



WFDF Congress 2000

By Joey Gray

Last night's WFDF Congress was the largest ever, with 22 member nations and several non-member representatives present. President Bill Wright led 6 hours of productive and informative discussion on a wide variety of WFDF's activities and achievements. Reports delivered included: World Games Golf by Bill Wright, Secretary Consulting Fee – Bill Wright, Treasurer's Report – Joey Gray, Ultimate Committee – Charlie Mead, Hawaii WUCC Bid – Charlie Mead, WFDF Event Schedule - Rue Veitl, World Games – Fumio Morooka. The following decisions were voted in:

1) The following national organizations shall become WFDF members: Ireland, Russia, Hong Kong, Latvia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Brazil and South Africa. (all unanimously approved);

WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships 2002

WFDF Congress decided Thursday night that the 2002 WUCC will be held in Hawaii. So you have two years to save up for what promises to be a very exciting event. It is planned to hold the event on new facilities to be opened in 2001 at Pearl Harbour, with new fields, changing facilities and player support facilities.

It is planned to have 40 Open, 32 Women, 32 Mixed, and 16 Masters teams attend. That's 120 altogether which means the potential for over 2000 players. WFDF are delighted that we have found a host closer to Japan, Australia and New Zealand. And though we recognise that European teams will find it more financially draining it gives the Pacific Region opportunities to save on travel costs and develop the sport at the same time.

So, ALOHA from Hawaii.



2) Shift the election period from Congress (in-person at either WOC or WUGC each August) to November (via email) with the nomination period starting at Congress each year in order to improve participation (unanimously approved);

3) Accept Hawaii's bid for WUCC 2002 on the condition that the 3rd draft is received by the Ultimate Committee and that sufficient explanation is given for questions asked by the Ultimate Committee (unanimously approved).

WFDF has achieved one of its major goals of the last 5 years – acceptance of flying disc sports into the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and the World Games.

The National Association Representatives brainstormed the WFDF goals for the next 5 years. Better communication clearly emerged as the highest immediate priority. Next came WFDF

events – expanding and clarifying divisions, geographies and disciplines. The third priority is to pursue international multi-sport recognition. Other priorities include marketing & publications, age-group specific issues, WFDF organizational structure, outreach to emerging nations, rules & equipment, and fundraising. The WFDF Board will use this information to make decisions about how to spend money and volunteer resources. Thanks to all the country representatives and board members for their many ideas.

The qualifiers for the World Games Golf division are: US, Sweden, Canada, Japan, Great Britain, and New Zealand. The Ultimate division qualifiers will be known soon! Each country must select its World Games participants and turn in a roster to WFDF by NOV 31, 2000. Questions? Ask Prof. Fumio Morooka from Japan, morooka@sophia.ac.jp

Back to Basics

For those, who just can't get enough Ultimate: Vienna is organising a hat-tournament two weeks after Worlds. It's the weekend 26-27 of August. We hope for big international participation. For accomodation contact the Vienna (Austrian) people (look for them on the camp-site). Contact address: back_to_basics@gmx.at. Be there, enjoy the basics.

Lost and Found!!!

Its time to look for those missing bits and pieces. A pile is growing in the SKG (registration office). You will find Lost and Found in the back of the SKG! Please check for your things.

Ever played Ultimate in Africa?

Fancy a trip to Cape Town, the most beautiful city in the World. A warm-up for Rimini. Fabulous exchange rates. Travel to Cape Town 1-4 March 2001, to play Africa's 2nd tournament, the first beach tournament. For more details stop a South African or visit www.safda.org.za

Get Well Soon Brendan!

Brendan Cuddihy from the Irish Open Team, unfortunately came down with Appendicitis on Tuesday night. He has had his appendix removed, but must stay in Hospital for a few more days. I'm sure everyone who knows him from Ireland, Britain or these Worlds will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

WM-Shop

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Return of Team Merchandise

Due to numerous requests, the WM-Shop will sell team merchandise until the beginning of the open final. The new time bracket for the return of your stuff will be between 5pm and 7pm



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Masters Final: U.S.A. vs. Germany

Diese Spiel fing erst nach vier Punkten richtig an. Beide Mannschaften brachten ihre ersten Angriffe sicher durch. Dann wurde die Verteidigung stärker. Aber die Deutschen dominierten die erste Hälfte. Ihre Defense machte es den alten Herren aus Colorado schwer zu punkten. Aber ihre Wurf- und Fangfehler waren leichte Beute für die solid spielenden Amerikaner. Diese warfen einige spektakuläre lange Pässe in die gegnerische Endzone. Die Deutschen ihrerseits wurden immer wieder von ihrem ältesten Senior Ulrich Karger ins Spiel gebracht. Sein Layout brachte das 8:7, bevor Michi Rieser einen

