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# TĀWHIRIMĀTEA

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## God of the Weather

*The forest bows only to the weather; Tāne Mahuta is joined by Tāwhirimātea as the second disc in the Bros for Change x RPM Discs Atua Series.*

### Designing Tāwhirimātea

The haehae designs following the edges of the stamp design are symbolic of ngā hau e whā (the four winds) of which Tāwhirimātea has dominion over by harnessing said winds and releasing them at his whim. Tāwhirimātea is symbolised here with four arms and four hands, again strengthening the connection to ngā hau e whā and his ability to harness all four winds. In this design Tāwhirimātea is also depicted as blind, tying into the Matariki narrative where Tāwhiri was defeated in single combat by his brother Tūmatauenga (The God of War and Mankind). After the battle, in his rage, Tāwhirimātea clawed his eyeballs out and crushed them within his hands. He then tossed them into the sky where they became the cluster of stars known as Matariki - "Ngā mata o te ariki Tāwhirimātea"



Jaye Pukepuke #161704

There is only one bird when I think of the weather and the winds and that is the Kāhu: The way it rides the wind and the speed really connects to Tāwhirimātea.

On the 21st of June, Tāwhirimātea, the Māori God of the Weather, will join Tāne Mahuta as the second disc of the Atua Series. Only 601 will be available for purchase and are produced in the mold of our RPM Kāhu XG. These discs are exclusively coloured in different shades of beautiful blue.

# Support The Team

## Upcoming Tournaments

Barrett White • FPO  
Wilderness Open  
10th

Christoph Weiß • MPO  
Konopiště Open 2023  
16th  
EPT Tyyni Open  
30th

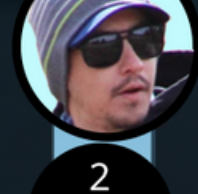
Drew Gibson • MPO  
DGPT Elite+ Portland Open  
1st

Dynamic Discs Open  
16th  
TruBank Des Moines Challenge  
23rd  
The Preserve Championship  
30th

