

CLDGC

2021/22 Year End Message & Membership Survey Results

Year End Message

To the CLDGC members,

The 2021 summer season has ended, and the winter league is coming to a close. At this time, we feel it is worth looking back at what was accomplished this past year and discuss what we hope to do next year.

First off, we now have 103 club members which far exceeds last year's membership. The growth we have seen is very exciting. In parallel with the uptick in participation and membership, the CLDGC has enhanced its efforts to bring more structure to our affairs, more value to the members and more disc golf to all. Due to COVID-19 not all our annual plans were realized, but we still had a remarkable year.

Our 2021 accomplishments were varied. We installed a replacement practice basket which was well overdue. This was paid for entirely with preexisting club funds, and the sponsorship of Platform Discs. While abbreviated, we ran a successful winter league and saw strong attendance. Unfortunately, the annual Spring Fling was not possible, but the Summer Sizzler was successfully held under the direction of Hunter Treneer. Similarly, we saw record attendance at our summer league with 825 player rounds over the course of the season, and the crowning of a fine champion from the wealth of emerging talent in our club. Beyond all that a women's league was kicked off by volunteers which CLDGC sponsored. This was much needed at Christie Lake, offering women an inviting and inclusive forum within which to play. It must also be mentioned that our club has continued Brad's tradition of tirelessly trying to reunite players with lost discs. Thankfully after Hunter's move East, Jamie Miles has taken up this effort and further bolstered our collective integrity by managing this.

The true highlight of the year has been the early success of the Tee Pad Restoration Project. As we all know the rubber mats have had their day, and funding replacements is a big undertaking. Previously in 2020, the membership donated a substantial sum in blind faith to a plan that was undefined. The club has delivered on that promise and installed 4 tee pads on the course. This year the membership stepped up wholeheartedly in their donations to TPRP. Amazingly through the "Give back to the club" event, and the members donations \$2775 was raised. Matt Galbraith has made an overwhelmingly generous pledge to match these donations. That brought our 2021 TPRP fundraising total to \$5550. This generosity is staggering, and CLDGC can assure the membership that each and every dollar will go into new tee pads in 2022. Thank you all.

2022 is going to be a big year for our club. Firstly, we are planning to again participate in the SWO Cup which should the Covid-19 restriction permit. Plans to expand that series to be more inclusive are actively under development. In addition, we are planning our standard suit of tournaments (~~Ice Bowl~~, Spring Fling and Summer Sizzler), along with the normal winter and summer leagues. Of course, you should expect to see a lot of work on the tee pads as soon as weather permits in the spring.

We would like all our members to know that their voices and opinions are always welcome with regards to club matters. You can contact any of us to raise a concern, make an inquiry or bring forwards a new idea. We are all ears.

Thank you for the comradery and competition you all bring to our club.

Sincerely,

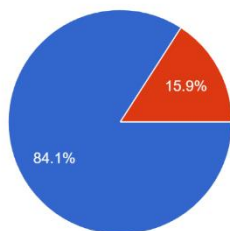
CLDGC Club Executive

Brad Reimer, Dustin Fournier, Joe DiCecca, Emilio Ritacco, Matt Galbraith & Mike Hough.

Membership Survey Results

The recent membership survey was intended to try to gather some information from you all, to try to understand what we need to improve, and to get an idea of how many bag tags to order for 2022. The results were overwhelmingly positive, but also included some important feedback.

Were you a CLDGC member in 2021?
63 responses

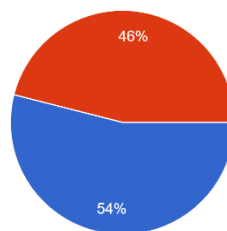


● Yes
● No

Of the respondents, 16% are going to be new to our club this year. That is fantastic growth, doubly so considering we know other new players will emerge in the summer.

Each of the last few years, CLDGC summer league has offered a PDGA sanctioned league. This has some associated costs and effort, and it is important to know what the member's appetite is for this feature. The survey demonstrates that there is clear support for a sanctioned component to summer league.

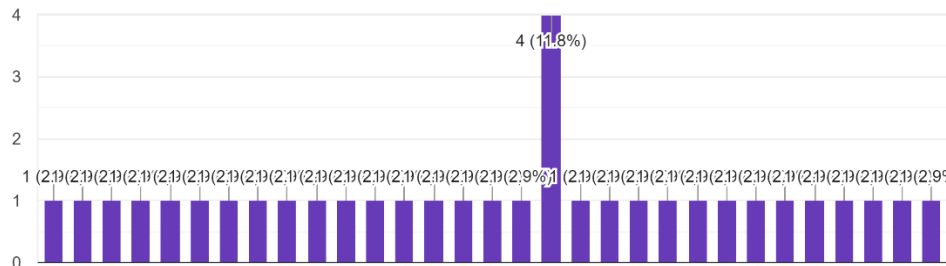
Do you want there to be a PDGA sanction component to the CLDGC summer league?
63 responses



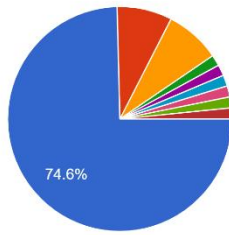
● Yes
● No

Our club wants to continue to participate with local charities, and our members feel the same way. Our survey shows a broad range of possibilities for us to explore. Notably the local food banks were mentioned most and going forwards the club will certainly continue to host an ice bowl event in support of local food banks.

