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Greg Visser & Clarence Woudsma
- Enter the date of the meeting you wish to present to council  
October 3, 2024
- Which is your preference for attending the meeting.  
In Person
- Will there be anyone other than yourself addressing Council?  
No
- Use the space below to clearly outline your purpose for presenting to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome.  
Updating the Pittock Park Disc Golf Course. A budget amount has been verified by city staff and would like to discuss the arrangements of having that provided to the course. I have been in contact with several employees in the works dept and have been informed of the allocation of an amount of 20000 in their budget for these improvements. I would like to present an option of hiring a local company to make these improvements with the allocated amount so they can be facilitated. The reason I was given by said dept was their having issues getting to these projects because of man power. Of our disc golf collective could arrange this on behalf of the city then that would be taken off the to do list as per say My intention is to reinforce the viability to council the importance of this sport to the community and to incoming visitors.
- Will you be providing any additional written information in addition to your summary above? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting  
Yes
- Will you be providing any additional electronic information in addition to documents you will be attaching? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting  
No
- Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?  
No

# Disc Golf in Woodstock: Growth, Opportunity and Needs

City of Woodstock Council

On behalf of the Woodstock Disc Golf  
Community:

Clarence Woudsma, Ph.D., MCIP, RPP

October 3, 2024

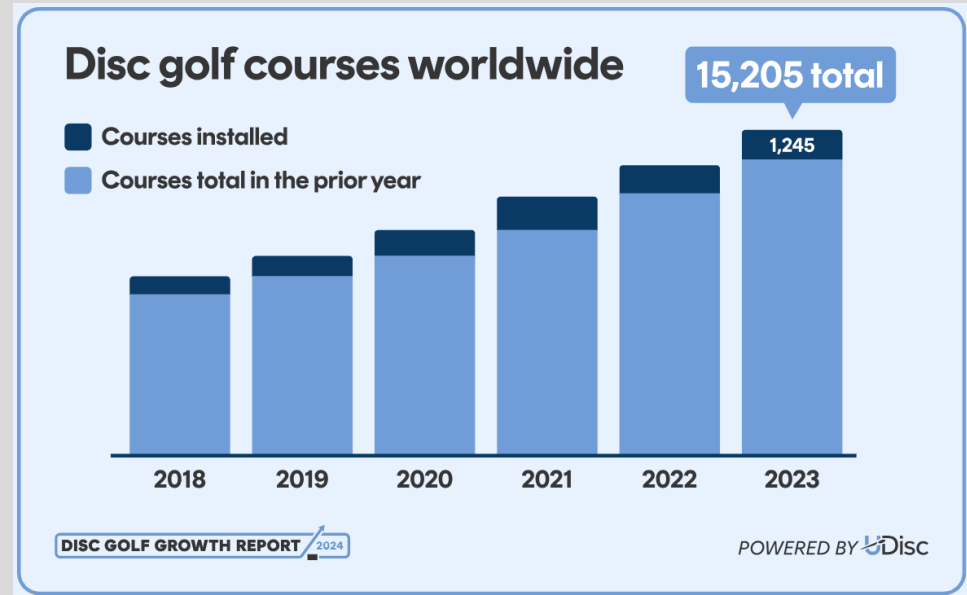
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# » On Growth – the sport

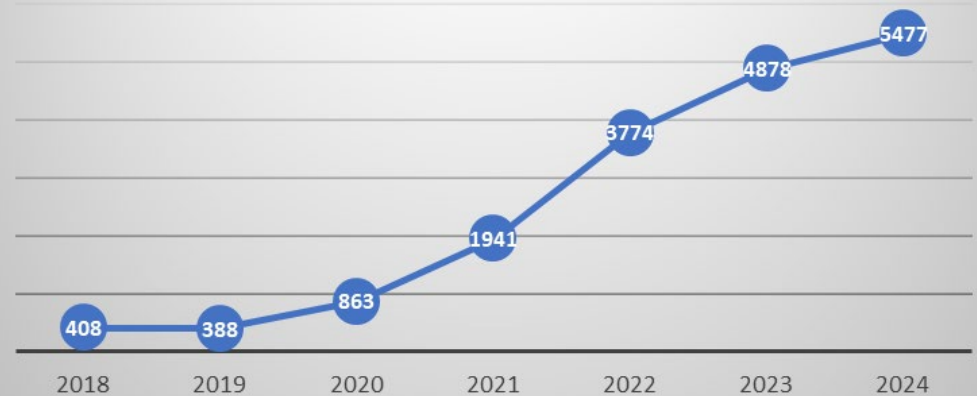
- From “grass roots foundation” and strong local community connections the sport of disc golf has grown steadily
- Signs of prominence from professionalism, scholastic sports, and industry (equipment) expansion
- Pandemic “bump” is being sustained
- Canada is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Disc Golf Country - (Udisc Growth Report 2023)



