

Declaration to Run for Office – LWR 2021 Election

Name: Matt Ryan
Position Desired: Director of Membership/Comm
Classification: Amateur
Years Playing DG: 30
Years as LWR: 30
Occupation: Teacher/Chemist



How have you positively impacted the DG Community so far:

I started playing disc golf when the only course in Lubbock was at Mahon Park. When the course was moved to Mackenzie, I helped in the design, cleanup, and installation of baskets. We only had 9 baskets at first and I initiated the installation of 4x4 posts for the back nine holes. I helped to raise funds to buy the baskets (purchasing several) to complete the course. I helped to design, install, and maintain Mae Simmons and Big Mack and I sponsored holes at each course. A couple of years ago, I had an idea to install a 9 hole course at McCullough Park. I designed the course, raised the funds to purchase the baskets and tee pads, met with city officials, and coordinated the installation of the course. Over the years, I have served as an officer in the Windriders and I have run several tournaments including Big Arms, Ice Bowls and a PDGA sanctioned league.

Why do you want a leadership position within the LWRDGC:

I have been an advocate of disc golf in Lubbock for over 30 years. I enjoy playing the game, but I also get a kick out of introducing the sport to new people (I teach a disc golf class at my school). I'm excited to witness the recent growth of disc golf in Lubbock and I want to continue to contribute. I am committed to improving our existing disc golf courses and I hope that we can add several more new courses in the coming years. I would also like to improve and increase the number of events that are offered each year to the disc golf community. I am partially retired, so I have the time to devote to the Windriders organization.

Why should the club vote you into a leadership position within the LWRDGC:

I believe that I have the experience and skills necessary to make a positive impact on the growth and success of disc golf in Lubbock. I have created a web page for Lubbock Disc Golf which includes history, course and event details, player ratings and more. I have played over 800 courses in all 50 states and so I know what makes great courses and I know what to avoid. I am responsible, trustworthy and have a history of service and commitment to the disc golf community. I have served faithfully in other leadership positions in my work and church.