



## Hampshire Cricket Board

### Association of Cricket Groundsmen

#### Newsletter No 3 – July 2013

Dear Member,

#### 1. End of Season work and HCB Bulk Buying Group

As usual prices have been agreed with BHGS Ltd and Surrey Loams Ltd for clubs to purchase loam, seed and fertiliser at advantageous prices. The details are attached on the HCB and League websites – [www.hampshirecb.com](http://www.hampshirecb.com), <http://www.hantscl.co.uk>, <http://www.southernpremierleague.com>.

Advice from our County and Regional Pitch Advisers is that your end of season work should :

- thoroughly scarify the entire square, to ensure that removal of thatch
- over seed and fertilise the entire square
- repair worn pitch ends and restore levels
- top dress using one of the following methods (if funds allow):
  - a) apply a light dressing of your normal cricket loam (3 x 20/25kg bags per pitch) to repair, level and bed in the seed.
  - b) apply a full dressing of your normal cricket loam using 8 x 20/25kg bags per pitch

Should you need any further help or clarification of the above, please contact our County Pitch Adviser, Chris Westbrook – [wetwicketa@aol.com](mailto:wetwicketa@aol.com), 02380 254500

#### 2. Membership

Membership has now reached 47, but clearly there are many others working in and for our cricket clubs who have not joined us yet – we have representation from only 13 SEPCL clubs and 14 HCL clubs. Please help us to spread the word when you can!

#### 2. Training

There is an **IOG Foundation (Level 1), Part B course** – Autumn renovation and Winter maintenance - at Hursley Park CC on **Tuesday 10 September 2013, 09.00 – 16.30**. The fee for each Course is £114 for IOG members and £228 for non-members.

The course includes Definition and Assessment of Surfaces, Safe Working Practices, Scarification, Aeration, Repairs and renovation, Overseeding, Top dressing, Fertiliser application, care of Outfield, maintaining non-turf surface.

We strongly urge all members who have never taken advantage of this course to do so. It is hands-on, delivered by a qualified Institute of Groundsmanship tutor who usually is also a working groundsmen. Chris Westbrook, our County Pitch Advisor, is also on hand to assist the tutor and lend his club's equipment.

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The Hampshire Cricket Board will continue to assist with course fees for members of the CGA. HCB will refund up to £114 for each part, and if you become a member of IOG as well (the current annual subscription is £47) you will then in effect pay no course fees.

More information is available on the IOG website - on membership at <http://www.iog.org/membership-ben>, and on the courses and to book places at <http://www.iog.org/training-courses>. Alternatively you can call IOG on 01908 312511 to book a place.

To claim a refund of the course fee, please **send a copy of the paid invoice** to me **after the course**.

There is also an **IOG Intermediate (Level 2) course** at Hursley Park CC on **Thursday 19 September 2013, 9.00 – 16.00**. This course is an introduction to the Theory of Turf Culture, and includes Soils, Basic Turfgrass Identification, Nutrients, Fertilisers, Pests, diseases, moss and weeds, New developments

### **Special Event**

The Association is very grateful to Nigel Gray, Head Groundsman at the Ageas Bowl, for agreeing to demonstrate methods of pitch repairs and renovation and square renovation on the main square, nets and Nursery Ground. **This will be on Friday 6 September**, starting at 6.30 pm, following the four-day LV Championship match with Northamptonshire. This event will complement the IOG Level 1, Part B course above and is not intended to replace it.

**There is no charge and all members are very welcome to attend. We will need to have an idea of the numbers attending, so please book your place by email or phone to me by Monday 2 September.**

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