

FOCUS ON GREENKEEPING

SCRIMS, SCRIMS, SCRIMS

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Scrims have been catch cry for green keepers so far this season. I'm aware of two clubs who on opening day, against better judgment, didn't use them "so that the greens would look their best".

They are now paying the price of having slow healing dumping and scuff marks evident well into the season. Club officials must be resolute insisting that scrims are used whilst the playing surface remains soft. I would refer club officials to the excellent article "dumping" by David Ormsby in the August Turf Management Journal. Club Officials must not succumb

to pressure from players against using scrims, they will pay for it in the long run.

Regional Centres

Recently Region Two held a green keepers forum, in view of forming a Leadership group of Greenkeepers. Experienced Green keepers and Contractors from the Region's eight Centres attended, together with members of the NZ Sports Turf Staff. An outline of the new Regional pathways was given by CEO David Hewitt, and an excellent exchange of ideas on all aspects of Greenkeeping followed. A resolution was made to reactivate activity at local level, especially in relation to field days and

cluster meetings involving Sports Turf and Bowls NZ.

Greens Evaluation Form

The Bowls NZ Green Keepers Association fully supports the use of the evaluation form by all Centres when selecting club greens for Centre events into this season, as it is vital that all clubs throughout NZ are evaluated to the same criteria. It was surprising to find at the recent Region Two forum that awareness of the approved evaluation form was not evident in some Centres.

For a copy of the evaluation form, visit www.bowls.co.nz/greenkeeping/reporting