Zweipunkteabstand zur Halbzeit perfekt machte. Nach der Pause zeigten die US-Masters einmal mehr, dass es auf die zweite Halbzeit ankommt. Sie erzielten zweimal drei Punkte in Folge und wurden dabei nur durch einen Karger-Punkt unterbrochen. Es schlichen sich mehr Wurf- und Fangfehler in das Spiel der Deutschen ein, so dass die Amerikaner die zweite Halbzeit mit 10:4 für sich entschieden. Insgesamt macht das einen 17:13-Sieg der alten Herren aus Colorado, die ganz offensichtlich den Deutschen „in the way“ standen.



Open: Sweden vs Canada

The 2nd open semi-final moved the crowds down to field #9 to watch Sweden against Canada. Their earlier round match saw Canada catch up late in the match and win by 15-13. The sidelines were vocal and split between the teams, although from where I sat there was more support for Sweden, including face painting and a number of flags. The game was close throughout, but like many games this tournament, one team managed to just keep ahead throughout – this time, it was Sweden. The Canadian defense didn't make an impression on the crisp and precise Swedish Offence. The first half, saw great play from Petri (#6), while Anders (#9) had a sensational second half. Peter Sandin (#12) was also a reliable player throughout. Mike Grant (#7) was awesome on offense, including a catch he had no right to take (admittedly over a shorter defender). Andrew (#9) was probably Canada's next best.

Open: USA vs Germany

A partisan German crowd were in attendance for yesterday's open semifinal between the USA and Germany. At each German score there were loud cheers and cries of „Deutschland, Deutschland“. But the Americans played very well, having only 6 turnovers in the game – five in the first half, one in the second - and were never in danger of losing the game. USA received the first pull and, after a couple short passes, put up a long huck to the captain, #88, Jim Parinella, who ran it down easily. On the next point the US capitalized on a German drop to go up 2-0. USA's #5 was the star of the next point, getting a D block and catching the score on a layout at the very back of the end zone. The next point saw the US get an interception and a block, but they also had two throw aways – Germany got on the board 3-1. The German defence got a layout

D and brought the score the 3-2. The crowd were now getting into it. The crowd quieted a bit as the score climbed to 7-3. But the next point was all Germany, especially #13, Hans Tiro, whose cuts and grabs throughout the game were very appreciated. The final point of the half was a mirror image of the first point – a huck to Jim (but to the opposite endzone). Both team's offenses were on track for the second half – scoring without a turnover on 12 of the 13 points. As a change of pace, Parinella handling for most of the half. He threw one huck, but it was called back due to a violation. Of course, just because he was handling didn't mean he wouldn't go long, and he caught another huck (but this time was challenged by a heads up poacher from the German squad). JCH

Guts Final Taiwan 2 Japan 1

The beginning of the Guts finals saw a rather large and enthusiastic audience. Most were Ultimate players and were learning the rules of the game. The final match was played as a best of three sets where each set was to 21. This was quite a bit longer than the pool play sets during the week which were to 15. But those who stayed around for the marathon match (2 hours 50 minutes) would not have been disappointed. The two teams had quite different offensive styles. The ROC team threw exclusively backhand throws which they hoped would overpower their opponents. On the other hand, the Japanese had a number of different

throws: #1 high forehand thumber, #2 backhand thumber, #3 angled forehand, #4, #5 upside down thumber, and #7 backhand. It must have been difficult for ROC to get into any defensive rhythm. Of course, the most spectacular throw is the 'ace', where the receiving team doesn't touch the disc. Japan's #2 had an amazing eight aces in the match – must be time for all aspiring Guts players to learn that backhand thumber. On defense, the clean catch without any tips is the ideal. Japan was the best at this – 9 to 4, with Japan's #5 collecting 4 of these. Maybe the clean catches for Japan were more common because of Taiwan's backhand throws. The other part of defense is to work

together as a team. Both teams had a number of defensive catches after a few or many tips. Taiwan's #00 had a number of amazing layout catches on tipped discs. In the individual sets, Taiwan won the first and third by scores of 21-15 and 21-16 respectively, while Japan won the middle set 21-19. As the score might suggest, the middle set was the most exciting. Up until 12-12, neither team led by more than one. From that point on, Japan threw 5 aces and had four clean catches, while Taiwan had six caught tips. Wow! - JCH





Ultimate Mixed

By Joey Gray

Men and women competing together on the same athletic field... no net to separate them... no special rules to restrict the athleticism of any player... When has this been possible in the history of the world? Its not only Spirit of the Game that makes Ultimate special. Ultimate is the only field-sport where men and women compete as equally valuable teammates at the national and international levels.

