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GREENS: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly. In this case and in no order, that means irrigation, groundsheets and crow damage.

The green needs about an inch of water a week to survive, in most weeks of the bowling season Mother Nature doesn't provide that much so we have to supplement it with irrigation. We usually irrigate once or twice a week starting at about 2 am. So you may be surprised that in the middle of a heatwave the green surface is soft, particularly in the mornings. This may be when you need to employ groundsheets to minimize divot damage from imperfectly delivered bowls. As Ken Bucyk noted in last week's MMM, we all have to take responsibility to use groundsheets if anyone on our rink is creating divots.

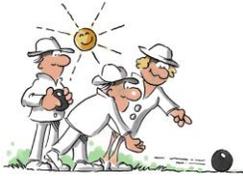


Crows are busy digging for food in the green, usually around dawn. Many of you will have noticed the pecked out sod and the holes they leave behind. We have applied a product to kill the larvae the crows are digging for and will follow up with another application soon. The green maintenance crews are removing the pecked out sod and filling the holes with sand when they are there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.



If a hole created by a crow or a divot is causing you some concern on the green, please do not stuff the displaced turf back into the hole. You can take a handful of sand from the ditch to fill the hole and smooth it out with the sole of your shoe if you wish. Martin Fereday, Greenkeeper

WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY DRAW: Just a note to remind all that there is no Women's draw this Wednesday (3rd) morning due to the Novice Single's tournament (see Games Committee note below).



GAMES COMMITTEE:

from your always busy games committee.....

* A reminder to our members that the club novice singles tournament is happening this week. Come out and support our new players. Games are Tuesday @ 10:30 and 1:30 - Wednesday @ 9:00 and the final @ 1:30.

* The sign-up sheet for the club singles tournament on Aug. 17, 18 & 19th was posted last week and we hope for many more players to join in on the action.

* The sign-up sheet for the men's and women's triples tournament (Battle of the Sexes finale) Aug. 27th & 28th is now posted. This will not be a blind draw for teams. The games committee will draw for the teams and skips will be notifying their team members regarding playing times.

* The August Fun & Food night will be on Aug. 15th. Please sign up and join your fellow members for a wonderful social outing. Dinner is fried chicken, potato salad and cole slaw. Dessert, tea and coffee will be served after the 12 end game of TWO bowls triples.

* Also, a reminder that for the safety of our fellow bowlers that the mats, plastic bowls for tags and the jack should be on the rink prior to starting so that players are less likely to trip on them when getting ready to begin.



STANFORD PLACE: Once again it is time to bring smiles to the faces of our Stanford place residents who love to come out and lawn bowl! So volunteers are needed to help out for a couple of hours, Tuesday August 9th. 9:30-11:30. Thanks. Trevor and

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FROM THE KITCHEN: A belated thank-you to all that helped last weekend at the Men's and Women's Triples. The next event will be the Club Singles on August 17th, 18th, & 19th. I will put up some work sheets for this in the next week or so. As always the freezers can use some more baking. Thanks Dana.

UMPIRE'S CORNER: Live Jack



A jack that is moved by a bowl in play and ends up in the front ditch within the side boundaries of the rink of play is a live jack.

The position of a jack in the ditch must be marked by a white indicator placed on the bank directly behind the jack. A line can be drawn in the sand around the jack to mark its position.

The position of a jack in the ditch can be validly altered if the jack is moved by a toucher in play. The new position of the jack must be marked as before. (P. 34)



ODDS & ENDS: It's believed that the "bias" was introduced inadvertently in 1522 by the Duke of Suffolk. Apparently his bowl split in two after striking other bowls and he took a knob off of a stairway banister post for a replacement. The flat side of the knob caused it to roll with a bias and he experimented by curving his bowl around others. The word spread and biased bowls gradually came into use. Now you know! Len Canning

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