

Greens Maintenance

Lining and Cutting Notes for 2019

Although we are all volunteers to do this work, it is necessary that we need to familiarise ourselves with the mowers and lining machines before using them.

We now have 2 expensive cylinder mowers, the Allet (Kensington) and the Allet 24 which is a larger machine and much heavier to use.

Generally the Kensington will be used by most cutters and the Allet 24 by those who have had special tuition and can manage it.

Naturally No Green preparation means no bowling for all the rest of the members, so please make sure that you know when you are rostered to do so. If you need to change then please try and make arrangement to swap. If unable to do so, please contact Dave Jones or Nigel Edwards for help.

CUTTING.

When mowing the green please make sure you are familiar with the controls of the machine and happy you can handle it safely.

The 1st cut should be around the inside of the perimeter line using the white lines on the grass box as a guide. Please DO NOT cut anywhere outside the playing area with the cylinder mowers as from previous experience damage may occur from (FOD)

Foreign object damage (Screws, Stones etc.) Always Switch the green before cutting, this serving to ensure the green is clear of debris, worm casts are broken up and any dew on the grass rid of , as this can cause Fusaria and other diseases.

It is also Advantageous to cut in a different direction from the previous cut as the rollers on the mower will encourage channels.

There will always be one experienced person in the team and it is customary to Bag Up the grass cuttings and take away for disposal.

Lining

The white paint is measured into milk containers with 1 container being enough to line the green once. If you do need more paint and have some left over in the machine please DO NOT pour it down the soakaway near the outside tap. It will solidify causing a blockage and

much work for someone else. Just pour it in the jug provided and into a milk container marked For Used Paint.

Considerable care is needed to avoid spreading blobs of paint around, leaving tyre marks or footsteps all over the green. I suggest you take a Wet sponge/cloth to wipe up any mistakes.

The Lining machine needs to be cleaned carefully paying particular attention to the Gap between the “Writing Wheel” and Body. Scrape away any picked up grass which gets clogged and causes dripping of the paint. On completion of lining make sure the machine tank is clean as any remaining paint dries hard and gets thicker and thicker creating problems and much work for someone else.

Anyone who is not familiar with these routines will have an experienced partner to assist.

Any questions that you may have can be directed to Dave Jones or Nigel Edwards who are more than willing to assist.

Many Thanks

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