

# Disc golf course about to become a reality

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Looking for a family-friendly and inexpensive outdoor sport that you can enjoy nearly year-round in Nantucket? Consider disc golf, a sport for all ages and all skill levels. The only investment in equipment is approximately \$10 for a disc (Frisbee).

Nantucket Disc Golf, a 501(c)(3) organization, has worked in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation since 2008 on the development of a disc golf course in the Nantucket State Forest (see accompanying map). John Varkonda, the State Forest Superintendent for Martha's Vineyard and

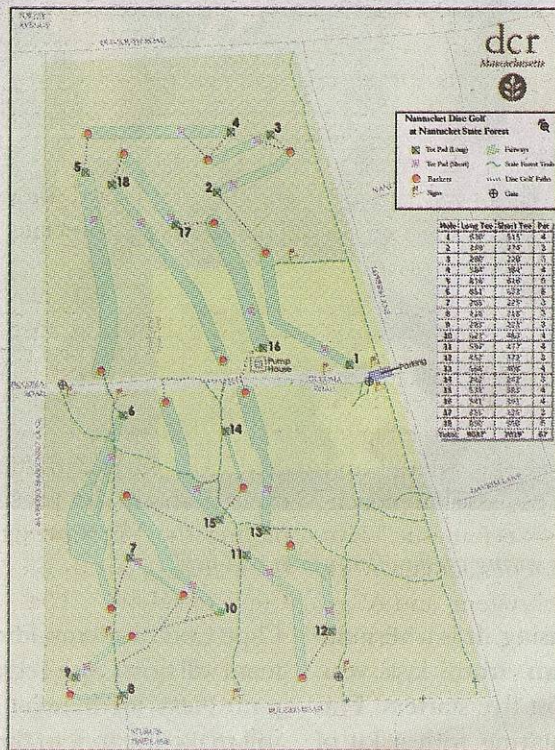
Nantucket, will oversee the course. It is anticipated that preliminary site work will begin soon, continue through October and resume early next spring.

Spokesperson Todd Rainwater, one of the principals in developing the course, said that NDG's number one need right now is finding volunteers to help build the course. To

volunteer, contact [todd@nantucketdiscgolf.org](mailto:todd@nantucketdiscgolf.org).

While NDG has raised the funds to begin installation, it is now turning to the community for financial support. One way in which community members can contribute is to participate in the "Sponsor a Basket" program. A donation of \$300 entitles the donor to naming rights on the basket.

Disc golf enjoys a growing popularity, with more than 2,500 courses nationwide. According to the course directory on [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com), the Web site of the Professional Disc Golf Association, there is an 18-hole disc golf course at Burgess Park in Marstons Mills and a 27-hole course at Riverhead Field in Oak Bluffs. ■



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## SPORTS SNAPSHOT

### Boys Soccer

The 2-0-1 varsity Whaler boys soccer team went into Thursday's home game against Chatham with momentum and ended up giving keeper Alex Perkins his second shutout with the 3-0 victory. Perkins has only given up two goals to 14 scored by Nantucket in the first four games. Brandon Harwood, on an assist by Jose Ramirez, scored first giving Nantucket the 1-0 lead at the half. Ramirez netted one of his own assisted by Luke Daniels, followed by a perfect feed from Emil Bender to a poaching Will Horyn in the second half. The team finished

the weekend with a record of 3-0-2 due to a 1-1 tie with a visiting Coyle Cassidy on Saturday. The team will be on the road for the next five games over two weeks and will not return home until Thursday, October 7 at 5:15 p.m. under the lights on the football field versus Cape Tech.

### Field Hockey

The varsity field hockey team has had a hard time getting going this fall with only two games played as of last Saturday. The team had earned a 1-1 draw with the first opponent, Pembroke, two weeks ago and faced an equally tough

team in Mashpee in a home game on Saturday. Nantucket eked out a 1-0 victory to go 1-0-1. Leah Pearl scored early in the first half for Nantucket on a corner and had to rely on the defense's holding tight for the rest of the game. Robin Gottlieb, in her first year as the varsity goalie, eared her first career shutout in the cage. Hannah Pykosz and Morgan Tornovich were outstanding in the winning effort. The squad will be away for the next three games before returning to the island for a 4-game home stand starting on Friday, October 1 at 3:15 p.m. versus Plymouth South. - LW