



Japan Open Chronicles Live

As with any good sporting event, there will be a loyal following of fans eager to engage in the daily news and overall experience of the Japan Open as it unfolds. The Internet is a great way to feed this PDGA Major event to other countries on a daily basis. Long before 2006, Marty Hapner of discgolf.com, gathered and posted all of his materials from the event. Marty helped to pioneer much of the early efforts to utilize the internet to spread the disc golf message, and continues to do so today, via discgolf.com and various social media sites. Marty also competed in each JO that he has attended.

In 2006 the JO organizing committee entered into conversation with USDGC organizers about the feasibility of heightening the public's awareness of this spectacular event from the Japan tournament location. Replicating the basic idea of ongoing daily news would be beneficial to the disc golf community for the JO. And so, the "[JO Chronicles](http://JOChronicles.com)" was born in 2006 to fill that very requirement. USDGC Technical Director and Organizing Committee member, Steve Hackenberg (Innova Disc Golf) and Disc Golf World News owner Rick Rothstein teamed up that year to provide internet coverage from the Nasu Highlands Golf Club in Tochigi, Japan.

For 2008, Dr. John Duesler and Terry Roddy (Terra Firma Media Group) joined the team to help shoot and direct video coverage for the DVD projects, and to write comprehensive bulletins for the "Chronicles" website. Their expertise has been invaluable to convey the mystique of this enchanted Nasu mountain land, and the competition the ensues within the event.

Brian Graham (Director for the PDGA) also joined the team in 2006 to cover the JO for PDGA.com, and to play in the event.

A team of Hero Disc staff and JPDGA (Japan Disc Golf Association) staff, continue to run and cover this event as well, and have since its beginnings, in Tokyo.

2010 Team

Internet Media Producers: Kozo Shimbo, Dave Dunipace, Sam Ferrans, Steve Hackenberg

Terra Firma Media Producers: John Duesler and Terry Roddy

PDGA Coverage: Brian Graham

Contributing Media: (Crazy) John Brooks, Dave Greenwell