

Disc Golf Club members compete in regional tournament held in Monterey area

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On Sun. Nov. 12, members of Concordia's Disc Golf club competed in a tournament against clubs from other schools across the country in Seaside, CA.

The College Disc Golf West Coast Conference Regional featured disc golf clubs from schools that hail from the western states of California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and Idaho.

Concordia was represented at the disc golf tournament by four student participants. Disc Golf President and Team Captain Preston Leptich, ASCUI President Sam Schult, Logan Werner and Jedidiah Rufner competed in the tournament held near the campus of California State University, Monterey Bay.

In total, there were 12 colleges and universities that had their disc golf clubs participate in the tournament and some of the schools had multiple groups of four participate. In the end, the Golden Eagles disc golf team finished 15th out of 16 groups and the tournament was won by a group from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Leptich gave his take on the courses that the team had to compete on in Monterey. "We played two courses during the tournament. The first course we played... was very open and sprinkled with cypress trees that would catch your discs. Some of the par fours were long... In addition to being a difficult course, we had to play it blindly because we did not have time to practice."

He continued saying, “The second course was... more difficult. The fairways were tight, making it a difficult birdie if you landed anywhere adjacent to the fairway. Since we had practiced the [second] course the day before, we were much more prepared to compete.”

Leptich thought that the most surprising group from another school was the UC Santa Cruz B Team and he said the reason why was because “they were a very similar skill level to our team and we were neck and neck on every hole we played with them”, said Leptich.

Schult joined the club here on campus during his freshman year. As a senior student, Schult decided to participate in the tournament “because it was a really cool opportunity to compete against other schools and play some disc golf in a really awesome area.”

On the topic of his performance in the tournament, Schult said “I played pretty well in this tournament. Had some good shots and some bad shots. I played really well off the tee however missed some putts that I should have made.”

Leptich added, “We were proud of our performance since it was our first time at the West Coast Regionals and we did not know what to expect. We were close to many teams in the bracket and are confident that next year we can place higher. We plan to work our way into the top 100 schools in the near future and compete in the College Disc Golf National Championship.”

In spite of placing an over-par score, the disc golf team still had a load of fun at the tournament. Schult said that the best thing about the tournament was “the camping and hanging with the guys. The team really bonded and it was just fun to be out there hanging out all day.”

Leptich’s opinion on the best thing in the tourney “was getting to hang out with the team and celebrate each other’s victories.”

The disc golf club has occasional meetings happening throughout the school year and anyone with or without a frisbee to throw is welcome to play, regardless of their club membership status. So if you want to try something new and trendy, grab some discs and step onto the grass for a round of golf different than the usual kind. Just be careful to not lose any discs and hopefully you don’t shout out “Four!” too much.