

Gold Country Disc Golf Association

Executive Summary — Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14, 2026

Attendance & Notes

- Club officers and members attended, including **Dennis Heil, Mike “Woody” Woodman, Chris Carpenter, Michael Travers, Chappie, Jim Inman, James Inman Jr.**
 - **Jesse Grimes memorial organizer** was absent, but correspondence and next steps were discussed.
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Key Topics & Outcomes

1) Jesse Grimes Memorial Bench / Plaque (Condon Park)

- Club received an inquiry regarding a **memorial plaque** on an existing bench or donation of a **new memorial bench**.
 - A memorial event is planned for **Saturday, March 7, 2026** at the **Love Building**, along with a casual disc golf round (possible annual event).
 - Club discussion emphasized preference toward a **single consolidated memorial bench concept** (rather than multiple individual benches/plaques), ideally:
 - With a **backrest**
 - Designed for **future memorial plaques**
 - Placed at a prominent location (example: **Hole 1**)
 - Coordination requirements:
 - **City approval needed** for Condon Park (**Zach** is point of contact)
 - Separate coordination required for **Western Gateway Park board** (Penn Valley)
 - **Funding expectation:** Jesse’s friends/organizer intend to cover costs at Condon; club may fund a memorial bench at Western Gateway Park if pursued.
 - **Next step:** continue communication and ideally meet the organizer in person to clarify vision and options.
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2) Western Gateway Park (Penn Valley) — Layout, Signage & Community Impacts

- Continued discussion on hole staging and renumbering (e.g., making **current Hole 17 the new Hole 1**) to improve access and parking flow.
 - **Decision:** Keep 17 as new 1 for now, but continue reviewing best placement for course signage.
 - Ongoing neighbor and community challenges noted, including complaints and non-golfers leaving debris near holes.
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3) Hanging Oak Tournament (Feb 21–22, 2026)

- Tournament planning underway:
 - **Saturday:** Condon Park (27 holes)
 - **Sunday:** Penn Valley (18 holes) (*pending park confirmations*)
 - Venue reserved pending payment (**\$280**).
 - **Bag tags ordered:** 150 for ~\$620 (new supplier; lower cost than prior years).
 - **Entry:** \$60 total (\$40 tournament / \$20 membership).
 - **Amateur payouts:** prizes in discs (not cash); disc inventory may require restocking.
 - Continued emphasis on promoting a **Secretary/Social Media volunteer role**, especially through tournament registration and announcements.
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4) Maintenance, Work Parties & Course Infrastructure

- Fairway cleanup continues following storms; work party scheduled.
 - Proposed equipment rental: skid steer (~\$380–\$525/day) for tee pad installation work at **Condon Hole 15**.
 - Additional course improvements discussed at Penn Valley including tee pads, pin adjustments, and drainage work (holes **2 & 3**).
 - Ongoing concerns: vandalism, theft, and missing course materials.
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5) Park Board, MOUs & Club Standing

- Park board expects completion of existing MOU obligations before new projects (pins/tees) are proposed.
 - Club relationship with **Western Gateway Park leadership (Brandon)** remains positive.
 - Need identified to maintain a clear, shared tracking list of outstanding MOU improvements.
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6) Financial Status & Sponsorship Planning

- Account balance: ~\$5,000 total
 - ~\$3,100 attributed to Condon sponsorship funds
 - ~\$2,000 available for Penn Valley improvements
 - Key expenses discussed:
 - Insurance renewal (~\$635)
 - Basket purchases (\$379–\$469 each)
 - Sponsorship leadership is needed for both parks, particularly **Penn Valley**.
 - Sponsorship funds must be tracked carefully and used for park-specific improvements.
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7) Marketing, Website, and QR Code Integration

- Website traffic is modest (~23 hits/month), but viewed as useful for visitors and information sharing.
 - Instagram and modern platforms seen as important for growth.
 - Plan to implement **verified QR codes** for donations/info, with a strong emphasis on fraud prevention and secure setup.
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Top Action Items (Next Steps)

