

JUNE NEWSLETTER

W.P. Greens Standing Committee

WP GREENS INSPECTIONS 2019

We are making good progress with our Green Inspections and evaluations, having completed 10 Clubs to date. We wish to thank all Clubs for their assistance and co-operation with this process.

Although grass growth is slowing down, we are of the opinion that this is probably the best period for inspections and evaluations based on points. Any recommendations resulting from these inspections will provide sufficient time for GKPs to remedy weaknesses before the 2020 Flag/Muter season kicks off again. These Inspections also contribute to the compilation of the WP District Merit List.

From the inspections carried out to date the most recurring issues are:

- **Banks** Dry, undercut, rounded edges, not high enough.
- **Ditches.** Widths not to rule, holding areas too firm.
- **Ditchboards.** Grass to be allowed to grow over the top of the boards and trimmed on the bank sides.

- **Stressed areas** These are areas where the grass cover is not fully knitted and in most cases is due to mowing too short (ie below 4 mm.)
- **The underworld** Too few Clubs submitting soil samples for Mycorrhizal colony and nematode analysis.
- **Run Offs** Run Offs are easy to test for and simple to rectify.
- **Mat Thickness** A product of stressed areas, low mower cutting heights and poor management of grooming procedures

- **Weeds** Winter grass and carrot top weed appear to be the main areas of concern. Best to treat early before emergence.

- **Levels** Too few Clubs BSA have adopted the Cubitt Excel workbook for
Levels with the use of Dumpy Level instruments and WPB
have purchased 3 sets for use by clubs at no charge.

When presenting your levels as a prerequisite for WPB or BSA inspections, please ensure that the BSA Level Points spreadsheet is completed and made available to the Inspectors. Although the Dumpy Level procedure is preferred for cost advantages, Clubs can if they wish also use the laser level procedure, on condition that the Level readings are entered on a revised Spreadsheet made available with the Cubitt Workbook.

The Dumpy profile procedures are very user friendly and to date those submitted have shown very good results and accepted for level profile management.

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