Five years ago, no one would have guessed mixed Ultimate would become a world championship division. Outside New Zealand, no national organization held mixed championships. Instead, the national organizations focussed on the traditional model of gender segregated sport (open/men & women's). Meanwhile, all over the world, mixed teams would often play in the „open“ division of independent tournaments, sometimes agreeing to play with women on the field. Mixed Ultimate thrived at the local and pick-

up levels, especially on the West Coast of the US and Canada. For some, mixed was necessary because of a lack of players. For many, mixed was simply fun!

In 1990, a mixed Seattle team, Yow Yow, played against all-men's teams in the open division, losing most games. After attending the Calgary Ho-Down, Yow Yow wanted more mixed play, so started the Seattle Potlatch in 1990 with 10 teams. By 1997, Potlatch grew to 75 teams, and the tournament's gender ratio evolved from 5:2 to 4:3. Many smaller mixed tournaments emerged in Washington and British Columbia, as well as a thriving mixed scene in San Francisco & Palo Alto. California's Red Fish Blue Fish team began practicing and traveling to Open tournaments in 1994. RFBF even made it to several open semis and finals, showing a giant leap in the level of mixed play and strategy.

In 1996 I asked the US Ultimate Players Association (UPA) why there wasn't a mixed national championship. I was told there was little interest, mixed play was not competitive and that players were being served already. So, I gathered some numbers, which was easy – there are many US and Canadian leagues with mixed players. And I proposed that the UPA create a new National Director position. I was selected to fill the new position and to create a network of mixed division volunteers. The first UPA mixed championship was held in 1998, with overwhelmingly more participation than expected. Teams that had not been part of UPA championships before came of the woodwork to play in the new division, and players who had retired from championship play came back for the fun as much as for the competition.

In 1997, the Vancouver Committee for the World Ultimate Club Championships supported the proposal for international mixed play – a demonstration mixed game was held. In 1998, the first mixed World Ultimate Championships were held in Minnesota with Brazil, Canada, Germany & the US. Now, just 2 years later, the WUC division has more than tripled, with the addition of Japan, Finland, Austria, Switzerland, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, Czech Republic and the International team.

Players at Worlds in '98 showed that mixed Ultimate is exciting and highly athletic – just in time to solve a big problem for the upcoming World Games. With only 60 player spots for Ultimate, only one division would be invited. Would it be men? Or women? With the mixed World Games division, both men and women will showcase Ultimate for the world, together.

Eire Ultimate

If you don't notice the Irish by their vomit/line green shirts, or milky white skin which turns pink 20 minutes after exposure to the sun, then you could probably pick us out as the ones sweating away on the sidelines, never mind on the pitch „cold, wet and windy“ is all our precious little bodies know after a couple of thousand years on that attractive little rock in the atlantic, and panic is the feeling that hits most of us once the temperature rises above 25°C.

Now the history of Irish Ultimate is quite simple. As everyone knows, no viking (our ancestors) would be seen dead on a longboat with less than than 30 frisbees hanging off the side. After a couple of hundred years of dominance in Ireland for some

reason the vikings and their frisbees were not seen again on our far island until around 5 years ago. We're on the road now and this is our first Worlds, so we're on a learning curve (steep as it is some times). Our Mixed team, led by that loveable rogue Mike O Meara and backed up by the fiery red haired Declan Moore, have chalked up the nations first victory in a sexy 16-14 point for point joust with the harmonic Brazilians. Meanwhile our open team are learning the hard way at the hands of teams like Japan, Australia and the Netherlands, but are getting better with every game. Spank us if you dare, because we'll keep coming back !!!

Samstag / Today

11.00 h Finale Mixed: USA-Canada

13.30 h Finale Damen: Japan-Canada

15.00 h Große Finalshow

- Disc-Rockers on Tour: Frisbee-Hunde-Show
- HipHop Tanzgruppe Lipp
- Tscheschiche Frisbee-Freestyle-Show
- Frisbee-Golf-Show: 15m Puts in den Golf-Korb

16.00 h Finale Open: Sweden-USA

18.30 h Offizielle Siegerehrung

- Medaillen-Verleihung durch Thomas Aurich (Vorsitzender des Verkehrsvereins Heilbronn)
- Rede der Offiziellen des Frisbee-Weltverbandes
- Rede des Turnierdirektors Mark Kendall

19.30 h Die Finalparty der Frisbee-WM

präsentiert von Hit-Radio ANTENNE 1

- „**Suzy Wong**“, der neue Stern am Musik-Himmel mit Ihrem aktuellen Tophit „Sex y Sol y Mar“
- „**Worthy Davis**“, das emporstrebende Talent in der melodiosen Soul-HipHop-Szene mit seinem aktuellen Tophit „Forever“

- „**Natural**“, der neueste Boygroup-Knaller vom Produzenten von "N'Sync"

- „**R'n'G**“: Die Chartbreaker landen mit ihrer gefühlvollen Mischung aus Rythym and Bass, Gesang und HipHop und ihrer neuen Single „Are You Ready“ einen weiteren Hiterfolg.

