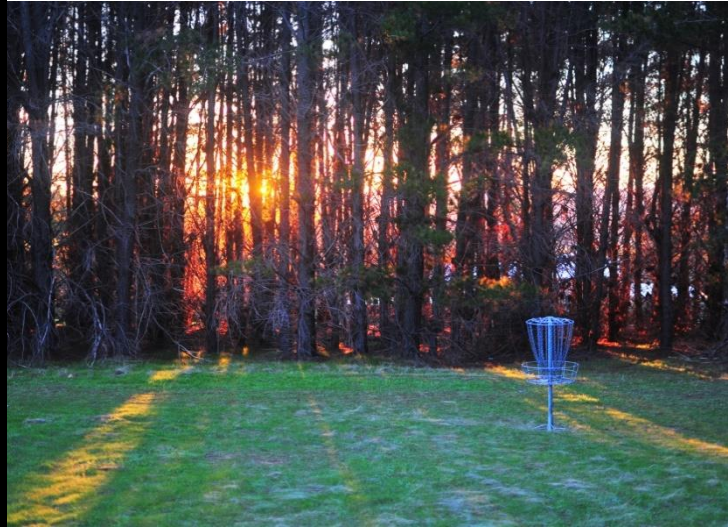




Pine Lines, WA



Granite Mountain, QLD



Jindabyne, NSW



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Australian Disc Golf Annual Report

2015

President's report

Disc Golf in Australia saw some fantastic milestones achieved in 2015. Tournament attendance reached record numbers, new courses were installed in nearly every state and the sport was included in a schools program throughout the whole year.

The ADG Tour kicked off with the Aussie Open, brain child of Chris Finn, the first PDGA major in the southern hemisphere. Attendance from some of the top pros gave Australian Disc Golfers the chance to see first-hand the level of play they are capable of.

The Australian Disc Golf Tour was very well attended in 2015. The tour returned to South Australia after an 8 year hiatus. A very keen and motivated local crew put on an event in the historical town of Gawler (North of Adelaide), Australian Disc Golf is looking to support South Australia with additional events in 2016. The Gold Coast continued where it left off last year and had another big event, with travellers coming from around Australia. There were also record attendances at the NSW Open, Vic Open and QLD Championships. The future of events in Australia is looking very bright indeed.

After the successful trial of a 3 day Australian Disc Golf Championships in 2014, this year's event will again be run over 3 days at the Poimena Disc Golf course in Hobart. Tournament Director Richard Sampson has been working hard on making sure this is one of the best events yet.

The ADG also implemented some changes to the Australian Disc Golf Tour for 2016. Changing the way points are allocated to events and starting the tour year with the Australian Disc Golf championships. This was done to assist Tournament Directors wanting to run bigger events as a B tier as well as being able to provide more flexible arrangements awarding the tour prizes at the end of each year. Many thanks to the rest of the ADG board who spent many hours of consideration to the changes.

One course of note was QLD, which saw the site of the Australian Disc Golf Championships 2013 become permanent with 9 holes and 18 tees installed at Pine River park.

In NSW Greg Upton and myself ran a school program at 2 Public Schools in the Hunter region. The program was extremely successful with over a 100 children having been involved in the program and each taking home a disc. This program was designed as a pilot to assist similar programs around the country and will be made available to all clubs and personnel in 2016.



Australian Disc Golf also kicked off a grant program to assist Disc Golf related community projects. 2 successful \$1000 grants were awarded in 2015:

- Wyong Council NSW for a new course at Koala Park in NSW. Installed November 2015
- Coorong District Council South Australia for a new course in the town of Tintinara, expected to be installed early 2016

Congratulations to the successful applicants. Australian Disc Golf will be opening up new grant opportunities in 2016.

Financially, Australian Disc Golf finished the year in a solid position, with income mainly from event-based fees covering the grant program and buying temporary baskets to loan remote Disc Golf clubs.

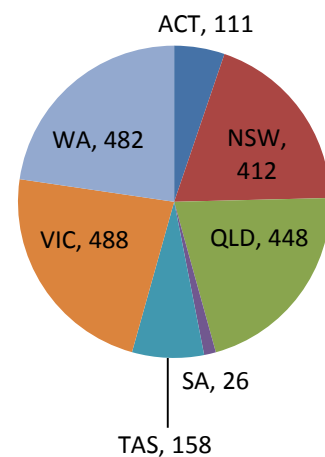
From an administrative point of view the board again was proactive in discussing aspects of how we manage the sport here in Australia. This included Tour discussions, new course installations, development programs and communication processes. I would like to thank the board for their input on these and other discussions. In particular I would like to acknowledge the work that Chris Finn and Nate Lee have provided to the board over 2015. Both are stepping down from their positions to work on their own projects. If anyone in the community is interested in the administration of the sport, please don't hesitate to ask myself or any other board member for details or any questions about what we do.

