

## 7<sup>th</sup> Allgäu Open – OMG!

From the time the 7<sup>th</sup> Allgäu Open was registered with GTO, we heard numerous commentaries, theories and criticisms regarding the registration and timing of this, what has come to be, much loved tournament in among the mountains of southern Bavaria. An event for all standards of player, where experienced players have passed on their knowledge to new generations.

„Why was the Allgäu Open tournament registered on the same weekend as a Majors event?“

„2 Tournaments in the south at the same time... unheard of!“

„Oferschwang will struggle to get the players!“... and so on...

There has clearly been an increase of interest and number of players in the South of Germany. Therefore a bigger and louder voice from those that organise tournaments in the south. Basic Demand and Supply stuff. Beginners want to play just as much as experienced players. It all makes perfect sense in the logical development of the sport and was from some point inevitable anyway. The voice from Oferschwang, after yet another hugely successful, challenging and FUN tournament, is safe to relate that registering the Allgäu Open over Pfingsten has always been perfect timing. (Just to be clear here, No other tournament was registered at the time of this year's AO registration). We figured if another tournament was to be registered at that early stage of the season, then it was likely to be in the north and therefore no threat...

BOMBSHELL! Werner S. then publishes the dates for the GT Majors... Weilheim DGA Open is on the same date as the regular Oferschwang Allgäu Open! OMG! What are we all going to do? It's the end of the world as we know it, Jim!

Now Mr. S. and the voice in Oferschwang are really clever strategic thinkers with telepathic powers of communication... Tja! Chance gave good players somewhere to go, and likewise the not so ambitious players. The difference between a Majors and a C-tournament defines which players can register. Rule differences and standards that separate qualified players' from beginners' tournaments is every year being newly defined. Therefore we all have to jump in the deep end, make decisions and just „Get on with it.“

A week before the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 52 players out of a possible 56 had registered for the 7<sup>th</sup> Allgäu Open. A clear sign there was never a threat of not having enough players. Eventually 43 players turned up on the day... still an impressive turnout despite some players having to cancel through injury or being granted a wildcard at that Majors event (Traitor)!

The weather played with us. Cloud covered and a bit grey but not really too wet underfoot, later the sun came out. Players from Austria, Colorado, Schwab-München, Söhnstetten, Kaiserslautern and of course Gunzesried came nevertheless prepared.

At the Players Meeting TD Paul Davies made clear the changes to the course. Basket 1 in it's original place and not on the edge of the „Abyss“ made for a comforting start for 1<sup>st</sup> timers on the „Hill“. Basket 8 was moved 2 meters back, slightly hidden, and making it less Hole-in-One friendly. Basket 11, on the first Canyon fairway had been moved 6 meters further from the Tee. The biggest change to the course was on Fairway 5. A U-shaped OB area 11 meters behind the basket and 5 meters wide made for potential trouble for over-throwers!

The first Round saw Joscha Mossig (DGCA) take the tournament lead with 4 under Par (38). One point behind followed SGM „Toni“ Abrell, ultimate player turned Disc-Golfer Lucca Seipenbusch and (2<sup>nd</sup> season only) newcomer from Allgäu Sebastian Weber. Lucca quickly established his accuracy skills by landing 41cm from the 14<sup>th</sup> basket and thus winning the 1<sup>st</sup> CTP on the recently cut-back tree-free line.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> round the Masters Division displayed top form and experience. Dominating the scores under 40 for the over 40's were both Lucca Seipenbusch and Werner Riebesel who both played 38. Arno Lingenhel scooped the 40 Euro Ace Pool by, well... not landing in the Pond (Fairway 8)!

Koffee and Cake during the 2<sup>nd</sup> break ensured for energy reboot before the final Round. Alexander Froese in the Open Division played 40, who 1 point before Joscha Mossig landed 1<sup>st</sup> Place. In joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 128 points was Konrad Haarmann, Markus Mossig and Allgäuer Sebastian Weber.

The Juniors Division was dominated by local-boy Markus Abrell who won with 129 Points. Kevin Suhm (DGCA) took 2<sup>nd</sup> place (137), 1 point before the young Austrian Florian Lingenhel (138).

Overall tournament winner was Masters player Lucca Seipenbusch (118). Werner Riebesel with his simply play safe routine took 2<sup>nd</sup> place (121) and Open player Alexander Froese 3<sup>rd</sup> place (122).

A tournament full of fun, pleasant surprises and great people. Essentially that's all we want as players. As organisers, perhaps next year we could work on our telepathic skills to link two tournaments in the south

even closer. It has been suggested we register the 8<sup>th</sup> Allgäu Open on the Saturday, leaving Bank Holidays Pfingsten Sunday and Monday free for the Majors Event... Now that would really be something for everyone!

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Full Results:  
<http://gto.ec08.de/events/results/747>

Disc Golf Allgäu:  
<http://www.frizbee.at/startseite.html>

