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Greeting Fellow Disc Golfers,

I know a few of you have been enquiring about new memberships for the coming season. I'm happy to report that our Board was very supportive of the program last year, which is a real credit to the members from the CDGA. Permitting memberships to non-residents is (to my knowledge) without precedent in any of Calgary's neighbourhood Park reserves. As with any substantive change it has stirred controversy, but the good news is that the current Board enthusiastically renewed the program, with several acknowledgements to the good character of our non-resident guests. Well done!

There have been some changes so here are the critical program details:

1. The fee this year is \$125.00 rather than \$100.00. I realize this represents a sizeable increase but we are having trouble synching up the fee that residents pay for access (\$150.00) vs. the lower fee for non-community residents. See the following points for details on how you can still only pay last years fee.
2. The consideration for conducting the clinics will be more explicit this year. If you sign up to teach a one hour clinic on Saturday 10:00 AM your annual fee is only \$100.00. We would like schedule clinics for seven sessions going from May 1st through June 12th, plus an additional two sessions for September 11th and September 18th. Two instructors per weekend are required. Please select your dates when you buy your membership on a first come first serve basis.
3. We are again seeking loaner discs for the Park but rather than a donation we will offer \$3.00 off memberships for every certified PDGA disc donated or a full \$25.00 discount if you can donate up to eight. Your generosity from last year was really appreciated. Please arrange this credit and bring the discs when you register and pay your fee.
4. In order to accommodate those who didn't have memberships last year we will be allowing 50 non-resident memberships rather than the 25 that we allocated last year.
5. Your access cards need to be displayed at all times, much like they do at regular golf courses. We will be writing your name on all the issued cards when you purchase memberships.
6. We lost control of guest privileges during last season so we need to amend the policy accordingly. Members may bring in members of their immediate family (spouse and children) but not other non-member golfers unless they have a "Guest Pass". If your spouse or child (> 18 years of age) is a disc golfer, then it is required that individual memberships be purchased, or you may use a "Guest Pass" under the provisions detailed below.
7. **Guest Passes** can be purchased in advance when you acquire your membership. The price is 4 individual day passes for \$25.00. When you bring a guest to the Park fill in

their name, date and time on the pass and drop it in the mailbox located outside the front gate. An individual guest is allowed to use the park a total of four occasions during 2004. If somebody is golfing the course without their tags visible they will need to have a corresponding guest pass in the mailbox. Please help us make this plan work for everybody. We do welcome guests but we need to be fair to members and residents who are paying the tab on Park maintenance and construction.

8. Buy your memberships at the Park 96 office. We are open 15 hours per week. Please dial Paula Stunden at our Park office (271-7516) where a recorded message will confirm the times it is open which usually includes two hours on Saturdays.

THE SECOND ANNUAL PARKLAND OPEN is scheduled for June 19th and 20th. Two Parkland residents have agreed to organize the event supported by the able guidance of Craig Burrows-Johnson. We want this tournament to be the premier Alberta event. It may not happen this year but with your support it will get there very soon.

In addition:

- The Co-Dependents have again agreed to be the feature group for our Saturday evening musical event. More acts will be announced soon.
- This year we are adding a community based fine art sale and exhibit. The jury process for contributors is now commencing.
- We will once again try to organize a vintage car show.
- Our event promotion will be much better.
- If you are interested in a caddy please let us know when you register for the tournament. My personal experience is that it ignites interest in the game and adds a nice touch to community participation levels. The kids will want token remuneration but that is not the reason for having them help out.

Sorry for the length of this missive but we had a lot of ground to cover. Thanks for all you've done in support of the game in our community. It is my belief that our relationship with the CDGA has been an outstanding example of making win/win work.

See you on the links,

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