

Disc golf has been very, very good, to me. Some of my closest friendships have been made through disc golf. Both the competition and community involvement have been gratifying so I would like to serve once again. I've served one year as Vice Chair, three years as Treasurer and one as Chairman. I have been Assistant TD for many of Loco's sanctioned events, I run doubles, I lead volunteer workdays to prepare our courses for tournaments, and happily offer my time improving the course whenever I can. I retrieve discs from the ponds, manage the lost and found and attempt to return every disc to its owner. I don't do these things for recognition, but because I genuinely love our club members as if they were my extended family.

LoCo is known for delivering some of the best run and inclusive events including sanctioned tournaments, singles and doubles leagues, club championships, monthlies and, of course, the Ice Bowl. I want to see this quality work continue and where possible, improve.

Growing LoCo's membership with new players has been a personal goal for me. Engaging strangers on the course, sharing information about the club, our FB page and events has been my approach. Some club signage out on the courses will help too. Hopefully, you as a member view me as a good ambassador for our club as I engage the public in this fashion.

Next to face to face engagement, I believe great courses are the best way to grow the sport. LoCo has incredible volunteers who work tirelessly to create Clark's Run and I would like to shepherd it through to completion with signs, alternate pads, alternate pin positions and amenities that will make CRDGC stand out among the best Mid-Atlantic courses. Further, I want to continue Board-level engagement with private landowners, such as BChord Brewery, where the likelihood for a new 9-hole course is good.

For public courses, I want to continue the relationships and dialog the Board has started with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) and the Town of Leesburg. At Franklin Park, the course is in transition due to implementation of parts of its Master Plan. LoCo can use this opportunity to improve and possibly expand the course as a result. Construction of the new course at Hal and Bernie Hanson Regional Park is well underway and PRCS wants LoCo's presence there when it is done. I've proposed to PRCS that Claude Moore Park is an ideal candidate for one or more courses. As a disc golf community, we desperately need a course in eastern Loudoun County. Leesburg's Park Department has plans for a new disc golf course at BattleField Park and we've offered our help. I've also pitched a pop-up tournament at Ida Lee Park and I'm hopeful LoCo can make that happen.

Regardless of the election outcome, I will pass my knowledge to the new board and continue to volunteer so LoCo remains a premiere disc golf club and non-profit organization.

Respectfully,
John Iliff