2016 should bring more growth to the sport and this is all due to the wonderful people that work so hard behind the scenes to run events, install courses, development programs and more. I'd like to thank all of you for the support you've provided.

Neil Roberts

ADG President

5 year tournament participation



2014/15 Australian Disc Golf Financial Report

The ADG financial year ran from the 1st September 2014 to 31st August 2015. As of the 31st August 2014 ADG held \$10091.35 in its bank accounts. This is compared to last year's financial position of \$7321.10 as of 31st August 2014.

Event based fees are the major source of annual income for ADG. There was an increase in event based income when compared to last year. This year ADG event based fees amounted to \$6042.2 as compared to \$5786.66 last year. I note there are still some invoices awaiting payment and some to issue for this year.

We incurred costs of approximately \$643.24 for complementary PDGA membership for the first place getters in each division of the 2014 ADG Tour.

The MOU between the AFDA and ADG continues. ADG has negotiated a rate of \$1.10 per competitor for B and C tier tournaments, \$2.20 per competitor for A-tier events and \$3.30 per competitor for Australian Disc Golf Championships. These charges applied as of 1st January 2012 and are per event not per day. In 2014 we incurred costs of \$973.5. We currently owe the AFDA \$617 in 2015 Affiliation Fees which will be paid after ADGC 2014, where upon I would expect the amount owed to be closer to \$1200.

This year a further \$2000 was transferred to a term deposit account and we earned \$117.34 in interest.



2014/15 Major Expenditure Items

Item	2013/14 Amount (\$)	2014/15 Amount (\$)
PDGA memberships	516.26	0
Tour Trophies	554.4	617.24
PDGA Membership Tour Prizes	221.08	643.24
Membership Cards	256.06	0
ADGC Grants	800	0
ADGC Fee Transfer	1027.75 (2013)	3836.85 (2014)
Paypal Fees	27.07	113.15
Website Development	2072	0
PDGA Sanctioning Fees	488.71	1142.26
ADG MOU Fees	959.20	973.5
Telstra Grant – South Australia	0	1200
Basket Purchase – QLD	0	180
Website Maintenance	0	289.80
Interest	37.73	117.34
Total	6960.26	9113.38

2014/15 Major Income Items

Item	2013/14 Amount (\$)	2014/15 Amount (\$)
Event Levies	5796.6	6042.2
PDGA memberships	620	0
ADG Membership	115	0
Telstra Grant – South Australia	0	1200
ADGC Fees	1051(2013)	3950 (2014)
Total	7582.6	11192.2

Martin Ryland-Adair

ADG Treasurer

2015 WA State Report

WA is on the verge of a surge in disc golf course development. This, combined with an increase in the number of WA tournaments on the calendar (with Mundaring's competition schedule now gaining momentum), means that the disc golf scene in the West is packed with opportunities for growth and development in the coming years.

Course Development

There has been considerable liaison going on with local councils and private landowners with the aim of getting new courses in the ground throughout Perth and the WA regional areas. This is starting to pay dividends, with new courses being created by DiscGolfPark in Boranup Forest (Margaret River), Mandurah and Curtin University. Grants are also being sought to help fund a refurbishment of the Rob Hancock Memorial Course baskets and tee signs.

Tournaments

The year started off with a bang in WA, with Mundaring hosting the first ever PDGA Major Event in the Southern Hemisphere in January, the Aussie Open. It attracted players from all over Australia as well as players from the USA, Finland, Germany, Canada and New Zealand. It was great to have players of the calibre of Paul McBeth, Dave Feldberg, Ricky Wysocki, Simon Lizotte and Nate and Val Doss play in the tournament, and it provided an opportunity to see and speak with these icons of the game up close and personal. The experience gained and lessons learned from the running of such a high profile tournament will be of great value looking ahead to the next Aussie Open in 2017, which is planned to be a part of the new Disc Golf World Tour.



