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Fishers, IN

Holland Park

June 27-28, 2009

By Patricia Daugherty

On Saturday, June 27th, The Indiana Disc Dog Classic held its UFO Major competition at the Fishers, Indiana, Freedom Festival. IDDC has been competing at the Freedom Festival for nine years under many names. It started out as the Midwest Nationals and then evolved into the IDHHA (International Disc Dog Handlers Association) World Championships. For the last two years its moniker has been The Indiana Disc Dog Classic. The festival and the Indiana Disc Dog Classic are a perfect marriage because they both command a huge audience. Tom Wehrli and Chris Sexton, who are UFO Board members, were on hand to represent the UFO. Tom is also in the Ashley Whippet Hall of Fame. We were honored to have these two gentlemen on board.

Did you notice how smoothly the weekend went? The reason is said in two words...Kimball - Corso. Rick Kimball & Mary Jo Corso is a team to reckon with. This is their second year as Event Coordinators and they gave us another top notch competition. Rick spent two weeks of evenings in the hot and humid weather prepping the field for the weekend. He did a lot of schmoozing of sponsors to offset expenses. He gave much of his time dealing with festival hierarchy so our Event would have their full attention. He stepped back and let his core people do their jobs. Mary Jo was in two places at once all weekend. She was irreplaceable. She also designed the Event's cool Logo. This team's contribution is much in helping make The Indy Dog and Disc Club the best it can be.

Charter member, Greg Million, has been hosting a Saturday night party for the past eight years so we all can come together to celebrate the day. We appreciate Greg giving the club this wonderful chance to chill and socialize after a long day of competing. And on Sunday Greg brings the leftovers to the field for us. Greg is a super guy and it takes just shaking his hand for the first time to know that! The Circle City Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Hospital in Carmel, Indiana, was one of our Event sponsors. Dr. Matthew Lemmons D.V.M., who practices at the hospital, spent the entire weekend at the Classic answering canine dental questions. In 2008, he completed his certification to become a specialist in Veterinary dentistry.

On Sunday, June 28th the Classic held the Indy Jam. This competition was also under UFO rules. The club came out in full force and registration had its hands full. New members Mandy Spady and Alex Engle wasted no time stepping into volunteer duties at their first major Event. Mandy was a huge help at the registration table and Alex helped judge both days. New members Casey Eckert and her dog Blitz were there competing for the first time. The Canadians made a large showing all weekend with many first, second and third place wins. Club member, Mary Jo Corso, had a 1st place win with Rudy in Intermediate Freestyle. And then there is one 6 yr old lad and his dog Emma who competed on Sunday and won everyone's heart. Christian Brewster and Emma made history when they stepped onto the field to compete in Novice Freestyle. When they were done, they made history again by taking 3rd place. It was the first disc dog Freestyle team where the dog outweighed the handler. I hope we can see this team at one or both of our next Events. They are addictive.

IDDC sends a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Lemmons and Greg Million. Rick and Mary Jo want to send a very special thank you to all who volunteered for the Indiana Disc Dog Classic.

Dog Bowl

Frankenmuth, Michigan

May 23-24, 2009

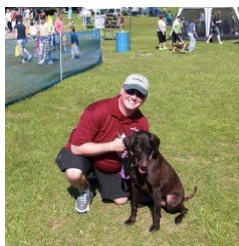
The 2nd Annual Dog Bowl is a Memorial Day weekend devoted to dogs and their families. It showcases dogs running, jumping, diving, herding and retrieving. There is something for everyone. The Great Lakes Dock Dog Competition, a Disc Dog Competition, Border Collie Sheep Herding Demonstrations, a Wiener Dog Race and a Pet Parade and Talent Show - And much, much more. It is held in a beautiful Bavarian setting at River Place in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Some of our club members and disc dog friends took in and competed in the Disc Dog and Dock Dog Competition. Scott & Deana Jones and Sam & Tina Richards were the Disc Dog Event coordinators. They did a fantastic job putting the event together and making us all feel so welcomed. Good job guys!!!!

Jeremy Drobeck and his dogs Chinook, Fischer and Fly competed. Jeremy also brought his twin baby girls. Don and Alice Lang brought along their Aussies Lily and Shelby. Also there was Chip Baker and his dogs Crash, Seeker and Sky, Deneane Hart with Ares, Aison and Dakota, Pat and Curt Daugherty with Rocky and Sharon Galema and her dogs Randy and Cliffy. On Sunday, Don Lang and Lily won 1st place in Open Freestyle. Deneane Hart and her dogs placed in several divisions.

