invested so much time and energy to make this Club what it is today, and they deserve a well-earned break from the responsibility. If elected, I would have some very large shoes to fill.

Let me take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to them both, as well as all others involved with helping to run the club in the past.

If I am elected, I will treat this club as much as a Democracy as possible, with complete transparency and accountability as to Club funds (certainly not implying that that doesn't exist already) and input from all will be welcome. It will never be the Will Wasserstrom show, and will always be about Fairness and what the majority of the club members want. It might be impractical to have a formal vote on every issue that comes up, but I believe through the use of Surveys, we can get a read on what the majority thinks and feels.

My biggest mission will be to continue to promote the sport and bring in new players. I want to develop programs specifically for kids. The Juniors are the future of this sport, and Arizona doesn't have many.

I would like to see the Cactus Series requirements for Events become further defined and/or revised, although any changes would not be implemented until 2013. It would be unfair to the TDs for 2012 to impose any changes for planned events, and again - these kind of changes would be subject to majority rule. We'll never make everyone happy, but I'd like the percentages of Happy people to be as high as possible.

I will be the TD for the first annual Arizona State Disc Golf Championship. I see the location possibly rotating from year to year as it is a "State" Championship. I think the first one would be in the Valley, but subsequent events would maybe be a matter of individual clubs (Flagstaff, Tucson, White Mountains, etc.) co-hosting in their cities.

For those who don't know me, here is a little background:

I started playing casually back in the 80s in Northern California, but really got the bug when I moved to Florida in 2000. We held elections for the Fort Lauderdale Disc Golf Club, and I was the only candidate to step up for the President position. I ran that club (and several Tournaments) for 3 years before moving to Phoenix. You could say I have a little experience at this, but I don't pretend to equate that Club to this one. This is a Statewide entity with a lot more responsibility attached.

I work full time, and the transition would likely be a little overwhelming, but I feel up to the challenge, and I know I can count on lots of guidance from Dan and Sue.

I have competed as an Amateur until this last year - I will be renewing my 2012 PDGA Membership as Pro for the first time.

I live on the west side of Phoenix with my wife, Rose - we'll be celebrating our 25th anniversary in 2012, and I have her full support on this endeavor.

My hope is that there are lots more passionate players out there willing to step up and make a difference - nothing would make me happier than to see several more candidates for all positions in the club, including the President. I believe I am the first to throw my hat in the ring, but would welcome some competition.

I guess that's about it.

My cell phone # is (602) 366-5287 and I invite anyone to call me with questions or concerns about the direction I would take this club as President.

May all your discs find chains.

Sincerely,

Will Wasserstrom

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Vice President

Ryan Mapus

Hello fellow Arizona Disc Golfers,

My name is Ryan Mapus and I have been playing Disc Golf since 2007. I was first introduced to the sport by my in-laws, who bought me and Innova starter set for Christmas in 2006. Since I was a "Ball" golfer, I kindly told my wife there was no way I was going to play that "hippy" sport, and put the discs away in the closet and there they stayed until the Summer of 2007. My wife and I were traveling to Aspen, CO for her father's 70th birthday party, and just before leaving my wife's sister sent her an email that said..."tell Ryan to bring his Discs we got him for Christmas"...I was not getting out of this one! So my first ever round of Disc golf was played on a wooded course in Frisco, CO...by the end of the round I was hooked! Upon returning to the valley I called a few of my golf buddies and told them they had to try this...we have all been playing ever since.

By April of 2010 I was playing the game about once a week, sometimes more, I had joined the Wednesday handicap League at Conocido. and it was then I played in my first ever PDGA and AZDGC sponsored tournament The Conocido Conquest. In 2010, I completed in about 15 tournaments, including the 2010 AM World Championships in Columbus, OH (where I was destroyed) it was safe to say I was addicted to tournament play!!! In 2011, I wanted to play in more events and this year I played in 21 tournaments, and was the Co-TD for 2 of them...The High Desert Open and In the Pines (The Jerry). Playing was not enough for me this year though...I wanted to help out more and went about collecting hole sponsorships. In 2011 I raised close to \$4000.00 in added cash and merchandise for 4 AZ tournaments, and helped by sponsoring some holes in others. It is a great feeling helping bring an event together.

It is my goal to continue to grow our sport throughout the state by working with other clubs and city governments to develop more courses and get more people involved with the sport, especially kids and women, 2 areas that I feel we need growth in.

I have worked in the Golf Business, as a Pro-Shop Assistant and a Tournament Cord. for a Private Country Club. Lots of what I have learned in the golf business translates very easily into the Disc Golf world...I would like to use my connections in the golf business to help us have some tournaments on ball golf courses, as well as one day have a pay for play Par 72 Championship course. I currently work as a Full-time Realtor, and Manufactured Home broker, so my hours always vary, and with the down turn in the housing market, I do have time to help with the club and these are my reasons for running for the board. I hope I can count on you for your vote. Get out there and Huk it! I want to see lots of new faces at the Tournaments in 2012!

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Best Wishes,

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Chris Wadopian # 48138

Although I live in Tucson, I am positive I can make the meetings as they will probably be once per month at the most.

My qualifications include:

- Held position of treasurer of Phi Sigma Kappa - NAU chapter for three consecutive years.
 - Extensive knowledge and regular use of Microsoft Excel.
 - Very strong knowledge of Windows based programs and different email programs.
 - Have a (some may say weird) passion for entering and organizing data on different computer systems, which I would assume would come in handy for entering AZDCG member contact information.
 - Held a management position in current occupation for over 5 years, and have developed great written and verbal communication skills.
 - I love the sport of Disc Golf and would very much like to get more involved with the club, especially helping in any way I can.
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Kimmy Jones

I would like to be considered for Secretary in the upcoming club elections. My background and qualifications follow.

I started playing disc golf late in 2008 and rapidly fell in love the game and the competition. I competed through most of 2009 and in 2010 I played in 30 tournaments. I have played in men's and women's divisions and I have played tournaments all over the state of Arizona as well as the entire southwest. I travel frequently to experience new courses and new events. I am also a member of several out-of-state disc golf clubs including So-Cal Disc Golf Club, San Diego Aces, and the La Mirada Disc Golf Club, as well as the AZDGC. This exposure has given me the drive to elevate disc golf in Arizona to a new level. My goals are to help the AZDGC promote disc golf to new players and to increase involvement with current players. I hope to help keep the AZDGC focused and moving in a positive direction.

I am a registered nurse and my career has taught me excellent time management and organizational skills. I am very detail oriented and results driven. I have been on several hospital committees, including serving as co-chair and team leader. I am familiar with administrative meetings, creating agendas, and keeping meeting minutes. I have internet access 24/7 and can be available for club member concerns or questions at any time. I have instant access to several email accounts, fax, phone, text as well as social media. I can easily reach out to club members in several formats. I am familiar with word processing programs and can easily create and distribute newsletters and weekly updates. I also have a very flexible schedule and only work 3 days per week. I am self scheduled and can be available for club meetings and can be present at most events throughout the state.

I hope to get to work with the new board in 2012 and I look forward to the many positive changes to come! Thank you for your consideration.

Treasurer: