

# BOYNE VALLEY DISC GOLF CLUB

## 2014 SPRING NEWSLETTER



### About Us:

Added in 2002, our beautiful disc golf course at Avalanche Park in Boyne City, Michigan was in disrepair and needed some love. Trash and vandalism had become an issue, and navigation was difficult for players who were unfamiliar with the course. We formed the Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club in the spring of 2013 in order to protect, maintain, and improve this wonderful asset to our community. We promote responsible game play, good etiquette, and keeping the course clean and safe for all park users. Our mission statement also includes growing the sport and volunteering to help other local clubs and courses.

### Our Websites:

Club site = [www.boynevalleydiscgolf.org](http://www.boynevalleydiscgolf.org)

Facebook page = <https://www.facebook.com/BoyneValleyDGC>

Disc Golf Scene club page = [http://www.discgolfscene.com/clubs/Boyne\\_Valley\\_DGC](http://www.discgolfscene.com/clubs/Boyne_Valley_DGC)

### Club Membership:

We consider ourselves stewards of the Avalanche Park disc golf course. We started with 3 and ended 2013 with a total of 40 club members. Thanks to everyone who joined and participated in our events and work bees last year. Special thanks to honorary lifetime members Bill Fuller, Dave Fuller, and Tom Pluister for creating this wonderful course 12 years ago.

Annual membership dues are still just a \$5 donation to the club. We hope that many current members will choose to renew in 2014 and that several new players can be encouraged to join as well. Free swag to all members who join or renew this year including custom-made club bag tags, mini marker discs, stickers, pencils, bottle opener keychains, and wristbands.

### Club & Course Progress:

Since there are too many things to mention here, please visit our website and scroll down to see everything we've been working on. Baskets were high on the wish list and we are happy to announce that Boyne City will be buying 10 new Discraft Chainstar baskets for the course this spring! There will be a new practice basket added and the rest will replace the current front-9 baskets. Thanks to everyone on the Parks & Recreation Commission for submitting our proposal for budget approval. We also have trash barrels at every hole now, Jason McCary is making new tee signs, and we'd like to get several more benches installed out on the course this year too.

### Wednesday Night League Play:

This year we've got a 24-week league season planned starting on 5/7/14 and ending on 10/15/14. It will be broken down into three 8-week sessions, with spring league running from 5/7 through 6/25, summer league from 7/2 through 8/20, and fall league from 8/27 through 10/15. **Everything starts on Wednesday 5/7. Registration starts at 5:15 and tee off is at 5:30.** Times are subject to change as the year progresses. Cost is increasing from \$3 to \$5 this year and will include the ace pool. Format will be singles the first week, doubles the second week, singles the third week, and so on. We're adding a points system this year to track scores and award prizes at the end of each separate 8-week league session. There will also be special club bag challenge tags available for an extra \$5 which will add another fun competitive element to the game.

### Club Meeting Schedule:

In 2014 we will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at Avalanche Park from April through November. **Our first scheduled meeting is Tuesday 5/6.** We may also schedule additional meetings as needed and anyone can attend. Agendas and minutes can be found on our club website.

### Haunted Hyzer Tournament:

Mark your calendars for our second annual tournament on 10/18/14 and check out the event page on Disc Golf Scene!

### Volunteers Needed:

We'd like to enlist everyone's help with installing the new baskets once they arrive. We could also use some help with all of the other smaller projects on our list, as well as general course maintenance like raking tee pads and keeping the fairways clear of dead branches on the ground.

### Club Shirts:

This year we'd really like to get some custom shirts, not only to wear locally, but also to have when club members travel and play in tournaments. Several members are pulling ideas and information together and Russ Van Horn has volunteered to spearhead the efforts. Be sure to send us what you'd like to see. Note: congrats on joining the PDGA this year Russ!

### Stuff We Recommend:

- Introduce at least two friends to disc golf this year.
- Check out our websites and consider joining our club.
- Try playing a league night (Avalanche, River Road, Log Lake, Hanson Hills, etc.) or in a tournament.
- Create a free profile on [www.discgolfscene.com](http://www.discgolfscene.com), add our club to your favorites, and leave a course review for Avalanche.
- Get involved with helping our home course at Avalanche Park become, cleaner, safer and more beautiful.
- Volunteer and help finish one of several new courses such as Mt. McSauba in Charlevoix and Carter's Course in Fife Lake.
- Just get out and play!

### Contact Information:

Our club email address is [contactus@boynevalleydiscgolf.org](mailto:contactus@boynevalleydiscgolf.org) and gets forwarded to Jason McCary, Rob Wiltjer, and Forrest Omland. Phone numbers and direct email addresses can be found on our club website [www.boynevalleydiscgolf.org](http://www.boynevalleydiscgolf.org)