

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

W.P. Greens Standing Committee

THE MERADO

The Merado corer is still out of action. We will let you know as soon as it arrives back from being serviced. We are extremely grateful to the Pinelands Bowling Club for offering to house the machine on their premises. As mentioned previously, this will make it more accessible to many Clubs. Please contact Bill McCarthy (0837117380) or Terry Drew (0837634007) in regard to future bookings.

LEVEL 1 GREENKEEPING COURSES

More GKPs have been forthcoming in regard to a Level 1 Greenkeeping Course scheduled for early next year. Please contact Bill McCarthy if you would like to be added to the list. 0837117380.

ANNUAL GREENS INSPECTIONS

Recently completed greens inspections indicated that there were a number of Clubs who were working hard to bring their greens up to acceptable standards. Members of the WP Greens Committee will be contacting these Clubs over the next two weeks to establish whether these Clubs will be able to host upcoming WP events. There is sufficient time between now and the beginning of Flag/Muter to “get things right”. If there are other Clubs that think they might benefit from a visit, please contact me (Terry) at 0732671751.

RATING OF CLUBS' GREENS

Reminder. We are still waiting for certain Clubs to provide us with their “Cubitt levels” before we can finalise the Merit List.

RENOVATIONS

If you have not yet started your renovations, and have ANY queries regarding the type of topdressing to apply, the extent of scarification, or any other matter connected with renovation, please contact us.

We would like to highlight a common fear among GKPs regarding scarification. If you don't scarify down to a stage where there is hardly any sign of green leaves, where you have taken off in excess of 100 wheelbarrows of grass and mat, then you are probably wasting your time!

GROOMING

With the climatic conditions conducive to good grass growth right now, many of us are grooming at least once a week. This contributes significantly to speeding up the green and avoids Clubs having to set their mowers low to produce an acceptable speed. We mention this again as it is not advisable to set your mowers too low during the hot, summer season.

REVISED LEVEL 1 GREENKEEPING BOOKLET

BSA has updated this publication. As soon as copies are available, we will notify you. Clubs will be able to place their orders at R50 per booklet.