

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUMMER 2001 DISC GOLF SURVEYS

Player Survey

The following are some of the highlights of the disc golf player survey that was conducted at the Forest Lawn Disc Golf Park in from June 21 to June 27 of 2001, during which time 135 players responded to a set of 38 questions. The response rate to the questionnaire was fantastic, with almost everyone that was asked agreeing to participate. Once again, many thanks to those that participated!

This information is intended to provide a snapshot of the disc golf playing population in the city of Calgary by providing data on the demographic characteristics, player attitudes and behaviour, along with information on players' patterns of play. Only the dominant response in each category is provided; the responses to all the questions can be obtained by contacting the author at oohugo@hotmail.com.

Question	Dominant response	Percentage of responses
Dominant age	25-34	58.8%
Gender	Male	80.9%
Level of education	University (bachelor degree or higher)	45.8%
Employment situation	Full-time work	74.2%
Income	\$20 000 to \$39 999	36.0%
Number of years playing	2 - 4 years	40.7%
Times played per month	6-10 times	30.1%
Introduction to the sport	By other disc golfers	76.3 %
Number of people introduced to the sport	2 – 5 people	40.3%
Why people find disc golf an important part of their lives (multiple responses).	-For relaxation and stress relief	34.6%
	-To enjoy the outdoors and fresh air	35.6%
How Forest Lawn Course challenges skill level	Somewhat challenging	54.5%
How course closures have affected players (multiple responses).	-Loss of a challenging course	14.4 %
	-Feeling of disappointment	12.2%
	-Now play less	11.2%
Do you play object courses	Yes	59.0%
Would you be willing to pay to play on private land	Yes	75.6%
Hold membership in a disc golf organization (cdga, adsa, etc.)	Non member	64.9%

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Would you follow conditions placed on course use for environmental protection	Yes	87.0%
Important parts of disc golf etiquette (multiple responses).	Respect for other park users	20.5%
Support for a certification program	Yes	61.4%
Believe we need more disc golf courses in the city	Completely agree	96.3%

Phone Survey of the City of Calgary

Between the 12th and the 19th of September 2001, a random telephone survey of the City of Calgary was conducted. During this time, 399 citizens were contacted throughout the city and asked about their knowledge of disc sports and more specifically, the sport of disc golf. The study was intended to uncover what some of the attitudes of the general population are toward the integration of the courses within city parks in Calgary. The survey is considered to be representative of the Calgary population to within 5% points.

Question	Response	Percentage
Are you familiar with disc or Frisbee sports?	Yes	80.2%
Have you heard of disc or Frisbee golf?	Yes	32.8%
The remaining responses reflect the answers of 32.8% of the surveyed population (+/- 5%) that had knowledge of the activity. This percentage represents 287 498 people in the city, +/- the margin of error.		
Have you ever played disc golf?	Yes No	24.1% 75.9%
How did you hear about disc golf?	-Through friends and Family -Through the media	30.3% 26.5%
How would you feel about more disc golf courses in your community?	-Very positive or positive -Indifferent -Very Negative or negative	64.9% 28.9% 6.2%
If there were a course located in your area, would you use it?	Yes No Unsure	62.9% 24.2% 12.9%

Please Note: These are preliminary results. Final results will be available in the completed master degree project available spring of 2002.