

## 2008 PDGA Election – State/Province Coordinator Candidate Statements

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### Arizona - Ron Perkins #23645

Hello friends of AZDGC and PDGA members of Arizona. My name is Ron Perkins and I am running for Arizona State PDGA Coordinator. I'm looking for your vote as many of you know we are a tight group so change is hard to come by. However I feel we all need some new insight or new blood in Arizona golf that's why I'm throwing my name out. If you're happy with the way things are run then all means don't vote or keep the same man in. All I'm asking for is a chance.

### Arizona – Jay Svitko #7307

In 2003, I attended Flagstaff Pro Worlds and I saw how much hard work, dedication, and heart went into pulling that off. I decided right then that I wanted to be part of this group. In 2006, I moved to Arizona and have helped out at local tournaments. Now I want to do more, so I am running for the position of Arizona State Coordinator. The current person is Dan Ginnelly and I would like to take some of that responsibility off his already overtaxed and underappreciated shoulders. My previous experience is being Indiana's State Coordinator when the program was started back in 1999 for 3 straight years.

So, our state has about 180 current PDGA members, spring tournaments are now selling out in Phoenix, 3 new courses in our state in the last 18 months and Flagstaff hosted its first A-Tier this June. It seems the disc golf world is going to get busier in Arizona. I would really like to volunteer myself as another avenue to the PDGA for disc golfers in my state. I am a very organized individual and I would like a chance to make Arizona proud.

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### British Columbia - Clint Andersen #21512

"I've been involved in disc golf since 2000 and since then, have been involved in almost every nuance of the sport. I founded the Kamloops Disc Golf Club in 2000 and worked with that small group to quickly develop the Rose Hill course, which remains BC's longest 18 hole course. I have served on the Kamloops Disc Golf Club executive since its inception. Since that time the KDGC has emerged as a top club in British Columbia. Our club has built 5 more courses in the area, including a fabulous 18 hole course in nearby Logan Lake. We are currently installing the Black Rose championship course, a world class venue designed by John Houck that will be ready for tournament play in May 2008.

Aside from course installation, I have been the tournament director for some of BC's biggest events, including the 2001, 02, 03, & 06 Provincial Championships, as well as the 2004 Canadian Disc Golf Championships. I also had the honor of co- TD'ing M Pool at the 2004 Worlds in Iowa with Ace Mason. I've been involved in many learn to play clinics throughout the years which has contributed to a strong player base within BC.

I took the reins as the BC Coordinator at a time when there was little appetite for anything PDGA and managed to turn things around with steady dialogue and running some quality sanctioned events. For the next term, my goal is to help BC emerge from its reputation as "the best disc golf the World has never heard about" into a Disc Golf destination point. With 40+ courses (and growing) it's time to take the lid off our little secret."

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### California (South) – Tim Selinske #2026

My name is Tim Selinske and I am running for re-election as the PDGA State Coordinator for the southern portion of California. I have been a PDGA member since 1982. I have been fortunate to be the Southern California State Coordinator for 10 years. During that time I have worked to share disc golf with anyone I have been able to get the attention of. I have been playing disc golf for just over 32 years. Although I am not playing many tournaments right now, I am staying active in the sport by running several tournaments in Southern California and helping to try and get new courses installed in the region. I would be honored to be able to continue acting on behalf of Southern California to represent the PDGA and the playing community in Southern California. My Resume is as follows:

PDGA member #2026

I have been fortunate to be able to play in every PDGA World Championship (1982 – Present)

## **Tim Selinske (continued)**

Elected to the Disc Golf Hall of Fame in 1999  
Founding member of the Southern California Disc Golf Association  
Tournament Director of the Golden State Classic (PDGA National Tour)  
Tournament Director of the United States Master Championships (PDGA Major)  
Helped to run over 100 tournaments in Southern California

I would appreciate your support for re-election. Regardless of re-election, I promise to continue to promote and support disc golf throughout the region.