Is there a specific charitable cause you would like CLDGC to consider working with?
34 responses



Do you understand our handicapping system?
63 responses

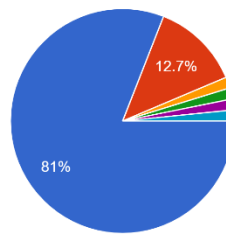


- Yes
- No
- It is too complicated for its own good!
- Most of the time
- Kind of
- I tried to click yes and won't let me
- It won't let me pick yes
- Don't know about it
- I'm new. Not sure how it works.

The handicapping system that we employ has evolved over the years. This is not, and will never be perfect, but it remains something we continue to adjust and refine. We recognize that some players don't understand how it works and influences the weekly results. It was good to see that these are the minority. The current handicapping formulation is documented on our website for review, and we are happy to field any inquiries on the details.

Understanding of the season points system is also well understood. It was clear that last year it did not always function well with some of the large fields that we saw. We have devised an adjustment that will better cope with varying participation but does add some further complexity.

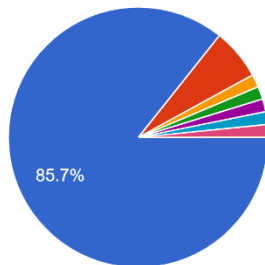
Is the season point system clear to you?
63 responses



- Yes
- No
- I didn't pay much attention but I'm sure it's easy enough to understand if I took a second to look.
- It's not always obvious how points are tabulated but I didn't feel it was unfair.
- Don't know about it
- Newbie, never been part of a disc golf club

The fundraising efforts around TPRP have increased, and it is vital that we are transparent and forthcoming about how the funds are collected and used. We are happy that there is a high degree of belief and trust around this initiative. As stated above, every cent of the donated funds are going into the ground for all to benefit from. Questions and inquiries are welcome at any time.

Has the CLDGC Club Executive been transparent enough around the collection and use of the TPRP funds?
63 responses



- Yes
- No, we want to understand more about how the funds have been spent.
- In general yes but the more transparent the better with money collected.
- More transparency is always good if it is not too much work for the exec
- The new tee pads are fantastic. Can't...
- I know nothing
- New to this, so I don't know

The suggestion box held a pile of positive remarks, good ideas and constructive criticism. The club executive has reviewed them all and continue to discuss them. Some we can't resolve immediate, and some we can act upon. We will review a few of the most meaningful ones here now.

Create More Available Weekly Points

We have adapted the weekly point system for 2022. The number of available points will increase as the field size rises. This will be done in 3 tiers: 1-39, 40-59, >60 players. The intent is that never less than 50% of the field will be awarded weekly points.

Rotating Layouts

It just isn't clear to us how we can change the layout while ensuring that the handicapping remains representative.

Create Divisions

This is the direction we want to go. It is important to recognize that our growth has been recent, and we still have days where there are 10-15 participants. That makes segregating the field difficult. We are going to continue to put thought towards this item. We encourage you to as well, and to bring your ideas forward.

Flex Start

The league saw a great benefit from adopting a flex start format. It really helped people's varying schedules. It does hurt the social critical mass which we enjoyed in the past at the end of the round, but it alleviated congestion on the course and so forth. This is here to stay. We also have a plan to get the CTP's out earlier in the day. The flex window will be all day going forwards.

Keep things as they are

50 out of 63 responses indicated that no major changes were necessary. We are taking this to mean that people are happy with how the club and our leagues are run. That doesn't mean we won't stop looking for ways to improve the experience of being a part of our group.

More Transparency and Communication

We are trying – we really are.

Do you have any suggestions for how the summer league is structured or managed?

63 responses

No

Create more points for the larger field size we have been seeing.

You folks do a great job! Thanks for the hard work!

Would love to see divisions so casual / not quite beginner but not quite intermediate players have something to play for

Keep on keeping on. You guys are great and do great things!

More random placements of CTP's
Pro layout to include rotating long holes
More seasonal fun games and or payouts
(example hole 17 putt challenge) long drive competition on hole 6

Keep it rolling!

CLDGC Circle of Excellence – Brian Peters

This year for the first time, CLDGC will be honouring a member for their outstanding contributions to our club, the course or our disc golf family. The honouree will be presented a permanent #1 tag for the club, which can never be lost no matter what score might get posted. The tag will serve to remind us all, of how important volunteerism is for us all collectively, and make it clear how much we appreciated it. The 2021 inductee to the CLDGC Circle of Excellent is Brian Peters.

Brian Peters was an active participant in the club when I first began playing here. Right away his love of the natural world made for easy conversation as we are both passionate outdoorsmen. While Brian took great joy in talking about great fishing trips and canoe journeys into the depths of the province, he also enjoyed our beloved game. Brian’s white pickup truck was hardly ever not present at the course through those years. Whenever I pulled in, I would seek him out to play with and inevitably find him fixing benches, picking up garbage or sorting out tee pads. His activity seemed never to stop, and so I joined him and in doing so I made a lifelong friend. These days Brian is at the course quite a lot less, but his efforts and contributions are still all there. There isn’t a tee pad he hasn’t mended or a bench he didn’t build – and the bell on hole 4, well he has been up that ladder too many times to count.



Thanks for everything Brian – you are #1...

MJH

