

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

W.P. Greens Standing Committee

RENOVATION AND THE MERADO

Many of you will have started or will soon be starting renovation. If you wish to make use of WPBAs Merado Coring machine, please contact either Bill McCarthy (0837117380) or Terry Drew (0837634007) to book the machine. When you do use the machine, please ensure that it is cleaned and in working order when it is either returned or collected by another Club. Any problems should be reported immediately to Bill or Terry.

MOWING PRACTICES

Recent inspections of greens have revealed that some Clubs are still mowing too low in order to increase the speed. When this takes place during the grass-dormant season, the results can be damaging in the long term. An article discussing this issue is attached.

LEVEL 1 GREENKEEPING COURSE

Certificates for those who attended the course have finally been processed by BSA and dispatched. If you do not receive yours in the next few days, please contact me or Bill.

CLUB EVALUATION OF GREENS

The evaluation of one's greens by Clubs is essential in enabling Greenkeepers to understand how BSA arrives at a rating for Clubs. In order to assist Clubs with this exercise, we will soon be sending out the official BSA Evaluation Form together with a Guidance Pamphlet intended to simplify the evaluation process. We will also be asking Clubs to complete this evaluation during November.

LEVELS

Experience has shown that the levels on a green differ significantly from the beginning to the end of the playing season. The two-metre compaction area and/or the overplaying of specific rinks in the same direction are contributory causes. But this year the unusually heavy rains have also been a contributory factor. We highly recommend that you take the trouble to check your levels.

LAWNTYL

The unfortunate experiences of one or two Clubs in their application of Lawntyl to eradicate winter grass has frightened some of us off. We have attached a letter from George Frost, Greenkeeper at Sunningdale B C, to show how effective the product can be when applied correctly.

BOOKLET

We would like to remind Greenkeepers of the updated version of BSA's Level 1 Greenkeeping booklet which is available from WPBA at R50. Please contact Lynette if you require a copy.