Photos: Jussi Meresmaa

The unique setting and experience of the Perth Open at Pine Lines was again well attended, with a final 9 described by those who witnessed it as one of the best that they had seen. The camping vibe and facilities provided by Keenan and his crew on his private block certainly provide an atmosphere that makes the tournament one which people want to come back to, year after year. To add to these facilities, PDGC have been working on the club trailer to turn it into a mobile tournament HQ/clubrooms with the aim of being able to set up a course and run tournaments in various locations around the West.

Another first this year in WA was the running of the Inaugural Kim Holmes Trophy: a teams event run between the Perth and Mundaring clubs. This year it was won by PDGC, 27.5 points to 20.5 points. It is envisaged that this event will happen yearly and the hosting of the event will be shared by the clubs on a rotational basis.



Photos: Andrew Ferguson

In addition to these events, other events of note were the Rob Hancock Memorial, The Chick Flick Women's event, The Icebreaker and Okthrowberfest. The Discraft Ace Race attracted a big turn out - with many new faces joining in this year, and both clubs continue to run their club League Days.

As you can see, the calendar is becoming quite crowded over here in the West, and it will need continued dialogue between the clubs to make sure that we can maximise the participation rate at all the events across the year.

Community Development

Members of both WA clubs have continued to be active in promoting the sport, through community groups, schools, corporates and in the media, with disc golf gaining a feature spot on the local edition of the Channel 9 Today Show earlier this year.

Players

From a player standpoint, David Bandy has taken all before him in tournaments across Australia this year, increasing his rating to place him sixth in Oceania; Chris Finn has been representing in a number of international tournaments, including the St Jude Charity Invitational, the European Open and Scandinavian Open; and Jordan Wheeler did WA and Australia proud finishing 29th overall in Performance Flight as the Australian representative in the USDGC in October.

With increased numbers of courses, continued community engagement and a strong tournament scene here in WA, 2015 is setting a platform for the growth of the sport in the future.

Jason Browne

Western Australian State Representative

South Australia State Report



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DISC GOLF

This year, the ADG National Tour returned to the state, hosting our first A-Tier event since 2007. We have seen a gradual growth of interest in the sport with some experienced players coming out of retirement, new courses being planned and events around the state with more still to come.

South Australian Open - 23rd & 24th May



Clonlea Park, Gawler hosted over 20 competitors from across the country for a two day A-Tier event. With baskets on loan from the DG guys in Victoria, fantastic weather across the weekend and some last minute course design assistance from David Bandy (WA) and Neil Roberts (NSW), the event was a definite success. Bandy took out the Men's Open division with a crushing 20 stroke victory over his nearest rival. The other hotly contested division was Men's Intermediate with seven competitors fighting it out. Ryan Rosner (SA) had the lead going into the final hole of play but an OB penalty stroke allowed Cameron Ford (Vic) to sneak in with a single stroke victory.

New Courses?

Tintinara - In June, the ADG were contacted by a representative of Coorong District Council looking to establish a disc golf course in Tintinara, 2 hours South East of Adelaide on the Dukes Highway, main route to Melbourne. A site visit was conducted and after feedback to council and discussion with the local community, a 9 basket course is likely to be installed in the near future. The planned course will be a key community asset located near the Tintinara Visitors Centre and looping around Lake Indawarra. It will be the perfect place to stop and stretch your legs if you are driving over from Victoria.

Cambrai –In September, we were contacted by a representative of the Cambrai Area School, located 100km North East of Adelaide. It was identified that a 9 basket course had been installed some years ago and they are looking for assistance in redesigning the course with hopes that it will one day be used for tournament play. Representatives from SA Disc Golf will be visiting the site later in the year.

Salisbury – In the early 1980's, Salisbury was home to one of three permanent courses in Adelaide. SA Disc Golf returned to this park to have a look and have been in discussions with council about holding an event here sometime in 2016.



The Future

We will be returning to Gawler on the first week of November, having a basket set up for a putting display as part of the Gawler Village Fair. The following weekend, Coorong District Council has invited us to hold a Come & Try Day as part of their promotional work for a course installation in Tintinara. All going well, a course will be installed in the next few months!

2016 will be a huge year for disc golf in South Australia with the installation of new courses, a bigger and better South Australian Open and more parks for us to investigate. See you in May!

Luke Turnbull

South Australian State representative

ACT State Report

This past year was a great one for the ACT Disc Golf Club that saw a lot of changes and many firsts. After starting up our first League last year we have seen player numbers increase with keen new players coming out and getting involved. The League has run almost every month since its inception and we are currently looking at having social weekday doubles.

