

PRESS – a few weeks left

Art, sport and philosophy build a new park

Kroksbäck park lies between environmental programme areas Kroksbäck and Holma. Right now the world's first Puckelball (Mogul ball) pitch is being built there. The 25 x 40 metre pitch looks like a combination of a football pitch and a mogul ski slope and is a part of the refurbishing which Malmö city is currently doing in Kroksbäck park.

Starting point from the people

The Puckelball pitch is an interactive sculpture contrived and designed by the artist Johan Ferner Ström/Urban Art Solutions. He has taken the most popular of the public parks and with simple means has changed the presumptions to a pitch similar to football, but can be something completely different. The idé was established 2003 and are design protected 2004; PRV:7786, OHIM:278296



– I simply wanted to discuss life's conditions, says Johan Ferner Ström, though in a playful and entertaining design. Many live under the belief that life is a fair playing field, that both pitch halves are just as big and the goal always has at least one cross. But ultimately the ball never bounces exactly where you want it to and the pitch is both bumpy and uneven. At the same time the pitch's irregularities neutralise the players' skills. It is not at all certain that the best football player is also the greatest puckelball hero. If the ball doesn't bounce where you think it will everybody has a chance.

Art as a meeting place

Kroksbäck park built when the housing area was built in the 70s and its foremost landmark are the large mounds which were created by the excavated material from housing construction. When Malmö within the next few years extends further south with the new district Hyllievång, Kroksbäck park will have a more central role as a city park. The construction of the Puckelball pitch is a segment in Malmö city's ambition to develop new interesting meeting places which encourage being outdoors, playing and spontaneous sport. Different from a regular football pitch Puckelball pitch is a designed experiment which promotes creative usage of the surface. The design appeals to young and old alike. The pitch is built with artificial turf and will tolerate hard usage. It will have illumination, designed by Johan Moritz, so the pitch will be able to be used and experienced even at night.



The Puckelball pitch in Kroksbäck park – Sweden's first – will be inaugurated 5 September.

For information contact:

Emma Jonasson, project manager for Kroksbäcksparken, Malmö highways department, 040-341349, emma.jonasson@malmö.se
Sten Göransson, project manager för Puckelbollplanen, Malmö highways department, 040-34 2139, sten.goransson@malmö.se
Johan Ferner Ström, artist, Urban Art Solution, 070 -7772072, johan@johanstrom.com

<http://www.malmö.se/kroksbacksparken>
<http://www.johanstrom.com/>

