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FOCUS ON GREEN KEEPERS

COMBINED FIELD DAYS THE

NEW ERA

Martin Christiansen, Green keeper, Bowls Tolaga Bay

We are approximately six months into an era of doing "things" differently as Bowls NZ Green keepers and Green keeping Associations. Our commitment and responsibilities to our clubs and Centres haven't changed, what has changed is that we are in charge of our own destiny into the future brought about by the changed for the better criteria of Bowls NZ renewed contract with NZ Sports Turf.

We as greenkeepers are in the box seat relating to ongoing training and up skilling focused on our own local and regional requirements through the scheduled field day/s and our relationship with our Agronomists who in this new era are delivering to us programmes at cluster meetings and field days tailor made to address our immediate local agronomy needs.

Several Centres have already have seized the initiative and the opportunities offered, by submitting suggested programme content to our NZSTI Agronomists as well as combining with adjacent Centre green keepers at a mutually agreed venue culminating in a full day mini turf conference well attended. The new era changes sure beat the often told

scenario of the scheduled visit from the Agronomist to a club with gate locked and not a sole in sight.

A recent successful joint Centre application for funding for a vertidrain and corer was an outcome of a combined association.

The opportunity doesn't stop with the Agronomists presenting to us, quest trade speakers and suppliers can be invited to attend as well as the club green superintendants who I feel are not "lent on" enough by our clubs to take a more active part in our affairs.

I would also mention the changed presentation of the ITO Level three Bowls green keeping diploma, spread over four bit size two day workshops during the year rather than a week long sit in, great value at a generously subsidised cost. The possibility of e-learning programmes is being explored by the Turf Industry Training Organisation which is a further opportunity towards upskilling our members.

I strongly suggest to those Bowls Green keeping Association Presidents and committees who are yet to embrace combined field days with your neighbouring Centres make them an agenda item at your next meeting.