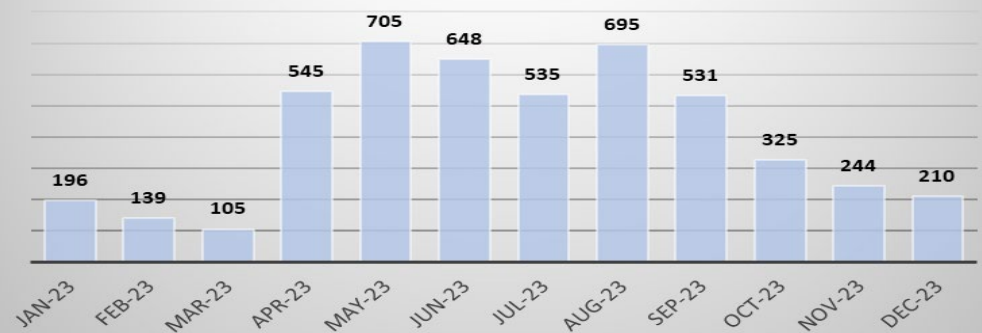
## » On Growth – use of Woodstock Course (Pittcock Conservation Area)

- Created more than 20 years ago, it is a valued, year round, recreational resource
  - » To date – club has been responsible for course
- UDisc captures *only 20%* of actual course use activity
- *significant growth* and use of this recreational facility is *undeniable*

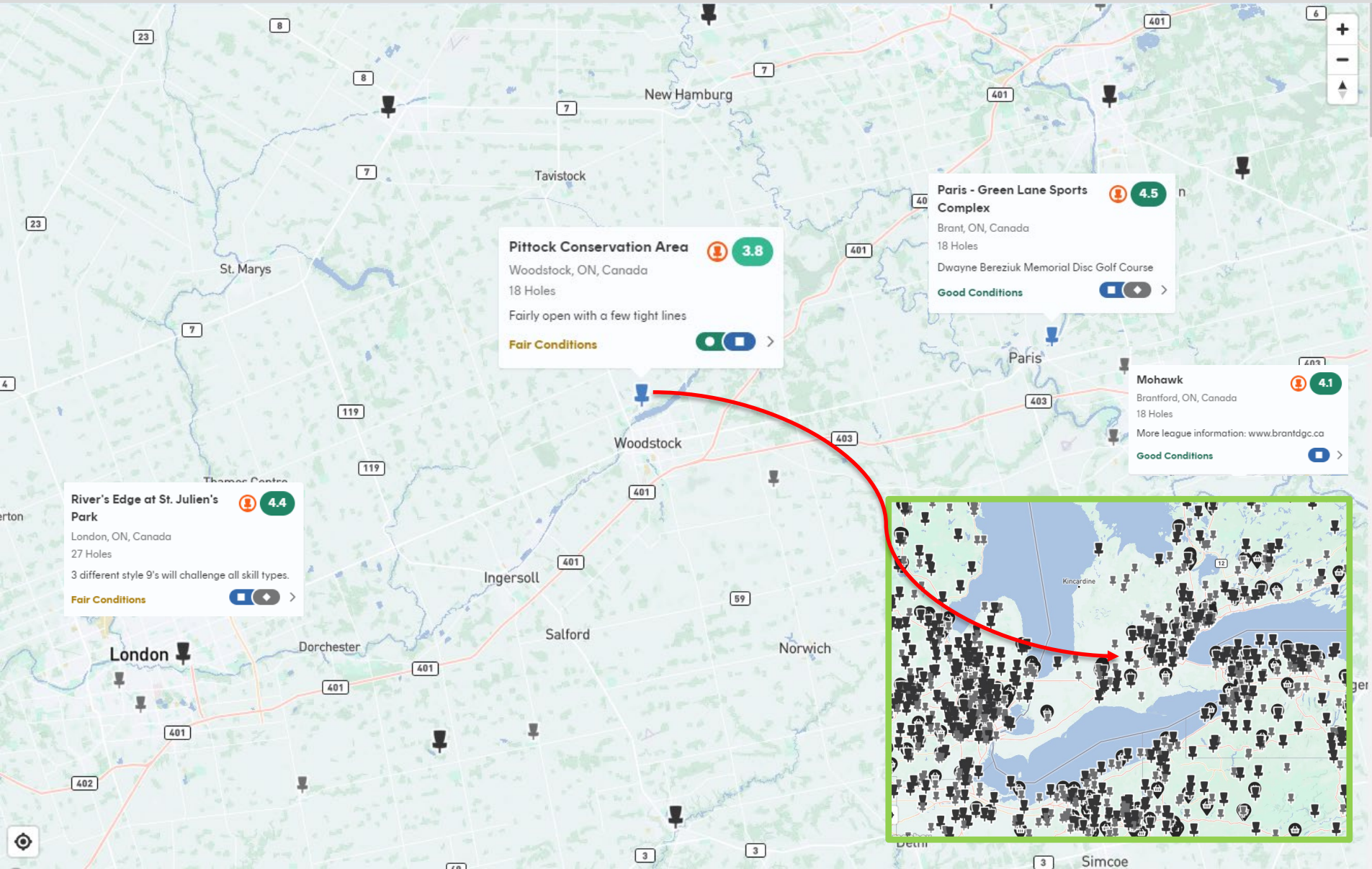
UDisc recorded Disc golf rounds at Pittcock Disc Golf Course