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## **Florida – Brian Kilgore #13117**

"In the early 1990's I was introduced to the sport of disc golf and was hooked. Since then I have actively advocated and supported Florida disc golf by serving in several voluntary capacities. In 2003 I became webmaster donating many hours to maintaining and improving the FFT website. With your support I can continue to expand the website content. I invite you to send me any information you would like to see posted about your home course including league times and schedules-of-events. With your prompt input we can have every Florida home course represented on the site.

The FFT has grown since its inception and it will only continue to get better with everyone's support. To all of you who have volunteered to help your tournament directors, thank you, and please continue to support these wonderful folks. Let's make 2008-2010 the best FFT ever by getting 100% volunteer participation for our tournaments. We need everyone involved in order to take Florida disc golf to the next level and make it the best in the world!

I appreciate your choosing me to represent you as the Florida PDGA state coordinator for the past 3 years. I would be honored to continue serving you in this capacity and I thank you in advance for your vote."

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## **Hawaii - Steve Welck #19117**

It is my intention to run for re-election as PDGA Hawaii State Coordinator. I plan to work hard with Maui, Oahu and the Big Island disc golf club members and island communities to install and establish the first public disc golf course in the State of Hawaii. I will continue to promote "destination disc golf" in Hawaii and build rapport with the mainland and international disc golfers and organizations. I will remain active in building disc golf advocacy in local and State government, community organizations and private land owners.

I will represent the PDGA in a positive light and work with Tournament Directors on disc golf events. I will coordinate with the PDGA Tour Manager, in setting the Tour schedule and in addressing and resolving Tour event issues. I will continue to promote PDGA memberships and vote for and recommend candidates for the PDGA Awards. Thank you for the opportunity to represent the State of Hawaii as PDGA Coordinator.

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## **Iowa – T.J. "Tiki" Brom #16726**

My name is T.J. Brom and I would like to submit my candidacy to be your State Coordinator. I reside in Oskaloosa and am 25 years old. I have been playing disc golf for 12 years. I work at Vermeer Mfg. as a Product Designer and am also the owner of Overdrive Disc Golf. I began running leagues and tournaments in 2001 and have been the tournament director for over 60 tournaments. I was a charter member of the Oskaloosa Disc Golf Club and have held the title of President since the club was formed in 2003. I have given many demonstrations to various clubs and organizations and have also had meetings with the local Park Board, Conservation Board and City Council.

As your State Coordinator, I will run an open forum utilizing the iowadg.com website as a means of communication. The following are some goals of mine that I will work towards achieving:

1. Form a working relationship with the coordinators of neighboring states to formulate a tour schedule free of conflicts as much as possible.

## **T.J. "Tiki" Brom (continued)**

2. Bring meaning back to the state championship by possibly attaching the USDGC invite to it.
3. Find sponsors for the Iowa Tour that would benefit each stop on the tour.
4. Delegate to individuals the task to complete course reviews for every course in the state.
5. Work with communities that do not have a course or an established disc golf community to introduce the sport to the community.
6. Establish an Iowa Disc Golf Hall of Fame to recognize the individuals responsible for bringing Iowa to the forefront of the disc golf world.

I will strive to make the Iowa disc golf community as strong as it can be. Thank you for considering me to be your State Coordinator.

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## **Illinois - Brett Comincioli #19325**

My name is Brett Comincioli and I have been the Illinois State Coordinator for the past two years. I am the current president of DISContinuum Disc Golf Club. I have supported many Illinois clubs, leagues, and events since I started playing disc golf in June of 2001. I have also been an assistant tournament director or tournament director at 30+ events since 2003 and have promoted the game and rules to hundreds of people during this time frame.

I feel I've met and exceeded the expectations of state coordinator during the past two years. Illinois disc golf continues to grow with more tournament directors and more events. I've helped in the return of an A-Tier in Illinois. The challenge of scheduling is getting harder and harder each year. I have communicated with all Illinois tournament directors and have established a fair standard to make sure there are no conflicts.