In the Dock Dog competition Chip Baker and Crash came in a respectful 9th place in the Speed Retrieve Wave. Crash's best jump of the weekend was 22.0 yards. He and Chip just missed the finals. They placed second in 2 of the waves. Crash is one awesome dock dog and he is a cutie-pie too. He is amazing to watch. Pat Daugherty and her black Lab, Rocky, performed in their first dog dock competition. My Lab jumped 12 yards. The club president made my day when he told me that Rocky's performance was awesome for a first dive. Rocky was in hog heaven and so was his handler. I had a difficult time getting him away from the Dock pool. As Rocky and I were walking down the side of the pool to resume activities on disc dog field, Rocky suddenly spied the next dogs decoy hit the water. In a second he was well on his way to going over the side. I quickly grabbed his back underside and pulled with all my might. Finally he slid off the top edge of the pool to the ground. His front legs were soaked with pool water. Rocky shot me a look to kill as I gave the command: GO ROCKY, NOW!!

It will be a weekend we plan to repeat. If you want a good time with your dog/dogs, good food and a good location try the Dog Bowl next year.



LET'S NOT THE ISSUE

By Patricia Daugherty

If you have been in the disc dog world for awhile you know that Darron Barrus' vivacious spirit is always present. He isn't a man who settles for the ordinary. You know when this southern gentleman from Georgia is in the room or on the field....Editor

It's a rainy weekend in May 2009, and the Gretchen Invitational was just getting under way. All of sudden a familiar and colorful figure stepped onto the field to warm up. His presence is always a fun welcome to the games and his disc dog peers enjoy playing with this formidable competitor. For years many of us have wondered why Darron always starts the competition weekend wearing his kilt. So I asked Darron if he would give me the answer to this mysterious puzzle. His face threw a mischievous look my way, and with an animated arm gesture that said follow him, Darron stated: "Come into my office and I will tell you." So we sloshed thru the wet grass to his car. As we leaned on his "ride" he began to converse.

Every March, Macon Georgia has a Cherry Blossom Festival around St. Patrick's Day. In 2004 Darron thought, what can I do to make the festival livelier for me and others. So he made a trip to his tailor and had a tartan kilt



made for him. There are those special personalities that can pull off wearing a kilt alone on a disc dog field. Darron Barrus is definitely one of those people. At the festival's disc dog competition he donned his newly made kilt and he, his arm load of Frisbees and The Moo stepped onto the playing field. His music started up and his kilt began to swish as he wound up to throw. The Moo took one look at dad in that swishing kilt and totally freaked out. So there Darron stood in front of a festival full of fellow Georgian's, alone in his glorious kilt, no routine and a pissed off The Moo. The next day this industrious young man thought: "I'm not going down in my brand new kilt without a fight." The solution was so simple, he thought. I will wear my kilt at the warm up before the competition. Then The Moo will ditch his picket sign and start talking to me again and I won't have to go back to my tailor to have the pleats removed and pant legs added to my beautiful kilt. AH!!!! Life will be good once more! Darron's kilt has been a tradition. that many look forward to every year. Just don't tell The Moo. Photo by Kat Fahle – Good Dog Sports

***An after thought** - A few years ago at the now Indiana Disc Dog Classic, Darron passed by me in his street cloths. Darron I remarked, where is your kilt. Without missing a beat and with a beaming smile across his face, he answered back. "I have it in my tent but its wrinkled and my iron's broken."*

2009 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Event	Location	Date	Format
Skyhoundz Regional	New Castle, Indiana	July 25 th & 26 th	Skyhoundz
*** Purina Incredible Dog Challenge (Eastern Qualifier)	Indianapolis, Indiana State Fair	August 7 th & 8 th	Purina Format
*** Ashley Whippet Invitational Classic	Naperville, IL	Sept. 5 th & 6 th	UFO
*** Skyhoundz World Championship	Chattanooga, TN	Sept. 26 th & 27 th	Skyhnnoundz
Indiana States	Greenfield, Indiana	Oct. 4 th & 5 th	Skyhoundz DiscDogAthon

***Not an Indy Dog & Disc Club Event

2009 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Date	Time	Location
September 12, 2009	TBD.	Zionsville Fall Festival, Zionsville, Indiana
October 9, 2009	TBD	Paws In The Park Broadriple Park Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indiana Motel 6 Bi-Ped Classic

By Shaun Johnson

In Kokomo Indiana at the 2007 Gretchen Invitational, the 1st ever Indiana Quadruped competition was held on a warm Saturday in May. Some of the competitors were staying at the Motel 6. After a long day of competing in the Quadruped, throwing to our four legged partners as far as we possibly could, many of the out-of-town competitors, and some of the local players, found ourselves continuing the fun back at the Motel by throwing some discs around. Things began to escalate when a few people started playing Ultimate, others just playing catch, and some playing modified disc golf. Sometime that evening all of the smaller groups came together and talk began about the days competition and the winners. This spirited talk of playing disc without our dogs. They were snug up in the rooms resting from the first day of competition. It was then decided that we see who could throw a disc the farthest to another person in a similar fashion to the Quadruped. That night behind the motel, on a grassy field a new tradition/competition was born...The Bi-Ped.

