



ROPNER PARK BOWLING ASSOCIATION GREENS MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Our 'resident greenkeeper' Robert's schedule - he is here 24/7/365

January

- 1 Once this month aerate with chisel tines, weather permitting.
- 2 Spray Farmura Porthcawl (seaweed & iron) in one direction (E-W or N-S) with blue jets at a rate of 5.0 ltr Farmura to 20 ltr water. Walking at a steady pace each green will take 2.5 fills of the sprayer's container. Afterwards wash out container, spray through jets and put battery on charge overnight.
- 3 Clear debris (leaves, twigs, etc) with rotary brush set gently.

February

- 1 Once this month aerate with chisel tines, weather permitting.
- 2 Spray with iron (Ironmax) in one direction with blue jets at a rate of 1 litre per fill, 2.5 fills per green. Clean equipment thoroughly after using iron.
- 3 It may be necessary to cut the greens at 12mm. This can be done up and down the green rather than diagonally.
- 4 Spread Turf Tonic 2.1-0-2.5 + 3%Fe in one direction, 7 setting, 2 x 25kg per green.

March

- 1 From now aerate with solid tines every two or three weeks during the season and roll green afterwards. Each green takes 2.5 hours to aerate.
- 2 Spray with Farmura Porthcawl (see January)
- 3 Cut greens weekly on the diagonal gradually reducing the height of cut to 8mm.
- 4 Contact **Par 4 (Irrigation) Ltd** (tel 01765 602175) to send someone to switch on the Irrigation System.
- 5 Spread Turf Tonic (see February). Irrigate setting 6 minutes per station with 45 minutes rest between greens.
- 6 Spray Ultraflow Liquid (wetting agent) in one direction 2.5ltr to rest of water in container. Irrigate.

April

- 1 Aerate & roll regularly.
- 2 Spray with iron (see February)
- 3 Power-wash seats, paving and tops of artificial turf before ditch bottoms are fitted for the new season.
- 4 Spread San Iron 3:0:8 + Fe in one direction, 8.5 setting, 3ft centres, 4 x 25kg bags per green. Irrigate.
- 5 Cut greens Monday, Wednesday and Friday reducing to 6mm for the start of the season (about 20th of the month).

May

- 1 Continue to aerate and roll.
- 2 Verticut lightly to remove flattened grasses before a normal cut, which by now can be the summer height of 5mm.
- 3 Around 20th of the month, probably a Saturday morning, spread fertilizer 8:0:6 in one direction, 9.5 setting, 300mm centres, 4 x 25kg per

June

- 1 Continue to aerate and roll.
- 2 Verticut on both diagonals and cut at 5mm the week before important matches or competitions to speed the greens.
- 3 Cut regularly at 5mm.
- 4 Irrigate thoroughly if necessary.

July

- 1 Continue to aerate and roll.
- 2 When needed fertilize with 8:0:6 in one direction, setting 7, 3ft centres, 2 x 25kg per green. Irrigate and overnight.

August

- 1 Continue to aerate and roll.
- 2 Towards the end of the month spread San Iron fertilizer in one direction, 8.5 setting, 3ft centres, 4 x 25kg bags per green. Irrigate and overnight.
- 3 Take stock of fertilizer, etc and order for coming 12 months from Aitkens Sportsturf Ltd (tel: 01977 681155). Two bags of bowling green grass seed must be included in the order
- 4 Order top dressing from Rigby Taylor Ltd. Usually 11 tons is enough for both greens with some to spare.
- 5 Decide on schedule for Autumn Renovation which should begin as soon as the season finishes.

September

- 1 When the season ends around 10th of the month remove ditch channels bottoms and store.
- 2 Renovation consists of cutting at 4 mm, scarifying to depth of 6mm in 3 or 4 directions from the same corner, aerating with solid tines (hollow tines every 4 years), seeding with 20 kg per green and working in top dressing.

October

- 1 Watch out for the appearance of fusarium patch disease and treat promptly with Insignia fungicide. Spray in one direction with 100ml per fill, 2.5 fills per green.
- 2 Aerate with chisel tines monthly through the winter.
- 3 Spread Micro-gran fertilizer in one direction, 10 setting, 3ft centres, 2 x 25 kg bags per green.
- 4 Ask Par 4 to shut down irrigation system.

November

- 1 Hire a deep slitter [We use Tees Turf Machinery]. Slit in three directions from the same corner.
- 2 Spray Farmura Porthcawl (see January)

December

- 1 Spray iron (see February)
- 2 Buy a diary to use as a log book for the new year. - and enter work done for future reference. ●