In terms of the responsibilities for the state coordinator position, I will represent the PDGA, PDGA membership, and local clubs in a positive manner. I am a member of or have been a member of DISContinuum DGC, Peoria Frisbee Club, Springfield DGC, and Fox Valley Metro DGC. I know all of the Illinois tournament directors and have played most of their events. I have played 87 courses in Illinois as of March 10, 2008. My goal is to play every Illinois course. I'll make sure to keep in contact with local clubs and promoters to make sure the course directory stays up to date. I have updated many courses listings with more detailed information after playing many of the courses in Illinois. I will make sure to promote PDGA memberships at every event that I attend. DISContinuum Disc Golf Club is part of the affiliate club program. I will notify all clubs of this program. I will also contact tournament directors about sanctioning events and all divisions.

If elected I will nominate an Illinois event as the qualifier for USDGC in 2008 and 2009. The top finishing MPO player from Illinois at this event will be awarded the USDGC qualification spot. If that player cannot attend it will be awarded to the next best finisher from Illinois. I will make sure there is someone from Illinois represented at the USDGC. Illinois was represented in 2007 and will be again in 2008. I will also make sure one event is nominated as a USDGC qualifier in 2008 and 2009.

I will make sure to provide feedback to the PDGA about tour standards. I will vote and recommend candidates for PDGA Awards. I will also take on any other duties the PDGA throws at me. I reply to thousands of e-mails during the year. I am a disc golf player who loves playing PDGA events. I will promote the PDGA and represent all Illinois players in a positive manner. I eat, drink, sleep, & breathe disc golf. I have a vision for Illinois disc golf and want to see us move to the top. Thank you for your support!

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## **Kentucky - HB Clark #553**

### **Platform:**

To promote disc golf as a life long sport at a state wide level with press releases and meetings with state key officials to enhance the ability for players to pursue disc golf experiences in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Help clubs and disc golf community leaders understand how to obtain sponsorship for events, and obtain grants for course enhancements and additions. Continue the coordination of duties of the excellent state PDGA coordinators of past with added emphasis on empowering local clubs and promoters to understand the various programs of the PDGA.

## **HB Clark (continued)**

PDGA active member since 1977. Tournament Director since 1978, and running 6 events in 2008 in new disc golf communities. Recent conference speaker on Disc Golf Development at Kentucky, Tennessee, and the National Parks and Recreation Associations' Conferences. Introduced disc golf and developed 10 new disc golf courses in communities across Kentucky in the last few years.

### **Resume:**

H. B. Clark has over 30 years of course design experience, both as a volunteer and then as a full time professional. He has been on the Professional Disc Golf Association Pro Tour since 1977, having won events in most years and cashed as a top player in each year. Major tour finishes include 8th in the 2005 World Championships – Grand Master Division, 2nd in the 2002 European Championships – Masters Division, and 3rd in the 2003 British Open – Open Division. He has hosted and run events since the late 70's, and prior to that played competitive disc games winning state championships in freestyle, distance, maximum time aloft, disc golf, DDC, guts, and accuracy as well as numerous overall state championship titles. He was a player and coach of the Western Kentucky University Ultimate team, and founder and past president of the Bowling Green Disc Golf Club and a past President of the Louisville Disc Golf Club.

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## **Kentucky – Fred Salaz #**

I appreciate all Disc Golf has given me, from fitness to the friendships that have been formed through out the sport. By running for the Kentucky State Representative position, I want to continue to give back to the sport that has given me so much enjoyment over the years. In the position, I will work to get new players involved by teaching them the sport and letting them know about the PDGA and local clubs. I will also continue to work with park districts in Kentucky to promote the sport of Disc Golf as not only a excellent fitness activity, that is fun for all, but with it often comes very important community of players that volunteer work which goes towards bettering local parks and recreational departments. I will work with tournament directors across the state and region to help bring attention to both the event and the PDGA. I appreciate the opportunity and your consideration to be the PDGA Kentucky State Coordinator.

