

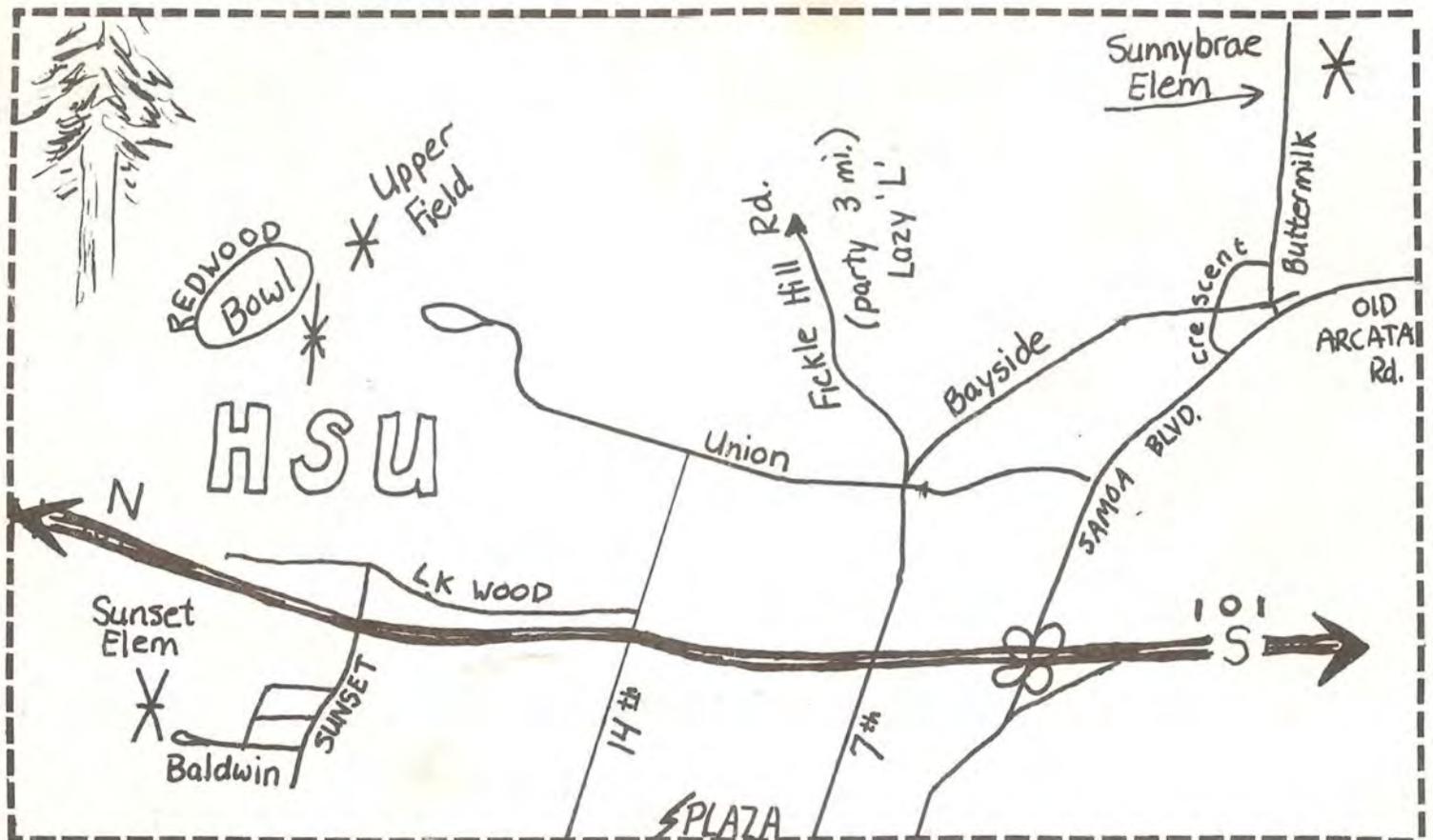
HUMBOLDT HARVEST



1984



The Humboldt Disc Club



Welcome

Comments from an Old Bud

It's time again for the Buds to get it together for another season.

After an extended vacation, we jump in with a bang with our tournament. The Harvest is a chance for the northern teams to mix with the southern ones. These long-standing rivalries provide intense competition, and always bring out the best in players.

We hope that you, the players, will enjoy our hospitality and have a fun and competitive time here in our beautiful county.

The Buds have gone through great changes. And as all Ultimate clubs do, will continue to change and grow throughout the years.

Our teammates have spread across the country, playing on other teams, expanding the spirit of Humboldt, as well as our reputation for good strong players.

As players move on, players move in. The spirit continues to grow, perpetuating itself with every game, whether in a parking lot or football stadium.

So we come full circle from the beginning to change to beginning again. It's part of the game.

So welcome to another Harvest of Ultimate thrills.

May the spirit of the game never change, and the joy of playing never fade.

Steve Cox



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WELCOME ULTIMATE PLAYERS!

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Bud Lee Disker

There's more than plastic and music in the air at the Harvest. I'm not talking about the North wind, rain, sun or fog, but they will probably be here too.