1. **Memorial Bench:** continue communication, meet organizer, coordinate city approval, explore “master memorial bench” design.
 2. **Hanging Oak:** confirm park reservations/payment, launch registration, manage bag tags & disc inventory, promote volunteer roles. Create Online Registration & Flyers
 3. **Infrastructure:** schedule skid steer + crew, continue MOU work, address drainage and course wear issues.
 4. **Financial:** renew insurance, maintain sponsorship ledger discipline, begin early outreach for Penn Valley sponsors.
 5. **Governance:** prepare for Penn Valley board meeting; track MOU progress and sponsorship-sign rollout.
 6. **Motherlode:** prepare online registration when Michael Travers provides access information.
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Upcoming Dates

- **Next Club Meeting:** Wednesday, **March 11, 2026**
- **Hanging Oak Tournament:** **February 21–22, 2026**
- **Motherlode Tournament:** **April 25-26 (Ams) / May 9-10 (Pros).**

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Attendees

Club officers and members (including **Dennis Heil, Mike “Woody” Woodman, Chris Carpenter, Michael Travers, Chappie, Jim Inman, James Inman Jr.**)

Note: Jesse Grimes’ friend (memorial event organizer) absent, but correspondence discussed.

Main Topics Discussed

1. Jesse Grimes Memorial Bench and Plaque

Summary of Request

An inquiry received regarding adding a memorial plaque for **Jesse Grimes** to a bench at **Condon Park**, or potentially donating a new memorial bench.

A memorial event for Jesse is planned at the **Love Building** for **March 7, 2026 (Saturday)**, with a casual disc golf round (intent to consider making it annual).

Organizer welcomes info on process and has provided her phone number.

Club’s Considerations

- No formal club event scheduled for March 7 (some members may miss due to another event at **Hammond Grove**).
- Recent club discussions have focused on a **single or consolidated memorial bench**, rather than individual plaques/benches for each person.
- Preferred options:
 - A dedicated memorial bench (with backrest and possibly a board for adding future plaques)
 - Ideally located at a prominent hole (such as **Hole 1**)
- Discussion about types of benches:
 - Potential to involve local high schools/ag mechanic students for bench construction

- Options for durable metal benches and placards
- Need to coordinate with city (**Zach** is the point of contact) for official approval at Condon Park.
- Need to coordinate with **Western Gateway Park board** for Penn Valley course.
- Funding for the bench is not expected from the city:
 - Organizer and Jesse's friends intend to cover costs at Condon
 - The club would likely cover costs at Western Gateway Park
- Suggested to meet event organizer in person for more precise understanding of vision and preferences.
- Discussion about whether bench should be for Jesse only or all future memorials.

Action: Continue communication with organizer, consider master memorial bench, and coordinate with city.

2. Course Layout and Signage Discussion for Western Gateway Park

Hole Renumbering & Sign Placement

- Ongoing discussion about starting/staging holes (e.g., making current **Hole 17 the new Hole 1** based on parking and ease of access).
- Debated locations for main course sign for:
 - Visibility
 - Functionality as neighbor sound-screen
 - Not blocking pathways

Decision: Keep 17 as new 1 for now but review sign placement.

Neighbor/Community Issues

- Ongoing complaints from neighbor across the street.
 - Non-golfers (including individuals suspected of drug use) using benches and leaving debris (chairs, tires) at holes; discussion about mitigating these issues.
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3. 2026 Hanging Oak Tournament Planning (February 21–22, 2026)

Logistics & Preparations

- Venue reserved (to be confirmed with payment of **\$280**)
- Bag tags ordered (**150 for ~\$620**, cheaper than past years)
- New provider for tags since Bruce is stepping down from T-signs/tags
- Bruce will still provide club with master files for T-signs (**Adobe Illustrator format**), free of charge