I first played Disc Golf in the summer of 1980 with my future wife, Joy, at Miami Whitewater in Cincinnati, OH. I have been hooked ever since. In 1984 I became one of the original members of the Greater Cincinnati Flying Disc Association, which is an active club in the tri-state region of Cincinnati. I am the Kentucky parks liaison for the GCFDA and am active in corresponding with the park directors in Northern Kentucky to help with course design and course maintenance. Since 1988 I have averaged approximately 200 hours of volunteered labor on courses throughout the region. I am the tournament director for the Kentucky State Disc Golf Championships which has taken place since 1993 and also director of the "Masters at Idlewild" tournament for Master players only. I helped design Idlewild disc golf course in Burlington, KY, where I am the course pro and maintenance guy.

I invented "The Equalizer" which is a device used to improve distance and technique for disc golf.

In 1999, I was honored with the PDGA Bob West Memorial Sportsmanship Award and then again in 2007, I was completely honored to be inducted into the Disc Golf Hall of Fame.

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## **Michigan - Bob Walz #20304**

### **Platform:**

I will strive to continue to improve the Michigan disc golf scene. I will work with all of the TDs and club presidents to set up a schedule that hopefully everyone can be happy with. I come from a math background. So, I think my analytical mind can bring an unbiased opinion to the state coordinator position and bring resolutions to any disputes that come up. I hope I can promote the sport and the PDGA in a positive light.

### **Professional Resume:**

I spent the last 10 years as a computer programmer for a fortune 500 company. I have been project coordinator on multiple projects. I was also spent part time as a database coordinator overseeing all of the database access objects in the company.

## **Bob Walz (continued)**

### **Disc Golf Resume:**

I have been playing disc golf for 9 years and tournaments for the last 7. Since 2003 I have been a certified official and been an active member of the Capital City Renegades(CCR). I spent 2004 and 2005 as Vice President of CCR and have been President ever since. I have worked to bring great tournaments to CCR including this years CCR Open, 1 of only 2 A-Tiers in Michigan.

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## **Mississippi – Shane Seal #13928**

As PDGA coordinator, I will continue to work bring the Southern Nationals, PDGA, and the players of Mississippi closer to realizing the goals of quality tournaments, expanding player base, and the creation of quality disc golf courses.

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## **Montana – Brian Bjortomt #28854**

As the Montana State Coordinator, I would continue to educate players in the state about the benefits of the PDGA, work with regional TD's to ensure that there is a tournament schedule with as few conflicts as possible, and to represent both Montana disc golf and the PDGA in a positive way. Montana disc golf has grown by leaps and bounds over the last couple years and I would do all that I can to continue that growth.

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## **Oklahoma – Joe Rotan #13827**

I am running for a second term as Oklahoma State Coordinator. During my first brief term I have worked to advance the scheduling of Oklahoma events and had it posted online for all Oklahomans to utilize. I have also worked with the Oklahoma All Sports Committee to get disc golf added to the summer and winter games. It is my intention to continue to grow all aspects and areas of Oklahoma disc golf.

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## **South Carolina – Harold Duvall #2018**

**Resume:** Member since 1982

### **Platform:**

Dear South Carolina Disc Golfers,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as South Carolina State Coordinator for these many years. If reelected, I will continue to help promoters and throwers across the Palmetto State. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve and for all y'all do for the great game of disc golf.

Sincerely,  
Harold Duvall

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## **Tennessee - Thomas Laird #20788**

As a Tennessee native, I attended college in Martin Tennessee where I acquired a bachelor's degree in Sports Management. After continuing my education with a master's degree in from Murray State University, I moved to middle Tennessee and began working for the City of Murfreesboro.

I am currently an athletic coordinator with the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department where I run many leagues and programs, work with volunteer organizations and oversee several special events. I live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee with my wonderful family, wife Amy, son Stephen and daughter Emma Lynn.

