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CIRCULAR 2020-05 GREENS LEVEL 1 COURSE

We are pleased to advise that a Greens Level 1 Course will take place on:

Monday, the 24th February 2020 at Oakdale BC starting at 9h00.

**Cost: BSA regulated attendance fees for a Level 1 course is R150, paid on registration .
(In addition the BSA Revised (2019) Basic Level 1 Booklet, will be available for purchase at R50 per copy which is to be retained by the attendee for own reference.)**

Presenters: Bill Mc Carthy & assisted by Terry Hepworth

Course Objective

Bowls SA initiated a Bowls Improvement programme which is aimed at making the basic tenets of good greens management available to both the GKP and his assistant.

At present we have a Level 1 which was promoted by arranging seminars by the BSA GSC at Districts when required. In the past this has been very successful and thanks to Dr Louw and his guidance, we have kept abreast.

Bryan and the BSA GSC, with input from Doc Louw, have focused on updating and improving GKP qualifications and knowledge on a continuous basis.

Applicant's minimum experience required:

Greenkeeper Assistant's Level 1:

The qualification for application for a Level 1 GKP Assistant, requires that the Assistant has a minimum of 1 year experience assisting on a Green, attends a Level 1 Course and the applicant attending must be in possession of a BSA Revised (2019) Basic Level 1 Booklet.

The successful applicant will be awarded with a Certificate and a Badge. If an applicant is not registered with a BSA membership number, then only an attendance Certificate is awarded and the applicant must provide an ID reference Number.

Greenkeeper Level 1:

Minimum experience required is 1 year as an active Greenkeeper and able to produce a Green with at least a C grading. The applicant attending must be in possession of a BSA Revised (2019) Basic Level 1 Booklet .

The successful applicant will be awarded with a Certificate and a Badge and if not registered with a BSA membership number, then only an attendance Certificate is awarded and the applicant must provide an ID reference Number.

It was decided that it would no longer be necessary to complete the Questionnaires for Levels One and Two.

Who qualifies:

Although the Course focuses mainly on Club Green keepers and their assistants, all folk interested in the management of Lawn Bowl Greens are welcome to attend subject to BSA attendance Fee payment.

Non GKP's with an interest in Lawn Bowls playing surfaces with Turf Grass will be awarded with an attendance Certificate.

All Clubs are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book, the Essential Guide for Effective Turf Management for lawn Bowls by Dr Charles Louw, which can be purchased by your Club from WP Bowls and used as a Reference. The cost is R300.

We have had a good response from clubs/members showing interest in attending and to date the following have requested to be included:

Milnerton BC: Basil Jones and John Tallack

Helderberg Village BC: Mandla Cele (GKP), John & Charmaine Loubser (HV management), Gaffley Carelse and Justin Julius (Servest)

Helderberg BC: Pieter van der Heever and Dalie Njiva

WPCC: Nic Marais

Somerset West BC: Ken Nell

Anyone else interested would be most welcome. Please advise either Bill McCarthy on 083 711 7380 or by email to wmccarthy@telkomsa.net or Terry Hepworth on 073 267 1751, or simply arrive on the day, complete the Registration form and pay your registration fee.

To cover the course material which is set out below, this will take approximately 3 hours.

- Communication
- The Turf Grass Plant
- Soils
- Fertilisers
- Irrigation
- Mowing/Brushing/Grooming
- Compaction and Relief
- Renovation
- Levels with Cubitt Program
- Questions and Answers Session

Kind regards

Bill McCarthy

BSA & WP Greens Standing Committee