



**Hampshire Cricket Board  
Association of Cricket Groundsmen  
Newsletter No 5 – July 2014**

Dear Member,

**1. HCB Bulk Buying Group**

Once again prices have been agreed with BHGS Ltd and Surrey Loams Ltd for clubs to purchase loam, seed and fertiliser at advantageous prices. Our thanks to Chris Westbrook for providing this benefit for affiliated clubs. The details are attached and are also on the HCB and League websites – [www.hampshirecb.com](http://www.hampshirecb.com), <http://www.hantscl.co.uk>, <http://www.southernpremierleague.com>.

Those who use Kaloam should be aware that the situation has changed following a protracted legal case. Boughton Loams has acquired the trademark to Kaloam, while our clubs can now obtain Kalionitic Loam, a product identical to with the one you have been using, from BHGS Ltd. As you will know it is inadvisable to change your top dressing as this can lead to problems with the stability of the square. If you are in any doubt as to whether Kalionitic Loam will meet your need, Paul Roman at BHGS will be glad to advise.

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

**2. Membership**

Membership of the Association has now reached 51, but clearly there are many others working in and for our cricket clubs who have not joined us yet – we have representation from only 14 SEPCL clubs and 16 HCL clubs. Please help us to spread the word when you can!

**3. Training**

3.1 There is an **IOG Foundation (Level 1), Part B course – Autumn renovation and Winter maintenance** - at Hursley Park CC on **Tuesday 9 September 2014, 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 surfaces.

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We strongly urge all members who have not taken advantage of this course to do so. It is hands-on and delivered by a qualified Institute of Groundsmanship tutor who is also a working groundsman. Chris Westbrook is also on hand to assist the tutor and lend his club's equipment.

3.2 Subject to there being sufficient numbers, IOG are also offering an **Intermediate (Level 2) course – Introduction to the Theory** - at Hursley Park CC on **Tuesday 7 October 2014**. This course is particularly suited to candidates who have attended the Foundation Courses Part A and B and thus wish to increase their overall knowledge and expertise in groundsmanship. A summary of the course content is attached. The course fee is £144 for IOG members and £288 for non-members.

The Hampshire Cricket Board will continue to assist with course fees for members of the CGA. **by refunding £57 per member for the Level 1 course, and £72 per member for the Level 2 course.** To claim a refund of the course fee, please **send a copy of the paid invoice** to me **after the course**.

Applications for places on both course should be made to Lisa Gray at the IOG 01908 312511, e-mail; [LGray@iog.org](mailto:LGray@iog.org) (website: [www.iog.org](http://www.iog.org))

#### **4. Special Events**

Nigel Gray, Head Groundsman at the Ageas Bowl, has repeated the offer which he made last September to demonstrate methods of pitch repairs and renovation and square renovation on the main square, nets and Nursery Ground. The event will complement part of the IOG Level 1, Part B course and is not intended to replace it.

**This will also be Tuesday 9 September 2014**, starting at 6.30 pm, followed by a buffet provided by the Southern Electric Premier League, thanks to funding provided by the England & Wales Cricket Board.

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Clearly we will need some idea of numbers attending (the invitation will also go to non-members), **so please let me know if you will be coming, by email or phone, by Wednesday 3 September.**

We are also hoping that Ray Holyer, a member of the South Coast Panel of Umpires and Scorers and also a Tutor for the International Cricket Council, will repeat his talk on "The Umpire and the Groundsman" which was very well received by members of the IOG Winchester Branch at their Spring meeting.

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