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## Out There: Disc golf club expands course

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The players gather Wednesday evenings, bags slung over their shoulders, ready for a round or two of golf.

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Only the course isn't at a country club. Clubs and little white balls? You won't find them here.

Welcome to the world of disc golf and the 2Putt Disc Golf Club.

Ed Schroer, 41, Kellner, took me on a little tour of the course at Willow Run on the north side of Lake Wazeecha, just off of North Park Road.

The club recently added three "holes" if you can call them that, and now boasts a 12-hole course.

Players throw the specially-designed discs from tee pads -- either concrete slabs, nearly-buried 4-by-4 posts or rubber slabs -- with the goal of landing in the hole -- chain-link baskets. The discs

are kind of a blend of a golf club and golf ball in the form of a plastic disc. There are discs for putting and driving that come in different weights, colors and designs and range in price from about \$8 to \$50 -- a bit cheaper than your traditional golf.

The object of the game is to throw your disc into the target in the fewest throws -- without it falling out. Like golf, each hole has a par, but for the club tournaments, each hole is par 3.

I think it's harder than it sounds. My husband and kids play, and admittedly, I've never given it a shot. Based on the number of enthusiasts -- guys and girls of all ages -- who come out for the Wednesday league, it has quite a following.

"It's more about coming out and having fun, more than anything," Ed said. "When I started, I didn't know any of these people."

The club is sponsoring its ninth annual Willow Run Open tournament Saturday.

"There's no skill level required to come out," Ed said. "All we want is a good attitude.

"We all hit trees."

Maybe it is my kind of game, after all.

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Jason Hernandez of Wisconsin Rapids, left, and Dave Zwicke of La Crosse discuss how to play a hole last week at the Willow Run disc golf course. (DOUG ALFT/Daily Tribune)

#### 2PUTT DISC GOLF CLUB

Find out more about the club at [www.2putt.org](#) or [2Putt@wctc.net](#).

Registration information for the Saturday tournament is on the Web site or call Trevor Dickey at 323-4751. The club invites anyone to come out. Sign-up is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. with a player's meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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