So it began...The Bi-Ped, was almost immediately named so, with similar rules to the Quadruped. The rule was the Thrower had to release the disc prior to the Catcher crossing the line and the longest throw/catch would be the winner. No formal teams, no sign up, no entry fee, you could have as many tries as you wanted, with as many different partners as you wanted. With this being an impromptu competition, there were no prizes, but that didn't stop many of us from giving it our all that first night. It was quickly realized that a ditch ran through the playing field, making running after a flying disc in the dark even that much more difficult. We continued playing all night, I am certain there were still players competing when the sun came up that next morning. It is still debated as to who was the original Bi-Ped winner.....The next year, 2008, we continued the tradition. Because we were modeling our Bi-Ped after Hoot's Quadruped, we had simple Floppy Flyer Discs as prizes painted with puffy paint instead of the very nice wooden engraved disc you win in the Quadruped.

This year there was smack talk about a pre-event video being posted, questions on rules and start times, even a bad rumor the field was paved over - all in anticipation of the 2009 Bi-Ped. The competition began this year around 7:30p.m., and after a bit of discussion, it was decided to throw the opposite direction than the past two years. Slight rule change allowing a 5 yard head start to the catcher, foot faults called by the crowd, only one all evening, marker cones for catches and a measuring tape to make it official. The last throw was thrown at 10:00 p.m. The winners were then presented with this year's prizes, cheap plastic hand painted Frisbees, (same as last year) to Thrower and Catcher, 1st thru 4th place.



The Bi-Ped is growing at an alarming rate. The day we crown a Bi-Ped Series Champion is on the horizon. But one thing is for sure, the Bi-Ped will always be a Kokomo Motel 6 original tradition.

And the 2009 winners are.....

Josh Grenell throwing to Ron Watson 181 ft

Matt Diano throwing to Roo Yori 163 ft

Adrian Custer throwing to Roo Yori 155.5 ft

Matt Diano throwing to Jesse Slvey 140.5 ft



Words from the President....

Chip Hershey and his 6 year old Cattle dog mix Lexi have been IDDC members since 2002. Chip and Lexi were 2005 USDDN International/National finalists and 2006 Skyhoundz World finalists. Chip is serving his 2nd year as IDDC President.

Dear Club Members,

Wow! I can't believe the Disc Dog season is already half over. I didn't think it would ever get started, and now we have just two competitions left for 2009! They are The Skyhoundz Regional, July 25th and 26th in New Castle and Indiana States in October. The Skyhoundz Regional is always popular because our region covers eleven states, vying for the four qualifying spots open for the championship. This year, we are moving our Indiana States from Boondocks Farms in Knightown, Indiana to Riley Park in Greenfield, Indiana. It will be held in conjunction with Greenfield's Riley Days Festival, on Oct 4th and 5th. This festival celebrates the town's most famous resident, poet James Whitcomb Riley. The festival, which is over 60 years old, draws tens of thousands of visitors each year, so we are anticipating a lot of spectators for our event. Plan on arriving early to have a chance to check out the festival.

We have been blessed with great turnouts at our Events this year, and our next two events promise to draw the crowds too. We always hear how much fun our events are, but it is you, the competitors, as well as the spectators, that make it fun. Heck, we just line a field, throw up some tents, and blast some music. It is you that make it all a success, and for that, we are truly thankful!

Sincerely,
Chip Hershey, IDDC President

THE GRETCHEN INVITATIONAL

And Mud Fest

By Patricia Daugherty

The dictionary defines mud as “*wet soft earthy matter.*” When nature carpets a disc dog event with *wet soft earthy matter* you have The Gretchen Invitational *and Mud Fest*. Mud on our shoes, legs, hands, clothes, in our eyes, ears, mud on and in our dogs, mud on our pop-up, our pop-up floor, our crates, gear, chairs, discs, food, and hair. Mud in our cars, and eventually down our shower drains, and the worse sin of all, mud on our cell phones. What? Cell Phone? Shut Up!!!! Well I think you get the idea of the Invitational’s weekend stage setting.

