September 2025 Newsletter

Renovations

We are now moving into Spring, which brings warmer temperatures, and an increase in the grass growth. If you haven't already done so, you should be making plans for your renovations, remembering the earlier you start your renovations the longer it will take for the green to recover.

If you have not already done so, take soil samples before you apply any fertilizer.

Before you start your renovations, it is recommended that you perform a levels survey. This will show you where on your green you have high or low spots. Low spots can be improved by adding extra top dressing, ensuring that no more than 8 mm is added at any one time. For more renovation information, Grass Clipping Numbers 4, 5, and 6 can be accessed via the link below

https://greenscare.wpbowls.co.za/grass-clippings/

Ditch Boards

Check, that the tops of your ditch boards are covered by no more than 10 mm of turf, and that you do not have any areas of run off, nor any areas of excessive run on.

Where you have areas of ditch boards that are exposed, you can add a dusting of top dressing to the edges of the green, to encourage the grass to cover any exposed areas. You may find that this will take a number of applications to achieve full coverage.

If the grass cover is more than 10 mm above the tops of the ditch boards, you should consider raising the ditch boards to stop damage to the edges of the green.

Machine Maintenance

Now is also the time to do maintenance on your mowers, to ensure that when you increase the number of weekly cuts, they are in optimum condition.

Greens Assistants Course

We have been working on a new three-part modular practical-based course, designed primarily for Greens Assistants, but it is also suitable for Greenkeepers (or any other interested persons). Due to the practical nature of this course, attendee numbers will be restricted. It is intended to hold these courses at greens in various locations. Full details will be announced shortly.

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