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Jonesboro, AR: The Disc Golf Pro Tour has added the Jonesboro Open to its calendar for the 2017 disc golf season. The Disc Golf Pro Tour (DGPT) consists of nine tournaments held from early March to mid-September and will conclude with the Tour Championship the weekend of October 19-22.

The Jonesboro Open is a four day professional disc golf tournament that will take place in Jonesboro from April 13-16, 2017, bringing the best disc golfers in the world to Northeast Arkansas for a week of activities. Professional men and women will compete for cash prizes as they play one of the longest disc golf courses in the world on Disc Side of Heaven's Championship Course. The Jonesboro Open is the fourth stop on the DGPT. The full schedule includes Phoenix, Arizona; Waco, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Jonesboro; Salt Lake City, Utah; Peoria, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio; Leicester, Massachusetts; and Smuggler's Notch, Vermont.

Early entrants include the current Number 1 ranked player in the world Ricky Wysocki as well as the #6 and #14 players on the men's side. For the ladies, 3 of the top 12 players in the world have also entered early. The professional side of the tournament can host a maximum of 168 players and the amateur side can host an additional 144 players. The amateur side of the tournament will take place at Disc Side of Heaven and Craighead Forest Park.

DGPT Director Steven Dodge from Leicester, MA visited Jonesboro late last year and was impressed with the scope of the course. "It's not every day we get to showcase a piece of property with what appears to be multiple 100 year old oak trees." Dodge said. He continued that "we want the Disc Golf Pro Tour to be played on the best courses available and through its amazing use of elevation and variety of both wide open shots and shaped shots, the course offers a unique challenge for the players and will be a great venue for the spectators. This is going to be fun to watch!"

The final three rounds of the tournament will be broadcast live in their entirety on the internet as well as Ritter Communication's Tube Town channel. Dodge also added "Once people from around the country see this course on-line, they will come to Jonesboro to try and tackle it. Jonesboro is very lucky to have such a course." Dodge hopes one day soon to be able to produce a condensed version of each DGPT event and have it air on a cable sports network as disc golf continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in the country ten years in a row.

Disc Side of Heaven consists of two 18-hole disc golf courses and is located near RidgePointe Country Club. The owner of Disc Side of Heaven, Brad Pietz, has been playing disc golf for over 25 years and has had hosting an event like the DGPT a goal from the very beginning. "When I installed the Championship Course, this is exactly what I was hoping for." Pietz said. "Now, we need Jonesboro and Northeast Arkansas to buy in and help provide a first-class experience for these hundreds of out-of-state visitors that are coming to our area."

Pietz continued that "We need help with everything. We are looking for volunteers, we are looking for sponsorships, and we are looking for unique ideas. Once April gets here, we will look for folks to come out and watch the best in the world do what they do right here in Northeast Arkansas. The Disc Golf Pro Tour is counting on us to provide a big event and I know our community will come through."

For more information on the Disc Golf Pro Tour, visit www.DGPT.com. To contact Brad Pietz in regard to the Jonesboro Open or Disc Side of Heaven, he can be reached at DiscSideofHeaven@gmail.com or by phone at 870-336-0347.

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