Kokomo, Indiana’s cold, rainy weather and Darrough Park’s muddy field conditions didn’t stop die-hard disc doggers from taking a plate size plastic disc and tossing it to their charged up dogs all weekend. Event host, Mark Gose, kept the supply of donuts flowing, which helped take our minds off all that mud and canonized him for sainthood. We always know Mark will give his all, which is the formula to a successful Event. It is such a joy for his volunteers to work under his direction. We really appreciated Curt Daugherty’s coffee. It kept us warm in the damp cool air and gave us that caffeine kick for those extra yards.

Saturday was devoted entirely to Jeff Hoot’s Quadruped. This is a popular event that tests your throwing powers and your dog’s quickness and catch drive. There are four divisions: Men’s Novice and Advanced divisions and Women’s Novice and Advanced divisions. Weeks before the Event, the e-mails flew with smack talk of grandiose challenges. It is a traditional prelude to the Quadruped. Matt DiAno and Maggie



won 1st place in Men’s Open with an awesome long throw and catch of 84.5-81.3-80 yards.

On Sunday, the Gretchen Invitational’s UFO Local competition awoke to much better weather and ground conditions. Everyone had washed the *soft earthy matter* off and at the sound and smell of Curt’s coffee pot perking the disc dog day

stretched its body.

The harder all night Bi-Ped players from Saturday night grabbed a cup of Curt’s java and instantly were focused to kick butt. Pat Daugherty announced over the Mic that Registration was now open. The lines formed and everyone signed their lives away. The weekend boasted a large competitive roster. Carol Herbertz and Sheridan Gilchrist fired up the computer so they could record everyone’s

scores...the excellent, the good, the bad and the ugly. This is where I must interject our club motto, “Where having fun is more important then winning.” Of course we all know that doesn’t help the “ugly.” One of the Announcers for the day sat at the Mic and ran thru the line up. The judges took their seats in front of Command Center with score sheets in hand. The line judges took their posts at the line perimeters. All eyes fixated onto the field as the first competitors, dog and handler, stepped into the ring. The handler nods his head toward the Command Center, their music engulfs the damp morning air and the day blossomed forth like a huge, vibrant, red rose. And everyone’s wondering “What Mud?”



Stay

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Aussie pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay! Stay!

The teen driver of a nearby car gave me a strange look and said: “Dude, why don't you *just* put it in Park”

Congratulations goes too.....

Rick Kimball and Dugan’s 1st place win in Open. This consisted of one round of freestyle and one round of T/F at last May’s Naperville UFO Local in Naperville, IL.

Six year old Christian Brewster and Emma for their 3rd place win in Novice Freestyle at the Indiana Disc Dog Classic in June.





Every year Carol Herbertz opens her country home and spacious property for our camp-out. This year was no exception. People started pitching their tents and bringing in food on Friday. By Saturday the food table was groaning. This year's turn out was smaller than previous years but big on fun and activities. Rick Kimball did a great job as activity director. He shared mic duties with Matt Bilderback. They kept the announcing lively and interesting especially when their alter egos Wick Wimball and Watt Wilderwack from Japan took the mic. Mike Curtis did an outstanding job as grill master. He grilled the brats just right. Tony Hoard was the weekend's guest trainer. Tony's expertise was such an extra benefit to new members Mandy Spady, Matt Bilderback and Kristi Jordan. Tony also conducted a group Clinic. On Sunday the Men's traditional breakfast for the ladies was served. They donned kitchen aprons and cooked up a spread that Bob Evens would envy.. It's a tradition we have to thank IDDC co-founder Amy King for. Brilliant idea Amy. Over the years, we have discovered many of the guys are really excellent chefs. IDDC sends a warm and appreciative thank you to Carol. She generously and bravely opened her home and property to her fellow wild and crazy IDDC friends and their off-the-wall dogs. IDDC has much to thank Carol for!