### **Thomas Laird (continued)**

As an athletic coordinator, I am very much aware of the current trends and issues associated with sports and recreation. My passion and love for disc golf have driven me to get involved with the sport throughout the state. Through programs like the Tennessee Disc Golf Tour, I continue to work hard at increasing awareness and participation in disc golf throughout Tennessee.

Having hosted and served as tournament director for many PDGA tournaments, I feel as though I can relate to both players and administrators alike. As a player, I can appreciate the passion and competition generated by this great sport. As a tournament director, I am very familiar with the rules and committed to fair play. I would be honored to serve another term as your Tennessee State Coordinator.

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### **Virginia – John Biscoe #9456**

I was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia where I currently reside. I graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1987 with a degree in English Literature. Since that time I have owned a screen-printing shop, operated a farm, and am currently employed as a mortgage broker.

I began playing disc golf in 1994 at Gillies Creek Park in Richmond, VA. Since then I have been involved in virtually every aspect of the game. I have run hundreds of events from leagues to Supertours, sold, designed, installed, and maintained courses, taught clinics, owned and operated a disc golf business, and held the position of Virginia State Coordinator since the inception of the program. Currently I own Hawk Hollow Disc Golf Course in Spotsylvania, run the Virginia Team Invitational and Hawk Hollow Open events, and am providing design work on several upcoming courses. I believe that my varied experience in the game as well as my established relationships with State Coordinators in neighboring states makes me the most fit candidate for the position of Virginia State Coordinator.

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### **West Virginia - Joshua Smith #25139**

I feel that I would be a very good for this volunteer position as I am very passionate about the game of disc golf, the PDGA, course development and running disc golf tournaments. I feel that disc golf is bringing players in our state of WV together through competition, social networking and camaraderie. I want to continue this through the position of PDGA State Coordinator for West Virginia.

I have a dream of bringing a state-wide series of PDGA disc golf tournaments across West Virginia giving all clubs and courses in our state their time to shine. Holding a final culminating event at the end of each season at a different state course each year would definitely help grow the sport. We will get the message across that disc golf is on the rise in our state and will continue to grow through the generous efforts of its players and volunteers.

I myself am the president of the West Virginia Disc Golf Association (WVDGA\*) in Fairmont, WV. We help with maintaining and developing disc golf courses in the area, promote disc golf as a healthy outdoor activity and host several tournaments in northern WV each year. We have successfully held an Ice Bowl in the harsh winters in Fairmont for the past 4 years donating almost \$5,000 to our local food bank - the Fairmont Soup Opera. We also run a very successful PDGA tourney every fall the "Pleasant Valley Disc Golf Classic," as well as club league events, weekly and monthly events. We also host our website [www.wvdiscgolf.org](http://www.wvdiscgolf.org) which promotes disc golf education and allows for a statewide electronic-collaborative medium for our disc golfers to interact.

\*I cannot take all the credit though, we do have a very dedicated team of disc golf enthusiasts up here and working with them has always been a positive experience.

In my professional life, I am a network engineer for the Office of Student Affairs at West Virginia University and have worked in a couple of IT related positions at WVU since I graduated in 2004. I support the network for over 5,000 students living in university owned housing and dormitories plus around 900 faculty and staff scattered across campus. I also do a lot of server work: setting up user accounts, file share and network print access as well as patch and application delivery.

I am originally from West Virginia and was honored to accept a position at WVU so I could stay close to my friends and family and the great disc golf courses we have here. I am interested in getting more of our courses evaluated

**Joshua Smith (continued)**

so we can draw more professional level players to WV disc golf tournaments. And coordinating state qualifiers for the USDGC and USADGC at these tourneys is another thing I feel we can accomplish.

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**Wyoming – Jack Faubion**

I have been serving as the Wyoming State Coordinator since 2005. I have served as the Tournament Director for 6 tournaments including the Region 7 Championships. I have helped install 3 disc golf courses in Wyoming over the past 3 years. I have enjoyed bringing the sport of disc golf to Wyoming and I hope to continue. Thank you for your support.

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