We held The Sizzler (ACT Open) in February which turned out to be a successful competition with a turnout of 29 players and our first ever custom stamped tournament discs.



The club has also moved much more into the digital realm with all of the club information stored and distributed online. Our Facebook page has seen continued likes going from just 50 to close to 200. Many more people are actively using the site to check out the recent league results, post notices about going to play, and check updates on our comp and photos. We also produced our first webpage hosted by the ADG which, while simple, is effective at providing people with all the information needed to play in the ACT. The page includes all the links for League results, all League scores and current handicaps, course maps in PDF, jpg and interactive Google maps formats, and information on disc sales, our putting course, and the ACT Open. Both our Facebook and website also now come up as the first links when people search for disc golf in the ACT when searching using Google. The club also set up a bank account to make accounting easier.



We have seen a continued increase of new players on the course which can be attributed to:

- Installing tees for both a League and Comp layout so new players know where to play from
- Installing signs on all our baskets at Eddison Park which have our Facebook and website links along with a QR code directing new players to our website to obtain course maps

We recently had a very successful Annual General Meeting that saw nine members attend with new board positions filled which was fantastic to see. Expect to see some good things happening in 2016!

The club has also been looking at ways fund and install new courses. A new funding mechanism has been made available in the ACT for active recreation in which disc golf easily meets the criteria; this funding does not require match funding and would be great to get as our small club currently does not have the resources to purchase new baskets or signs. A new courses proposal has been recently submitted and we are currently waiting on any news. Our relationship with various ACT government departments has been better established and we currently have an approval in principle to install a course at Stromlo Forest Park (if we can secure funding). Canberra has a number of quality areas for disc golf and hopefully, it is just a matter of time before we can see some of them turn into permanent disc golf courses.

Todd Nowack

ACT State Representative

Victorian State Report 2015

Disc Golf is alive and growing in Victoria. 2015 has been an exciting year for disc golf in Victoria. The Geelong and Melbourne clubs continue to grow as does the awareness of the sport in Victoria.

VICTORIAN COURSE DEVELOPMENT

The two Victorian clubs have had a very successful year and are setting the foundations for years to come. For the MDGC this has meant the approval of an additional 3 baskets for Ruffey Lake along with 9 tee pads. This will mean that the park has 9 permanent holes with tee pads and should be completed in the next few months. The MDCG has also worked with the Bass Coast Council for the Grand Opening of the Blue Gum Reserve course on Philip Island and run some come and try days. In addition to this there is potential for a new course at Maroondah that both clubs have been working on with Disc Golf Park.

It is with great pleasure that the Geelong Club can announce that the tee pads for the permanent 9-hole course have been installed. The course has gotten a lot of use and many new players are taking advantage of the permanent course and tees. The club has split their league days into two with morning and afternoon sessions in order to offer more flexibility. This obviously requires more resources but the club is very passionate about growing the sport.

GEELONG DISC GOLF CLUB

2015 has been a huge year for disc golf in Geelong. They hosted the Vic open at the Drysdale course with assistance from the Melbourne crew. They also ran an Ace Race event at Barwon Valley and held a special fund raiser event called Disc Wars which was well attended and fun for all. Great promotions!!

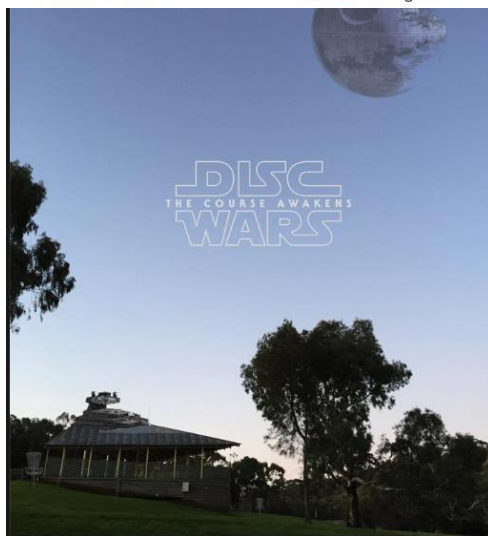
MELBOURNE DISC GOLF CLUB

The MDGC had a great year even though attendance at league days has not necessarily increased. They have successfully worked very hard to grow interest and awareness of the sport throughout the region. One of the highlights was working with the Bass City Council to promote Disc Golf on Philip Island. They are planning a similar event for the Wellington Shire Council which hosts a series of free community events in their parks and gardens throughout the municipality in March. Over the past two years they have seen a steady increase in participation rates, with over 8,000 people attending around 25 events in 2015. This year they would like to include Disc Golf. The Melbourne and Geelong clubs are going to work together to put on a one day event of demonstration and skills training along with setting up a temporary 6 hole course. This is scheduled for March 12 2016. The MDGC will be hosting the Vic Open in April at Ruffey Lake with assistance from the GDGC. We are all looking forward to that event.