Event Results

The Gretchen Invitational

Quad Results

Women's Novice Div

- 1 Denise Thornton & Mya
- 2 Diane Nicklas & Ivy Rose
- 3 Shannon Riley & Frank

Men's Novice Div

- 1 Jesse Silvey & Maggie
- 2 Rick Kimball & Rudy
- 3 Mark Gose & Blaiden

Women's Open Div

- 1 Tracy Custer & Blade
- 2 Angela Ewtushik & Rally
- 3 Danielle O'Neil & Zeek

Men's Open Div

- 1 Matt DiAno & Maggie
- 2 Darron Barrus & The Edge
- 3 Rick Rauwerda & Riff Raff

UFO Local

Overall

- 1 Danny Eggleston & Guinan
- 2 Matt DiAno & Maggie
- 3 Roo Yori & Wallace

Open Freestyle

- 1 Roo Yori & Wallace
- 2 Angela Ewtushik & Rally
- 3 Tracy Custer & Raccoon Jack

Inter. Freestyle

- 1 Amanda Morten Harley
- 2 Mary Jo Corso Rudy
- 3 Denise Thornton Blaiden

Novice Freestyle

- 1 Diane Nicklas & Ivy Rose
- 2 Todd Bybee & Indy

Open Throw & Catch

- 1 Matt DiAno & Maggie
- 2 Danny Eggleston & Guinan
- 3 Nate Bednar & Marcy

Inter. Throw & Catch

- 1 Daniel Mazzio & Vandal
- 2 Mark Gose & Blaiden
- 3 Greg McIntyre & Abbie

Novice Throw & Catch

- 1 Liz Lovins Kit
- 2 Tony Bonadeo Charlie
- 3 Judy Kirstein & Arwen

Junior Throw & Catch

- 1 Sydney Eggleston & Guinan
- 2 Rachel Mazzio & Vandal

Indiana Disc Dog Classic

UFO Major

Open Overall

- 1 Matt DiAno & Maggie
- 2 Angela Ewtushik & Rally
- 3 Danny Eggleston & Guinan

Open Freestyle

- 1 Guinan & Danny Eggleston
- 2 Angela Ewtushik & Rally
- 3 Christina Curtis & Jack

Open Throw & Catch

- 1 Matt DiAno & Maggie
- 2 Scott Jones & Bolaero
- 3 Nate Bednar & Marcy

Inter. Throw & Catch

- 1 Daniel Mazzio & Debit
- 2 Laura Campbell & Crush
- 3 Laura Campbell & Morgan

Novice Throw & Catch

- 1 Lucas Crosby & Crush
- 2 Lucas Crosby & Juice
- 3 Kyle & Roe Cassins

Indy Jam

Pro Freestyle

- 1 Chris Sexton & Banzai
- 2 Christina & Curtis Jack
- 3 Danny Eggleston & Guinan

Inter. Freestyle

- 1 Mary Jo Corso & Rudy
- 2 Deneane Hart & Ares
- 3 Greg Kiesow & Einstein

Novice Freestyle

- 1 Todd Bybee & Indy
- 2 Diane Nicklas & Ivy Rose
- 3 Christian Brewster & Emma

Pro Throw & Catch

- 1 Matt DiAno & Maggie
- 2 Scott Jones & Bolaero
- 3 Rick Rauwerda & Riff Raff

Inter. Throw & Catch

- 1 Deneane Hart & Ares
- 2 Daniel Mazzio & Vandal
- 3 Deneane Hart & Aison

Novice Throw & Catch

- 1 Lucas Crosby & Juice
- 2 Debby Gravitt ESPN
- 3 Freddy Dixon & Apollo

Junior Throw & Catch

- 1 Kyle Rombach & Luna
- 2 Jayden Kingman & Fury
- 2 Christian Brewster & Cooper

Distance-Men's Pro

- 1 Nate Bednar & Rizzo
- 2 Shaun Johnson & Royal
- 3 Rick Rauwerda & Riff Raff

Distance-Men's Novice

- 1 Tom Williams & Cooper
- 2 Todd Bybee & Indy
- 3 Scott Jones & Bolaero

Distance-Women's Pro

- 1 Laura Campbell & Juice
- 2 Christina Curtis & Nitro
- 3 Danielle O'Neil & Zeek

Distance-Women's Novice

- 1 Laura Campbell & Crush
- 2 Debby Gravitt & ESPN
- 3 Deanna Jones & Bolaero



Houston, We Have Lift Off

How do dogs fly? They don't sport wings or have aerodynamic properties. They don't don a parachute or ingest jet fuel. A scientist may give you big words and fancy phrases but the real reason is so simple. It's the raw drive to please by pursuing an airborne plastic disc thrown by a single breathing force who happens to be the center of their universe.....**you**.

Editor



Sometimes
drive can
backfire!

The IDDC Newsletter Spycam



Sharon Galema brought a birthday cake to the camp-out for Carol. Her Cliffy was spied redecorating it by going over and thru it while exiting the car. He created an upside down cake. Talented boy that Cliffy!!