MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

W.P. Greens Standing Committee

LEVEL 1 GREENKEEPING COURSE

The turnout of almost 30 GKPs and their Assistants at the recent course at Oakdale B C bodes well for the future of Greenkeeping in the district. At the course it was apparent that some of our GKPs are not on our WhatsApp group. As we wish to encourage an ongoing exchange of ideas among our GKPs, please contact Vernon Dryden (vdryden@telkomsa.net) if you are not on the Group.

LEVEL 1 TEST

For those who attended the Course and elected to complete the Test, please get these back to Terry or Bill as soon as possible. We would like to submit the names to BSA simultaneously to allow them to process the certificates.

LEVEL 1 GREENKEEPING BOOKLET

This updated and very useful booklet is available from the WPBA Office at R50. Among the additions to the booklet is a comprehensive section on the taking and interpretation of levels readings.

CLUB EVALUATION OF GREENS

An ongoing disappointment to members of the Greens Committee is how few Clubs actually carry out their own evaluation of their greens. Using the BSA Evaluation Sheet will not only help to explain how the points and thus the Greens Rating are allocated, but will also assist in detecting specific problems. It is not a time-consuming process and, with the assistance of one or two helpers, can be done effectively in 30 minutes.

We would urge Clubs to make this a regular practice.

CONTACT LIST

A provisional list of suppliers and service providers has been drawn up and will be circulated. In order to ensure that the list is comprehensive, we would ask you to add any suppliers with whom you deal. Please let Bill McCarthy have these names/numbers etc.

LAWNTYL

By now, the pre-emergent application for winter grass should have been carried out. At 400 ml per green, we do 80 ml per 10 Litres per block (five blocks). If you have success with a better ratio, please let us know.

CANCELLATION OF BOWLS EVENTS

A number of Clubs are making use of the down-time to work on banks, ditches, ditch boards and the all-important correction of run-off. There is still enough growth to allow us to give our margins a light application of soil to improve the levels.