It has been a great year for the state of Victoria even with the loss of Dr Greg Bowers early in the year. We still stay in touch and he is still assisting with some aspects of our clubs. We are looking forward to a very productive 2016.

Jeff Brunsting,

Victorian State Representative



Tasmanian State Report

Courses

To my best knowledge, there is still just one disc golf course in Tasmania with baskets, this is Poimena Reserve in Austins Ferry, near Hobart. (www.poimenadiscgolf.org). At a Devonport park on most Sundays, the Bird brothers still regularly set out a 9 basket course (with portables).

Tournaments

- Beetle Hill Open, Poimena , 14 Feb, ADG B-Tier
New tournament, 14 players attended
- Two Heads Open, Poimena Reserve, March 13-15, ADG A-Tier event
8th year, 23 players, over 50% players from outside Tasmania.
90 second feature on ABC Television news and local radio.
- Australian Championships, 20-22 November, ADG A-Tier
90 players



Monthly League Days at Poimena Reserve

- Started in April 2014.
- Running all year. 1st Sunday of the month.
- One round of 18 holes, handicap format.
- Average attendance each month, 10 players.

Increasing participation at Poimena Reserve

- Player numbers increasing.
- At least 4 schools/colleges are regularly using the course.

Course infrastructure improvements at Poimena Reserve

Local players continue to maintain and develop the course infrastructure, with support from Glenorchy City Council's parks maintenance team.

Hobart Disc Golf Club

Setting up Hobart Disc Golf Club is still on the wish list.

Disc golf coaching in schools

Richard Sampson, representing his business Discology, continues to run disc golf coaching clinics with local schools and colleges.

New courses

Richard Sampson, representing his business Discology, has had advanced meetings about courses with two councils from Greater Hobart region and a high school in the north west.

Richard Sampson

Tasmanian State representative

Queensland State Report

The sport is starting to flourish in Queensland, there has been a lot of new players at the parks, and the Novice division has been the highest attended at all the events we have held this year.

Tournaments

Queensland this year hosted 5 ADG tour events, all 5 were PDGA C-tier events. First time TD Aaron Moreton ran a very well received event at the Yeronga memorial park in January, he will be running the event next year as well. The second event was the Roma Big Rig, which saw 21 players attend, 13 from southeast QLD and 8 locals, it is turning into a popular event. The QLD disc golf championships saw 30 people from QLD and NSW play the Pine Rivers course, this has been the most people we have had at a QLD championship. TD Jason Vidot did a great job and the event went very smooth. The Gold Coast Classic now in its 3rd year saw record attendance for an event outside of the Australian championships in the state. We had players from ACT, NSW, VIC and New Zealand. This event is starting to be a popular stop on the Australian tour. The last event was the Halloween Havoc hosted By Carmen and Nathan Lee at their property and course in Applethorpe. 16 People attended the event from NSW and QLD, The feedback was very good on the event and an organised round of glow golf topped it off!



Development

This year saw the installation of 2 courses, a 9 basket 16 tee course was installed in Pine Rivers park, and Carmen and Nathan Lee setup the Granite Mountain disc golf course with 18 Innova discatchers.

There has been a lot of discussion with councils in the Ipswich, Gold Coast and Cairns area, with some courses to go into the ground. The Moreton Bay council is organizing some come and try days at Pine Rivers with the expectation of 50 people attending each event.

Queensland disc golfers continue to show great support for out of state events, and the years to come should see more and more travelling to events.

Rhys Kruger

Queensland State representative

NSW State Report

This year we held three tour events in NSW, an Ace race and a number of league days held between the Sydney and Newcastle clubs. It has been great to see quite a few new individuals take up the sport including more juniors.

League Days

The monthly league days this year have seen the continued teamwork from both the Sydney and Newcastle clubs. It is really good to see the Sydney-ites travel up to Newie and the Novacastrians head down to Sydney to make the days much more competitive and enjoyable. The Newcastle club has had the added benefit of being able to alternate between the Jesmond and Rathmines courses as well as adding the new Koala Park course into the mix. The Sydney club continues to operate from the Armory course with the 18 hole layout becoming a permanent fixture.