2023 recorded Disc golf rounds at Pittcock Disc Golf Course By Month



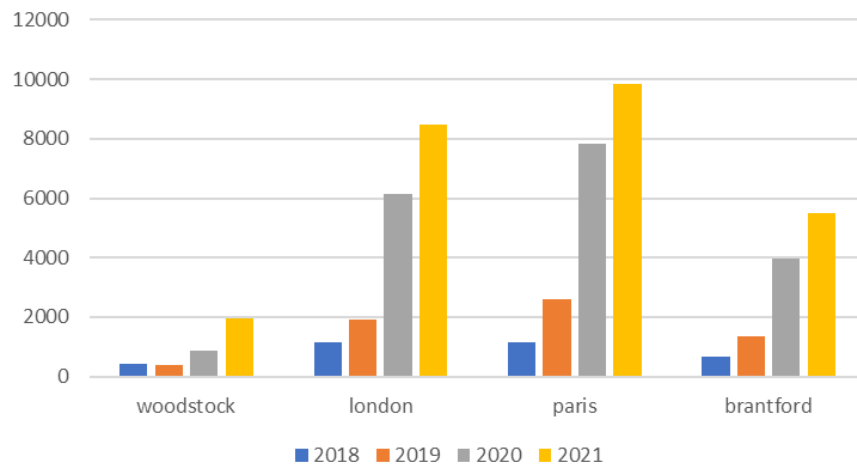
# » On Growth – regional context



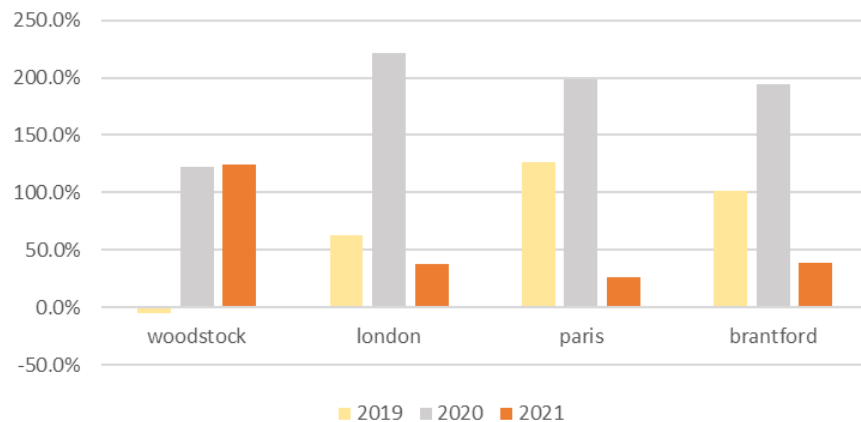
# » On Growth – regional context

- Courses within 45 minutes of Woodstock draw from larger populations
- Woodstock recently growing faster in terms of rounds played per capita
- Woodstock course has recorded a ten fold increase in activity in the last 5 years

Local Disc Golf Courses UDisc Tracked Rounds Played



Local Disc Golf Courses Per Capita UDisc Round Played Year over year % Change



# » Opportunity

- Sustainable, equitable, healthy and enjoyed by a wide spectrum of ages and physical abilities – supporting local disc golf is a priority
- Economic development impacts and **out of town spending** are also growing and have high impact potential.