Alle Acts werden im Wechsel mit den größten Hits für Baden-Württemberg, gespielt von der Hit-Radio ANTENNE 1-DJ-Frau Andrea Hosak. Moderation: Hit-Radio ANTENNE 1-Organisator Thomas Bloch



South Africa

At Worlds in Minneapolis, South Africa went home without a win. At World Clubs in St Andrews, the men from Africa went winless again. In Heilbronn, it took 4 days, but it finally happened. At 14-8, an upset win against Spain seemed inevitable. A valiant fightback and a switch to zone by the Spanish, coupled with an outbreak of S.A nerves saw los españoles claw it back to 14-12. The long-awaited win and resulting celebrations, eventually came when Porter (#7), put a long forehead to Captain Males (#9)

Champagne out of the match disc, photos, cheers and good loving were fitting celebrations for a team who had been winless in over 15 games. The celebrations were scarcely over when the team lined up against the Taiwanese. Having tasted victory, the South Africans were hungry for more and finished it quickly 15-1. Finishing 17th beats going home in last place and they've been partying to prove it.



Results

Open Semi - Finals

Finland	–	Great Britain	12 – 15
Japan	–	Australia	13 – 15
Canada	–	Sweden	
USA	–	Germany	15 – 10

Ranking 3/4

Germany	–	Canada	08 – 15
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Ranking 5/6

Australia	–	Great Britain	11 – 15
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Ranking 7/8

Finland	–	Japan	13 – 15
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Ranking 13/14

Slovakia	–	Austria	15 – 06
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Ranking 15/16

Russia	–	Ireland	15 – 06
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Rankings Open A

- 1.
- 2.
3. Canada
4. Germany
5. GB
6. Australia
7. Finland
8. Japan
9. Switzerland
10. Denmark
11. Netherlands
12. Italy
13. Slovakia
14. Austria
15. Russia
16. Ireland
17. South A.
18. Taiwan
19. Spain

Women

Semi - Finals

Canada	–	USA	15 – 09
Japan	–	Finland	15 – 09

Ranking 3/4

USA	–	Sweden	13 – 15
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Rankings Women

- 1.
- 2.
3. Finland
4. USA
5. Sweden
6. Australia
7. Germany
8. GB
9. Netherlands
10. Austria
11. Switzerland

Mixed Semi - Finals

Japan	–	Germany	05 – 15
Canada	–	Finland	15 – 10
USA	–	Great Britain	15 – 04
New Zealand	–	Switzerland	15 – 08

Ranking 3/4

Great Britain	–	Finland	15 – 08
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Ranking 5/6

Germany	–	New Zealand	12 – 15
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Ranking 7/8

Switzerland	–	Japan	11 – 15
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Mixed B

Sweden	–	Czech Rep.	16 – 14
Ireland	–	Brazil	13 – 15
Austria	–	International	15 – 07

Rankings Mixed

- 1.
- 2.
3. Finland
4. GB
5. N. Zealand
6. Germany
7. Japan
8. Switzerland
9. Sweden
10. Austria
11. Czech Rep.
12. Ireland
13. Brazil
14. International

Junior Open

Final

Canada	–	Sweden	14 – 17
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Rankings Juniors

1. Sweden
2. Canada
3. USA
4. Germany
5. GB
6. Finland
7. Japan
8. Switzerland

Junior Women

Final

USA	–	Finland	17 – 14
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Rankings Junior Women

1. USA
2. Canada
3. Finland
4. Sweden

Masters

FINAL

USA	–	Germany	17 – 13
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Masters / Ranking Masters

1. USA
2. Germany
3. Canada
4. Austria
5. Gr. Britain
6. Italy
7. Switzerland
8. Japan

Guts

Ranking 3/4

Gr. Britain	–	Germany	0 – 2
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FINAL

Japan 1	–	Taiwan 1	1 – 2
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Rankings Guts

1. Taiwan 1
2. Japan 1
3. Germany
4. GB
5. Japan 2
6. Taiwan 2

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