A Model Disc-Golf Community

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Be forewarned the following commentary is a shameless effort to provide publicity for the River Cities Rumble Disc Golf Tournament, a sporting event the *Reader* co-founded last year with the Quad City Disc Golf Club (QCDGC).

Just over a year later the QCDGC (started in 1999), led by tournament director Chad Eng, has succeeded in securing a couple significant milestones for the second-annual River Cities Rumble.

First, Eng was able to expand the tournament to two additional courses: Eastern Park in Davenport and Middle Park in Bettendorf. This expansion, along with the rave review for West Lake Park's championship-caliber course and increased sponsorship dollars for purses (\$6,000 this year) allowed the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) to move its sanctioning level from Tier B to Tier A Super Tour, making it a qualifying event for the 2007 USDG Championships.

Second, after the 2006 Rumble, Eng and his volunteers were able to convince the Scott County Conservation department to commit to the capital investment of making the 24 holes at West Lake permanent. After seeing how beautifully the course played and how well the players responded to it last year, it was a no-brainer for the park to become a disc-golf destination for families, amateurs, and pros alike year-round.

2007 River Cities Rumble

Disc Golf Tournament - Top Rated Players

Women's Open



Des Reading, Davenport, IA PDGA Rating 967



Men's Open

Eric McCabe, Emporia, KS PDGA Rating 1020



Angela Tschiggfrie, Des Moines, IA PDGA Rating 950



Jay Reading, Davenport, IA PDGA Rating 1004



Barrett White, Forest Park, IL PDGA Rating 915



Chris Sprague, Des Moines, IA PDGA Rating 1013



Katherine Betcher, Rock Island , IL PDGA Rating 863





Jon Drummond, Minneapolis, MN PDGA Rating 1003