It is the Ultimate Spirit that really makes a tournament happen.

The excitement of the sport and the uniqueness of the game bring us together. But it is the spirit which keeps us together.

Some of the thrill is seeing friends we made at tournaments past, as well as making new ones every time. The comraderie between players creates an air of energy that makes a three or more hundred mile drive worthwhile.

But then, we all know that Ultimate is more than a sport. In the same vein, the Harvest is more than the tournament. It is the Spirit of the tournament; everything a Bud could hope for.

Imagine for a moment the plight of the average Humboldt Disc derel: His desires are few; 1) fast, furious, fun ultimate 2) good people to make it happen 3) good fields to put it on 4) good teams to challenge it.

The Harvest is the one time it all comes together - if we're lucky, all in Arcata, too. You see, the fields in Arcata are not exactly abundant. the ones that do exist (especially the nice ones) are tied together with miles of red tape.

Sometimes we can't even round up seven on seven (who needs subs?). But when the Harvest is around the corner, presto! - forty ultimate players emerge from the forest ready to play. It won't be long before winter brings back the muddy games of three on three.

The fact is, when Ultimate happens in Humboldt County, it happens!! If we could have every Bud back together on one sideline...oh well...forget nostalgia. The great players have influenced us all, and left their marks upon the team.

But our team is a college centered organization, and players come and go just like the seasons...they all come around again.

The team today has a lot of fresh blud. Ghani, Eff and Steve are the only remaining old growths in the stand of sprouting buddies.



Our combo of fresh and seasoned stock brought us two second place finishings last year; the Mudbowl and Pioneer Days. We even won some prize money and three cases of Sierra-Nevada Ale (see back cover).

During summer the bag falls apart and the buds scatter, blowing all directions. But fall autumn brings a maturing of the species, and the buds are clustered again in time for the Harvest. Humboldt's heyday.

Maybe we will even have positions set before the pull Saturday morning. No matter what the personnel, weather, politics or field conditions, the Buds are always having a damn good time - we hope you are, too.



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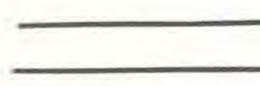


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FLYING CIRCUS

These clowns are regulars at the Harvest. These clowns also regularly win the Harvest. Known for high psyche, many colors, and big plays. Merciless.

SANTA CRUZ KAOS

One of the funnest teams at any tournament. Official watchdogs of tournament kegs. A tight, fast team that plays as hard as it parties. BIFF!!

PORTLAND

FUNHOGS

These oinkers have so much fun they wallow in it. They play a mean game of Ultimate, hard to beat. Have been to Nationals. Official members of the Lawnboys Association (LBA).

CORVALLIS SLUGS

It takes more than Snarol to stop this wriggling pack of slime mongers. They keep a tight weave through the grass. A fast, slick game every time. Brewers of the good, good barley juice.

CHICO DISC CHARGE

A young inspired team dotted with well-seasoned vets. Hosts of the "No-party-here" Pioneer Days Tournament. Getting better all the time...

PLEIADES

The seven sisters. The newest group of women stars to shine in the Bay Area. The only team in Ultimate that opened for King Sunny Ade.

BUFF GNARLY &

THE DISC WAILERS

The Scoobadores, the Commanders, the Condors, the S.B. Bums, the best in the west. Whatever you call 'em, they're buff, they're gnarly, and they wail.

HUMBOLDT BUDS

The Hosts/Hostesses The only practitioners of semi-organized disc within 300 miles. Known for comraderie, enthusiasm and excessive parallels. Proof that Ultimate exists behind the redwood curtain.

Due to the difficulties inherent in finding and securing adequate field space for our desires, the harvest is smaller this year than last. First, we would like to extend apologies to all the teams that we couldn't invite. It was a tough job narrowing down the field of entrants.

The good news is the finals are on the Redwood Bowl, Humboldt County's finest showplace for athletics. The shower facilities at the HSU gym are available after 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. We are very fortunate to use these facilities, so, be tidy, keep brews and spliffs in the forest.

Two pools of teams will play on the upper fields above Redwood Bowl, the two other pools will be playing at Sunset Elementary School. Pool divisions will be posted at frisbee central Saturday morning.

After showers and dinners are taken care of, all disc players should pack up their caravans and mosey on up Fickle Hill to the Lazy L Ranch. All night camping will be provided, as well as music and many cold brew-has. Due to limited facilities, only disc players will be admitted.



Rules of Discology

Keep It Simple

Jeff (Eff) Jones

"But, Professor," the young disc enthusiast exclaimed, "it's very well to talk about the dynamics of rotation, aerodynamics, plastic formation, speed of the disc and wind direction! But what about proper hyzer? What about all those years of practice, grueling 3 on 3's in the pouring rain, sweat, blood and the desire to improve? I don't see any formulas stating the mental attitude of the player. This is what Ultimate is all about!"

