

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

W.P. Greens Standing Committee

WP FIVES

Thanks to all those Clubs who were able to provide greens for the Fives event held two weekends back. Despite this being a tricky time, with so many Clubs involved in renovations, most of the reports from players were very favourable.

SELF-EVALUATION OF GREENS

We would like to thank all GKPs in anticipation for carrying out evaluations of their own greens and submitting the results to WPBA. We do not intend this to be a time-consuming exercise but rather hope that it will assist you in identifying areas which might benefit from extra attention. If there were any elements of the evaluation which proved difficult to assess, please let us know. This morning one of the Clubs queried what was meant by "Jack remains in rink". We should have made this clearer. It is intended to ensure that the sand in the ditch is not compacted. This is tested by throwing the jack with force at an angle of 45 ° to the ditch. The jack should bounce off the bank but remain within the ditch and within the rink. Regular forking and raking of the soil in the ditch will ensure that compaction does not take place.

GUIDANCE PAMPHLET

Please let us know whether there are any other shortcomings in the pamphlet supplied. We would like all GKPs to be comfortable with this exercise. If there are ways in which we can make the guidelines more precise, don't hesitate to tell us.

PREPARATION OF GREENS

As there was uncertainty from certain quarters regarding WPBA's expectation regarding the preparation of greens for W P events, particularly those that take place on a Sunday, we asked them for clarification. They responded as follows: "While we prefer that greens be mowed on a Sunday morning, we agree that mowing after play on a Saturday is acceptable". This does still involve overtime cost implications for Clubs and is possibly an issue which needs further amplification.

Someone pointed out that at this time of the year of rapid grass growth, a green prepared on a Saturday morning is likely to be significantly slower come Sunday afternoon. However, from February onwards, with the growth slowing, the same green prepared on a Saturday morning could well still offer an acceptable running surface on the Sunday. Any comments?

SETTING BRACKET

Bill McCarthy has arranged, at a cost of R750, for a setting bracket to be manufactured. This rectangular structure clamps on across the width of the cutting cylinder, and ensures that the cutting heights at both ends are identical. If you are interested in getting one, please contact Bill at 0837117380.

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