

The BLBC Greens restoration – Spring 2016 Update

Winter's warmer than expected season greatly helped our greens.....there was no winter kill on the greens, and the new turf and core plugs, carefully planted last fall survived and are growing well as we enter spring.

The greens are looking wonderful, but Charlie Roach (our greens chairperson) and his dedicated team of volunteers are not out of the 'woods' yet....they know there is still a vast amount of work to be done, and that work will continue through the 2016 season under Charlie's watchful eyes.

The greens have been fertilized and both our greens have already been cut 8 times since spring commenced!



North green



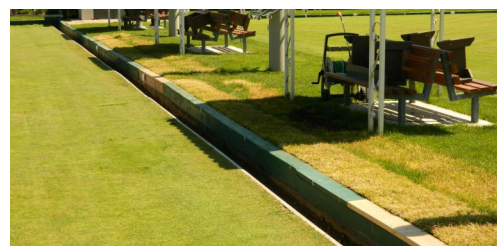
South green

The north green was played on during our 2016 Open Day Saturday April 30th, and the greens will continue to be used during the Open House week, as the club welcomes new players wishing to play bowls.

For those that played on our greens last year, you will immediately notice how our main playing areas have been painstakingly restored, visually those central sandy, bare areas of last year are gone!

Careful attention continues with identifying small play areas that need to be restored, using core plugs from around the corners of each green, these will quickly germinate, grow healthy grass, and blend in with the existing grass to provide a smooth playing area. While there are still some signs of usage, wear and tear around the perimeters, work has focused on the playing areas first, and the perimeters second, as that work can be done during the play season.

Work has also taken on to replace some of the backboards (on both greens), ensuring they are aligned correctly from a height perspective, and free from damage for the new season.



As the season kicks off May 7th, Charlie and his team will continue to adopt and amend the original restoration plan through the season, including more sanding, perimeter sodding, scheduled verti-cutting, fertilizing, and regular cutting, providing the general care and attention our greens needs to bring them back to their previous magnificent condition.

Our thanks to Charlie and his grounds crew for their ongoing efforts and enthusiasm to restore the greens to their former glory.