- Club members have resources for heat-press and sign production

Format and Course Use

- Tournament is two days:
 - **Condon Park (Saturday, 27 holes)**
 - **Penn Valley (Sunday, 18 holes)**
 - To be confirmed based on park reservations
- **\$60 entry** (\$40 tournament, \$20 membership)
- Bag tag distribution planned for **Day 2** based on performance
- Emphasis on advertising for club secretary/social media role in tournament information
- Prize payout for amateurs will be in **discs**, not cash
- Disc inventory is low but club can purchase locally at wholesale price if needed

Other Considerations

- Discussion of whether to restock discs for the tournament
 - Potential to integrate disc sale “Fly Mart” tied to tournaments
 - Website traffic is modest (~**23 hits/month**)
 - Discussion about maintaining digital presence and possibly implementing an online store or linking a QR code for donations and info
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4. Work Parties, Maintenance & Infrastructure

Recent and Upcoming Work

- Ongoing fairway cleanup (post-storm)
- Scheduled work party upcoming Saturday
- Some mechanical help (Brandon’s machine) canceled, fallback to manual/rope+truck methods

Course Improvements

- Proposal to rent a skid steer (~**\$380–\$525/day**) for new tee pad construction at **Hole 15 (Condon)** due to deep woodchips and compaction needs
 - New tee pads and pin placements discussed for several holes (e.g., **8, 15, 12 at Penn Valley**)
 - Concerns about vandalism/theft (missing turf, arrows, etc.)
 - Monitoring off-limits areas (e.g., Levi hole) for use during tournaments—allowed for temporary events only
 - Drainage improvements needed on holes **2 and 3 at Penn Valley** (will be tackled as maintenance without board pre-approval)
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5. Park Board, MOUs, and Club Relations

MOU Status

- Park board requires club to accomplish all agreed improvements before proposing new changes (e.g., new pins, tees)
- Last year's dual-MOU with another group (Jeff Stoops) reviewed: consensus is that the other group has not fulfilled obligations

Relationship with Western Gateway Park leadership (**Brandon**) is positive; he recognizes club's compliance and is aware of conduct from the other group.

Need to review and track the master list of club-promised improvements (T-signs, pin placements, etc.).

New sponsorship signs/logos to be pursued after board approval—club will ensure compliance with requirements and transparent accounting.

6. Financials, Sponsorships, and Budget

Budget Overview

- Club account balance: ~\$5,000
 - \$3,100 attributed to Condon-generated sponsorship funds
 - About \$2,000 available for Penn Valley
- Incoming membership revenue expected with tournament season
- Sponsorship champions needed for both Condon and Penn Valley—no designated lead for Penn Valley at present
- Discussion on dedicated fundraising event(s) for Penn Valley to increase funds for improvements

Reimbursement Policy

- Sponsorship income must be spent on improvements for the respective park
- Not strictly required within the same year, but proper ledger/receipt-keeping is necessary

Current Costs Discussed

- Insurance renewal: ~\$635
 - Equipment purchases (baskets): \$379–\$469 each
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7. Club Operations, Marketing & Communication

Website/Social Media

- Low web traffic (~23/month) but some members feel a club website is valuable for out-of-town visitors and information sharing
- Instagram and modern platforms viewed as important, especially if a social media person is added
- Seeking interested volunteers for Secretary/Social Media positions—promotion via tournament registration

QR Codes

- Plan to integrate donation/payment QR codes at signs and bulletin boards
- Ensure secure implementation and reduce risk of scams

T-Signs, Sponsorships, and Signage

- New course design projects on hold until all current course projects are complete
 - Planning for sponsor integration and annual accounting
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8. Work Assignments & Ongoing Roles

Baskets Movement and Keyholder Duties

- Alternation and addition of helpers for weekly basket changes at Condon; new volunteers welcomed
- Keys are available for alternates