"Young man," the professor continued, "you are dealing in the realm of unstable and incalculable variables. The realm of human behavior. The unknown! What we need are facts. You say the game is played on a field 70 by 40 yds. with 25 yd. end-zones and the object is to advance the disc towards the defenders' endzone by passing it to teammates - what else? Each player must establish a pivot foot, similar to basketball, and has a count of 12 to relinquish the disc to another teammate, or it becomes a forced turnover. These are the facts I need."

"Forget the facts for a second!" the disc-player cried out. "It's the spirit of the game, the feeling of friendship, the chance to travel and have fun, and the lack of referees that make the game a truly unique sport. Also to mention that spectators equally enjoy it."

"That won't make money, or take it to the Olympics," replied the professor. "What we need are substantial justifications imbued with economic interest that will promote the sport. We need rules and regulations that people can verify. We need structure! You also mentioned that one team consists of 7 players on the field. The disc is thrown off from one endzone to the opposing team at their endzone, who must then work the plastic, scoring only when it is received by a teammate in the endzone. And if the disc goes out of bounds, is dropped or is intercepted, it is an automatic turnover and the game continues. You mentioned no referees. Then how's a personal foul against either the offensive thrower or receiver settled? And what about fouls against the defensive team?"



"All disputes are settled by the players involved," the disc player continued. "In this way, a common trust is gained and the honor system is used. However, at the captain's discretion, prior to the game, line judges can be used, but only when the players cannot come to a decision within a reasonable time. You see, the spirit of the game is what makes ultimate a completely different sport. Even though it is highly competitive, close ties are formed on and off the field and mutual respect is established. Most tournaments have parties after the first day where players can get together and relax, an atmosphere that smoothes the stinging edge of competition. You see, professor, the rules are important only for defining a criterion for an organized sport. But simplicity is crucial for the continued enjoyment and interpersonal relationship between players. If recognition for ultimate means expanding rules and creating more and more regulations, then I'd just as soon go play another sport, like Hacky. But that's a different game in itself."



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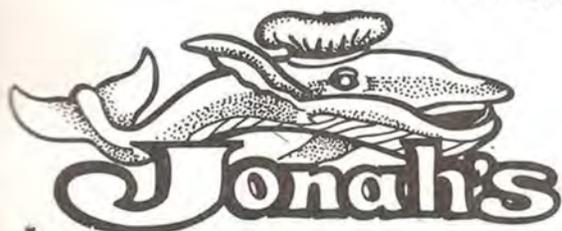
Dropping the frisbee, a wild over-throw, running into our own teammates -- it's all part of growing into a team. Not becoming a better ultimate player, but really connecting into a ultimate team.

It's pretty discouraging for us women to try to be a team. If we're lucky enough to have two women at one practice, we end up playing against each other instead of with each other. Now you tell me, is this any way for ultimate players to grow into a team?

But enough of this pessimism. The idea of our team has persisted and somehow continues to sprout new buds. We owe thanks to the other women's teams for all their ultimate psyche and inspiring awesome abilities. We also owe thanks to those who have kept the idea of women's ultimate alive here at Humboldt. People like Debbie Claycomb, Tanya Boone, Sara Davis, and of course the Buds themselves who always encourage us at practice. We love you guys so much. These are the sparks that fire our hopes and bring us to practice each week.

Everyone feels real good about getting a traveling team to join hands with other women at tournaments on the West Coast. The vibes formed when men's and women's ultimate is organized together reflects the essential beauty of yin-yang. Another optimistic point is that there are five women working on the Ultimate Spirit. That's better than four, eh? We even have volunteers to help coach a women's team. So the possibilities are there, and for you ladies reading this, IT'S ALL YOU...ARE YOU REDEYE??!

Cathleen Denton
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Never Cry Foul

"Foul!"

"Foul!"

"Hey, you guys, A FOUL WAS CALLED! FOOUUUL!!!"

Sometimes I think people need hearing aids out there. Oh well, one of the drawbacks of not having a guy dressed in stripes with a whistle to tell you what to do. I prefer the yelling.

Walp, here's the deal. We are the first generation to play this tremendous game. What a concept, a true honor. Think about it - we'll be the first grannies and gramps out there on the sidelines watching our grandchildren trashing their bodies. Oh, the fun we'll have, haggling over plays we made at the Harvest tourney back in 1984.

"Yep, Gumby, those were the days. You used to throw bullets hard enough to knock my dentures out."

Won't those be the days. But let's get back to the here and now. I feel that we ultimate players are doing something very special. What are we doing, you may ask? We are building a tradition here, boldly going parallel into realms no sport has reached before, without referees.

Astounding.

One might naively assume that Ultimate is a chaotic game. Well, that's exactly what it is -- almost. It's a, well, sort of controlled chaos, and that's what makes it so special. The simple fact that I can call my own foul when, where, and how I please, means a lot to me and all other Ultimate players. Ultimate is the most "gentlemanly" sport around, and it takes trustworthy souls like us to play it.

So next time some bozo calls a legitimate foul on you, don't take it for granted; let her know you appreciate that it's coming from her and not the guy in the stripes. Thank her profusely for informing you of your animalistic tendencies, and then burn her fair and square. It'll give you something to talk about when you're 64.

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