Weekly daylight savings doubles continues this year at Jesmond Park and has seen good numbers including lots of new players who like the Ambrose format.

Events

The 3rd instalment of UP on Juan was played on the Sunday prior to the Victorian Open with 21 players. Upjohn Park continues to provide a great disc golf experience, and we are still hoping to be able to install a permanent course there. The layout was changed up a bit this year and it made for a very enjoyable day to start the NSW calendar.

The Jesmond Jam was run this year for the fifth time with 28 players. A number of the Queensland boys headed down to boost numbers and make for a great weekend. The bonus Saturday event this year was an Ace Race which quite a few of our newer members attended. The shorter layout made for a fun day. Of note were the comments from the 3 Juniors who had a blast and enjoyed the different style of event.

The NSW Open was hosted by the Sydney and Newcastle Disc Golf clubs with a record breaking number of entrants, 46 attending from all sides of the country. The event utilised the revamped Newington Armory 18 hole layout. Special mention must go to Luke Williams for his amazing food spread and it was great to see Martin Ryland-Adair taking out the event and knocking off the younger guys! The new 18 hole layout is settling in to become quite a good course and it was fantastic to see so many attend the event.



Development

A big step forward this year was the commencement of our School Sport program. The sports master of a local school was looking to find something new for the kids that didn't need lots of equipment and was easy to travel to as they had limited buses. Our sport fitted the bill perfectly with the kids being able to walk to the park where we set up a temporary course. The first term was a great success resulting in us being asked to return for the remaining three terms of the year and many of the kids attending league days and tournaments. We have also had some enquiries from other schools and hope to expand the program in future years and teaching the teachers the skills need to run the sport themselves.

Several new courses were established around the state this year. In Jindabyne the existing public course has seen a massive growth in popularity, with many people utilising the course and lots of plastic being sold. This has seen the course extended to an 18 hole layout and it will be the location of the NSW Open for 2016. Following this success a local resort added a new 9 hole course. Whilst not being a public course this is still helping to promote the sport in a positive way.

More exciting news this year was the new addition of our latest course on the Central Coast. Wyong council received a grant from ADG to help get the course installed. A league day was held there in October allowing feedback before the permanent tees are in place. The park has the potential to have longer alternate holes set up for future tournament options and also boasts some great park facilities like a powered camping site, tennis courts, toilets and a building which includes a school canteen type kitchen facility. Hopefully we can look at utilising these in the future as well.

Plans are still moving forward with the Hunters Hill Rotary Club and council to look at getting a new course into the ground in Hunters Hill in early 2016. We have done a lot of planning with the locals down there including running a well-received demonstration day at their Tour de Hunters Hill bike day.



Other News

To help facilitate the growth of the sport here we have recently setup a New South Wales Disc Golf board with Jonathon Jonas being elected as president. This is to formalise our group and take on a more professional outlook on the development and growth of our sport in this state.

All in all it was another great year for Disc Golf in NSW and I look forward to continuing to be a part of helping to grow our great sport. I would also like to take this time to put a huge thank you out to Neil Roberts who puts so much time and effort into our sport. We are very lucky to have him located here in NSW. Special note must also go to his lovely wife Candy who puts up with a lot of disc golf in the house.

Greg Upton

NSW State Representative

AUSTRALIAN DISC GOLF 2016 A-TIER EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS HOBART, TAS NOVEMBER 20TH-22ND

DUDE PRO MUNDARING, WA JANUARY 30TH-31ST

SPARKS SUMMER SIZZLER CANBERRA, ACT FEBRUARY 20TH-21ST

TASSIE CHAMPS (TWO HEADS OPEN) HOBART, TAS MARCH 19TH-20TH

THE VICTORIAN DISC GOLF OPEN DONCASTER, VIC APRIL 23RD-24TH

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPEN ADELAIDE, SA MAY 21ST- 22ND

PERTH OPEN GIDGEGANNUP, WA JUNE 18TH-19TH

QUEENSLAND DISC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS BRISBANE, QLD JULY 9TH-10TH

GOLD COAST CLASSIC GOLD COAST, QLD SEPTEMBER 17TH-18TH

NSW OPEN JINDABYNE OCTOBER 29TH-30TH

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SYDNEY, NSW NOVEMBER 25TH-27TH



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