UDisc Course Updates

- Ongoing issues with inaccurate GPS positions at Penn Valley
 - Plan to improve mapping accuracy using better GPS devices, rangefinders, and cartographer assistance
 - Will update UDisc after basket moves; club will cover membership if required for those managing the courses
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9. Upcoming Events and Planning

Motherlode Tournament

- Dates set for:
 - **April 25 (Ams)**
 - **May 9 (Pros)**

- At Condon
- Need to confirm park reservations; will coordinate between club members responsible
- Online registration to go live as soon as possible

Insurance Renewal

- Club will renew annual event insurance and utilize sponsorship funds for this expense as appropriate

Penn Valley Park Board Meeting

- Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**
 - No current new proposals for board; club must finish existing MOU obligations first
 - Travers plans to discuss sponsor sign rollout with Brandon
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10. Other Items

Chainsaw Art Proposal

- Inquiry made to **Brooks Delaney** (chainsaw artist) about carving the large stump on **Hole 15 at Penn Valley**
- Informal quote received: ~\$2,000–\$3,500 depending on design
- Suggestion to grant lifelong hole sponsorship if artist donates or discounts his work; club would provide a donation receipt

Other Maintenance and Repair

Reminder: some projects (e.g., drainage, routine cleanups) don't require pre-approval, just notification.

Action Items

1. Jesse Grimes Memorial Bench

- Continue communication with organizer; propose meeting in person
- Further explore bench design (single master memorial bench vs. individual benches)
- Coordinate process with city (Zach) for approval
- Consider involving local schools in bench fabrication

2. Tournament Planning & Logistics

- Confirm and pay for park reservations for Hanging Oak (February 21–22)
- Set up and announce online registration for tourneys, including note about seeking secretary/social media volunteers
- Confirm disc inventory and restock as needed for events
- Reserve park dates for Motherlode (April 25, May 9); coordinate with relevant club officials

3. Infrastructure Projects

- Schedule skid steer rental and crew for new tee pad installation at Condon (Hole 15)
- Complete remaining items from MOU (move message board, fix tee on 2, drainage on holes 2 & 3, etc.)
- Update and maintain course maps, especially UDisc GPS accuracy; assign membership for UDisc editing
- Prepare for new t-sign sponsorships at Penn Valley; design and install “Sponsor Me” placeholders where needed

4. Financial Tasks

- Renew annual liability insurance
- Clarify and continue proper ledger-keeping for sponsorship income/expenditures
- Begin early outreach for Penn Valley sponsorships and document commitments

5. Administrative/Communications

- Promote availability of Secretary/Social Media Officer role via club platforms and tournaments
- Maintain current website, explore upgrades for donations and merchandise
- Integrate verified QR codes for donations/info at signs and bulletin boards
- Confirm if past metal frame costs were reimbursed; review and update financial spreadsheet as necessary

6. Governance & Board Relations

- Prepare to meet (or coordinate with) Brandon and Penn Valley park board about MOU status and sponsoring signs
- Identify and share master list of MOU to-dos with club members for tracking
- Discuss with Brandon the potential to update the MOU eliminating non-participating club

Follow-Up & Next Meetings

- **Penn Valley Park Board Meeting:** January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)
- **Next Club Meeting:** March 11, 2026 (Second Wednesday)

Key Check-ins

- Tournament registration follow-up in the coming week
 - Contact with Jesse Grimes' memorial bench organizer ongoing
 - Insurance renewal before next event
 - Ongoing communication about progress on MOU obligations and board coordination
 - Continue to cultivate sponsorship outreach, especially for Penn Valley
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Notable Points for Record

- Jesse Grimes' only disc golf ace was at night at Lost Lake with Jonathan Musser at Community Parked — a suggestion to incorporate this into his memorial
 - Ongoing maintenance and vandalism/lost items remain club duties
 - Club continues to have a positive working relationship with relevant park authorities and maintains compliance with all official agreements
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End of Summary