Elvis Eriksson Sveiven • MPO  
RPM Open  
1st  
Swedish Open  
30th

Jake Anderson • MPO  
Dubois County Challenge  
3rd

Jared Hilton Memorial  
10th  
Dark Ace Open  
24th



Jenny Umstead • FP40  
Masters Hideout  
9th

Beaver State Fling  
16th

The San Francisco Safari  
23rd

Levi Stout • MPO  
Dynamic Discs Open  
16th

PDGA Junior DG World Champs  
27th

Martin Doerken • MPO  
Konopiště Open  
16th

Ross Leu • MPO  
High Country Open  
2nd

Silver Zoo Town Open  
9th

Sofie Björlycke • FPO  
Konopiště Open  
16th

Krokhol Open  
23rd

Swedish Open  
30th

# Support The Team

## Upcoming Tournaments

Ross O'Toole • MA2  
Brewster Ridge Open  
23rd

Tomi Lehtonen • MPO  
EPT Turku Open  
13th  
EPT Järva Open  
28th

Paul Black • MPO  
RPM Open  
1st  
Krokhol Open  
23rd

Travis Head • MP40  
Beaver State Fling  
16th

Seth Marcil • MA1  
Brewster Ridge Open  
23rd

# TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

MAY 2023

**Barrett White**

1st 2023 Spring Fling Women's Open • FP40

**Christoph Weiß**

2nd Sauerland Big Arm Open • MPO

4th Zieleniec Open • MPO

**Elvis Eriksson Sveiven**

5th Lundbyparken Open • MPO

**Hayley Flintoft**

1st Lords & Ladies of Lismore 2023 • FPO

**Jackson Sullivan**

1st Auckland Super Series Finals • MPO

**Jake Anderson**

1st BDO Event #5: Sioux/Briscoe Woods • MPO

**Levi Stout**

5th Lords & Ladies of Lismore 2023 • MPO

**Mark Dakiv**

3rd Auckland Super Series Finals. Bella Rahka •

MPO

**Martin Doerken**

1st Lappwald Challenge • MP40

4th N8fiwa Heidegames Series 2023 • RAH

3rd Schloss Sallgast Open • MPO

**Ross Leu**

4th Queen City Classic VIII • FPO

**Sofie Björlycke**

1st Lundbyparken Open • FPO



# TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

MAY 2023

**Andrew Garza**

4th SMASH Bash • MPO

**Eilish Cummack**

2nd Lords & Ladies of Lismore • FA1

**Jack Maffey**

1st Lords and Ladies of Lismore • MA1

**Jesse Kosonen**

5th Ristinummi Spring Open • MA1

**Jesse Peterson**

1st Bird, Bird, Bird, Bird's is the Word • MPO

4th 2023 Zobel Open • MPO

**Seth Marcil**

4th Gnomes Challenge XV • MA1

**Ben Brawn**

5th VFW Ironman at The Compound • MA1

4th The Columbus Open • MA1

**Michael Stoddard**

2nd Spring Runoff • MPO

2nd 17th Night Owl • MPO



**Johanna Larsson**

1st SmellWell Tour #3 Häfla Bruk • FPO

2nd Heatland Tour #7 Katrineholm • MA4

**Malakai Lawrence**

3rd Blueberry Bonanza • MPO

1st Woodland Greens Shoot-Out • MPO

2nd Northern Lights Open (1) • MPO

4th Northern Lights Open (2) • MPO

**Mikayla Anderson**

1st The Leinenkugel's Throwdown • FA1

**Sean Sullivan**

1st Bond Lake Open • MA1

4th AFDO Chili Flex Start • MA2

**Micah Fracker**

5th Big Chuckin' • MPO

4th AFDO Chili Flex Start • MA2

**Oliver Mundy-Castle**

1st Burnie Winter Classic • MPO

# TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

MAY 2023

**Bryce Winchester**

5th Jesmond Jam (1) • MA2

3RD Jesmond Jam (2) • MA1

**David Highlands**

1st Crossover Open 5 - Ams • MA2

3rd Capital City Clash • MA3

**Isaiah Crawford**

1st SCHAS Bang The Chains • MA2

**Keith Graul**

2nd Back to the Future • MA4

**Payton Dow**

2nd Flickline Disc Golf's Sackville Showdown •

MJ18

4th GreenFoot Energy Dieppe Disc Demons

Open • MJ18

**Trey Quiller**

5th Flygreen Flex Series Rhyolite Park • MA2

4th Gatekeeper Media Flex Start • MA2



# Player Spotlights



For this event weekend, I was looking forward to meeting my friends, my mom, and to play a couple of other courses nearby. The weather was good and my putting finally felt normal again after some bad tournaments earlier, so I felt relaxed. There was a nice tournament area for everyone to hang out, which was well done by the staff - plus TD was present, which is nice. I got disappointed when I saw how short the FPO layout was- Good for amateur classes but not for open players.

The highlights on the course was all the good putts I made and how I was able to not let a bad shot effect the next. Since this course was shorter than normal so I was throwing the Takapu and Kea alot.

My challenge at this event was to play with pain: Early during the final round something happened with my back. Every time I was picking up and putting down my bag I wanted to cry from the pain. But I did not want to give up so I got into some kind of super focus. I could not enjoy the round and I could not participate in the group because all my thoughts was on my body movement.

*Sofie Björlycke*

# Woodland Greens Shootout

# 1<sup>st</sup>



Malakai Lawrence  
#123021

**"Purple discs fly better."**

After a long winter break it took a few events to shake off the rust, and so with this event I was happy to finally play 2 really clean rounds in a row!

My drives were mostly on point and I was able to capitalize on a lot of them getting 22 birdies out of 36 holes!

The biggest highlight of the event was stepping up to any putt and knowing my Ruru was going to find the basket, definitely was my best putting performance (83% C1X) at an event!

Most challenging thing was just staying calm and focused throughout the event, and remembering to have fun! Positive cards both rounds definitely helped with that though.

My Rurus were definitely the discs I reached for the most, Magma on the putting green and Atomic off the tee! My Kiwi also put in a ton of work, snagging me at least 5 birdies! This was my first event with the Tara Iti, although it didn't get much use as I'm still working it into my bag. It definitely will be a staple going forward!

My favorite hole was probably hole #17: A very wooded par 4 with the basket elevated in a forked tree. In round two I had a 45ft putt sneak through the fork of the tree and drop in to save par!

With this being my first season playing MPO it feels great to already claim a win! Hopefully will be the first of many. My game is the best it's ever been and still improving, very excited for the rest of the season!

*Malakai Lawrence*

# Crossover Open 5

# 1st



David Highlands  
#147552

**"Birdies, Not Bogeys!"**

My overall experience at the Crossover Open 5 Ams was an incredible one to say the least. From the mental battle of a three round event, to the relief of finally holding my first MA2 trophy at the end of it, will make this event something I'll truly never forget!

My highlight moment competing was in round one, where I was able to attain a 4 stroke lead on my competition while also shooting by far my best round ever at William Harbin Park with a -8. This round gave me the momentum I needed carrying over into the second and third rounds and maintain my lead.

My most challenging moment this weekend was definitely in the third round. We played our first 6 holes before we were cut short by a 45 minute rain delay. Coming off of the delay, I had a few rough holes and had to put myself back in the mindset I was in for the first two rounds before I let things get away from me. Fortunately I was able to do this and stay the course!

My go to RPM disc for any tournament is my atomic kea, for buttery smooth forehand upshot's inside of 230 ft, this disc is my true workhorse. On my 5 hole birdie stretch in the first round, three of them were attained off the tee with my Kea.

My favorite hole in this tournament was hole 17 in the first round. I was coming off of 4 birdies straight, generally more gettable holes, and coming into 17 I figured my birdie stretch would be over, it's a tougher hole, but I was able to hyzer flip my atomic Pekapeka to about 20 ft, then knocked down the putt for a bonus birdie!

The Crossover Crew has really become a sort of second family to me in the disc golf scene. Being a part of something bigger and getting to meet great people while doing it, they are the winners for putting countless hours into hosting these wonderful events for us, thanks guys!

# Upcoming RPM Events

## PRO FORESTER

A TIER  
9th - 11th June 2023  
Varazdin, Croatia

This year we are contributing sponsorship to the 2023 PDGA Euro Tour. We're starting strong with a Golden Sponsorship at this weekend's first Euro Tour event, Pro Forester, in Croatia, followed by support in varying events throughout the season. As a bonus, make sure to keep an eye out for some RPM style tour discs coming soon to the Euro Tour shop!

