

# Newsletter March 2022

Welcome to an update on happenings at Brook Park, Motakiora.

## **Membership**

Recently we held the AGM for Brook Park Inc Soc. The membership subs were set – unchanged from last year. A one-off life membership - \$100 per person

or an annual sub - \$ 10 per person.

As a financial member you will be kept informed through this newsletter of events we are running and any Working Bees we will be needing help with.

If there is anyone who you think would enjoy being involved in the Park, please pass on this newsletter and invite them to become a member.

Membership subs can be paid in person to a committee member or paid directly into the Brook Park Bank account 030449 0222594 00. If this method is used, please follow with an email of registration including your email and phone number to our treasurer Phillip Houghton. [pkhoughton@hotmail.com](mailto:pkhoughton@hotmail.com)

## **Brook Park Bookings**

Groups who wish to make a booking for the use of the park for an event should make their booking at the Waitomo District Council Office front desk. Liz Riley is the council contact person for any queries.

## **Disk Golf**

Below is an insight into the game of disk golf. We would like to encourage everyone to give it a go. The Brook Park course has a short course available as well for those who just want to have a 'taste' of the game. On the Disk Golf Signs there is QR code that will take you to a link to an APP that gives you a live GPS map of the course and will signal where you are at any time. This helps with following the course and playing the holes in the correct order. Score cards and discs are available from Te Kuiti Applianceplus, loan discs are available for a gold coin donation.

## **The game**

Instead of a ball and clubs, players throw a plastic disc (or "Frisbee") into a standing metal basket (which has loose hanging chains to help catch the disc). Players throw from a designated tee towards a target basket, and, as in ball golf, try to do so in as few throws as possible. A course typically has 9 or 18 "holes" (fairways with tees and baskets).

Disc golf "holes" are shorter than in ball golf, play is faster, and the game can be played in spaces shared with other users, such as public parks.

Discs are smaller and more streamlined than traditional beach "Frisbees", and fly further. There is a wide variety of different discs (they vary by design, plastic and weight). Each type has different flight characteristics. As a ball golfer has different clubs, so a disc golfer has a set of different discs (putters, mid-range, drivers).

Disc golf is relatively quick and easy to learn. Rapid and noticeable improvement in skill means that frustration is minimised.

# BROOK PARK INCORPORATED SOCIETY

Disc golf can be played on one's own, in an informal group with friends, at organised times on weekends and summer evenings, in club leagues, or in weekend tournaments. Players of differing skill levels can play together, thus all members of a family can play as a group, or an inexperienced player can happily play in the same tournament as someone with years of experience.

There is no requirement to book a "tee time", players are free to play as and when it suits them. Not much equipment is needed: loose casual clothing, a bag of discs (1-3 is enough for a beginner), and suitable footwear (e.g. training shoes). Thus the game is well suited to the fluid schedules of modern life.

It takes 50 to 90 minutes to play a recreational round of 18 "holes". Approximately 72 players can be accommodated on an 18 "hole" course at any one time.

Disc golf started in California 1975, with the invention of the metal basket. Innovations to plastic disc design followed in the 1980s and 1990s. Since 2000, the game has been growing rapidly worldwide. It is most popular in North America and Northwest Europe. Finland, with a population not much larger than New Zealand, has over 700 courses.

There are 46 or more courses in New Zealand, and the game is growing rapidly.

## **Disk Golf Event – 15,16 and 17 April**

This event is the BROOK PARK BRAVE. There will be competitors from around the country at this event. This could be a great opportunity to view an event of international standard.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity for anyone to come along and receive instruction from a professional player from 3pm – 5pm. Can anyone register their interest with [guy@tekuiti100.co.nz](mailto:guy@tekuiti100.co.nz)

Please encourage anyone else you think who would be interested to attend.