November 2024 Newsletter

UPCOMMING ROUND OF GREENS EVALUATIONS

You will recall that during January, February and March of this year, members of the GreensCare Committee inspected and evaluated up to two greens at each Club, using revised inspection criteria issued by BSA in 2023.

Following a nationwide review, BSA have made some further changes to their evaluation criteria, and these will be used for our next round of evaluations in January, February and March 2025.

In order that you are in the best position to maximise your evaluation scores, we are recommending that you concentrate on a number of key areas.

These are:

- Your banks and ditches, which will now account for 16 of the 100 points awarded.
- Your levels, which should be no older that two years old on the date of the inspection, and account for 20 of the 100 marks awarded.
- The playing surface, which accounts for 40 of the 100 marks awarded.

Banks and ditches 16 points
Ensure that each of your banks on your greens are level, and that the edges of the banks are not rounded.

Check that your ditches are meet the laid down criteria, i.e. not less than 50 mm deep, and at least 200 mm wide. Ideally your ditch width should allow for a bowl and a kitty to lie between the green and bank edges.

Levels 20 points
An up to date set of levels is an incredibly useful tool to have when you undertake your renovations. Whilst you are unlikely to be able to resolve poor levels scores in a single season, if you do not have valid levels score at the time of our inspections, you will receive zero points for this section. Poor levels can contribute to bumpiness, run-off problems, and inconsistent lines. New and updated levels programs and instructions are available on the website to download.

Playing surface 40 points
Concentrate on the following, weak and bare areas, your mat thickness, the presence of foreign grass, and the smoothness of your green and the run-off.

You can find the updated Evaluation Guidelines and Evaluation sheet on the website, together with the updated levels programs and instructions. Press control and click on the link below.

https://greenscare.wpbowls.co.za/resources/