

The Ice Bowl: A great idea endures, disc golf flourishes

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Some two plus decades back, the Redwood National and State Parks Gateway partnership was inaugurated. The partnership purpose was to support tourism, beautify the community and raise funds for worthy causes.

This gateway partnership continues to pay dividends by forming the Wild Rivers Throwers Disc Club in 2005 and the Coyote Disc program in 2015.

Brett Silver, then a ranger for State Parks, enroute to becoming parks superintendent helped to develop the Beachfront Park disc golf course. Silver was passionate about reducing vandalism and the development of the course has helped in that endeavor.

Wild Rivers Disc Club sponsored the recent Ice Bowl tournament Saturday, April 8. Around 30 competitors from Gold Beach, Grants Pass, Arcata, Eureka and Crescent City participated in the benefit tournament. Chain link disc baskets were set up along the trails at the terminus off Old Mill Road in Crescent City. Three

categories for disc competition were established: professional, amateur and women's. Participating in prizes were the Promise Neighborhood grant, Wild Rivers Disc Club, Coyote Disc group and the Flyin' Lynx group. \$1,315 was raised for donations to selected homeless services. More than 15 pounds of trash was picked up.

Winners

In the women's division, Katelyn Warbritton of Eureka was first with a score of 137. Vanessa Ortiz of Crescent City scored a 148. Zack Caldwell was the men's amateur winner. Ron Cole was the first-place winner in the Men's Pro Open.