

Acrobatic Paganello 2002

Review by John Titcomb *(repaged by Claudio Cigna)*

The world's best players came from around the world and from the best jam sites in Italy to compete in this year's Acrobatic Paganello.

Eleven teams competed. The beach and the wind and the stage were perfect for the competition, including the wild ambiance for semifinals at the Altro Mondo disco Saturday night at midnight.



The Texas team of Dan Yarnell, Tristan Doshier, and Steve Haynes, who in previous years have won at the Worlds in the co-op division were the winners in a close final on a beautiful Easter Sunday.

Also this year, and as important as the competition itself, as in Ultimate, the players initiated the Spirit of the Jam award for Paganello, which was won by Clay Collera, one of Rimini's own and a prime mover of freestyle in Italy and Europe.

Dan, Steve, and Tristan busted seed in the final to beat Paul Kenny and Reto Zimmerman, who finished 3rd, and Pipo Lopez, Patrick Marron, and Tom Leitner, who finished 2nd. The Texans' multi-disc, high difficulty, and truly acrobatic co-op routine, with only minor drops, carried the day as the teams playing after them could not match their play. A notable fourth place was accomplished by the finely schemed Clay, Lorenzo, and Fernando routine, which unfortunately suffered from execution fatigue. (It's hard to be one of the Tournament Directors and play tops, too!)

Of the eleven teams competing 4 were made entirely of Italian players, and more than half of the teams were truly international. As with Ultimate, Paga freestyle attracts the best from the whole world.

Throughout Paganello's time there were many other jammers besides those competing listed above. Thank you all, and Z you next year!



Tom Leitner and Team



Paul Kenny Multi-Disc Crow