*"Having good public amenities helps attract people from out of town, who stop for a drink and bite to eat after they play disc golf, and every bit of extra business is important to small businesses!"*

Moe Morris. Co-Owner Upper Thames Brewing Company and the Brickhouse Brewpub.



# » Opportunity

- Beyond club events and special tournaments, there is a growth in demand for hosting competitions: e.g. CASS hosting 1<sup>st</sup> ever WOSSA Disc Golf event

## Community survey – reflecting on 2019 activity

- “...respondents were asked what other additional parks and recreation assets, they would like to see the City invest in. The **most common request** that was received was for **disc golf**..” (City of Woodstock, 2021, p. 28)



“ WOSSA Event - 103 students, 25 teachers participated ..registration was full within 72 hours of open. .. many educators and parents comment at OFSAA, the lack of cell phones they saw out at the event. Students were engaged and having fun..” Allen Chevrier TVDSB





# >> Need

- **Signage** – for course play and all park participants
  - » Conversations with City staff in 2022
- **Tee pads** – current state major negative impact on game play
  - » Not consistent with growth and potential
  - » Reduced potential for event hosting
  - » Safety concern
- **Baskets**– purchased and installed by local club 20+ years ago
  - » Damaged and degrading

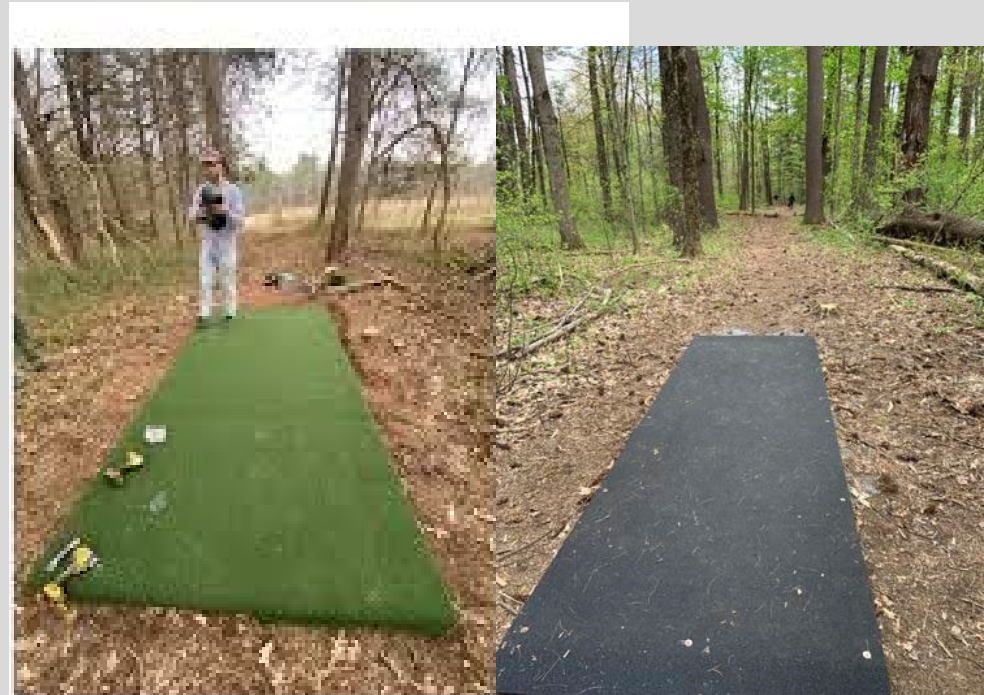


# >> Need

- **Capital investment urgently needed** to support the local recreational disc golf community and leverage the opportunity
- Course investment overdue following 20 + years of continuous use

## Strong partnership

- City Of Woodstock
- UTRCA
- local disc golf community volunteers!



*Example Tee pad options compatible with park maintenance plans*



# Thank You

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