OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

W.P. Greens Standing Committee

NEW MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

We are delighted to welcome Trevor Wheeler, the GKP at Gordons Bay Bowling Club, on to our committee. He will fill a most important role as liaison person for the Clubs in the Helderberg Region, a position held by Ross Hinde for a number of years.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF GREENS COMMITTEE.

As has been the custom in the past, any Club GKP is welcome to attend our monthly meetings to exchange ideas and share problems. Our next meeting on 9 November will be held at the Gordons Bay Bowling Club at 10:00. All GKPs in the area are warmly invited to attend this meeting.

ANNUAL RENOVATION OF GREENS

This is an ongoing problem that crops up each year at this time. Despite WPBA setting aside the period mid-November through December to allow Clubs to renovate their greens, without having to host WP Competitions, many Clubs choose to start earlier. This results in there not being sufficient acceptable greens space to accommodate the popular Fives Competition. We are forced to approach Clubs whose greens are not really up to scratch but at least they are prepared to help us out. And so the complaints begin. Anyone have a solution?

THE MERADO

The Merado corer is being serviced at the moment. It should be available towards the end of the month. The booking and control of the machine will henceforth be undertaken by Bill McCarthy and Terry Drew. We thank Eugene Howard for fulfilling this role in the past. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are looking to house it in a more central position to increase accessibility. We will keep Clubs informed.

LEVEL 1 GREENKEEPING COURSES

One or two new GKPs have expressed interest in attending a Level 1 Course. In order to make this worthwhile, we would prefer to have a group of at least 6 GKPs. The course is of 5 hours duration and is usually held during the week. Should you be interested, please contact Bill McCarthy on 0837117380.

LAWNTYL

Some of us have elected to use Lawntyl, instead of Kerb, to eradicate winter grass. There have been mixed results. One should note that some suppliers of the product state clearly that the product “is not for use on bowling greens”. While we would welcome feedback from any GKPs who have used the product, we would draw your attention to the precautions which state that Lawntyl should be applied on grass that “has not been cut for at least five days”, should be left for a few days and then watered in. Applying it to young, recently mown or stressed Bayview is likely to end in disaster.

ANNUAL GREENS INSPECTIONS

These have been completed and we thank the GKPs and their staff for their cooperation. We are still waiting for certain Clubs to provide us with their “Cubitt levels” before we can finalise the Merit List.