

Croquet Communique – 24 March 2022

Lawn Maintenance

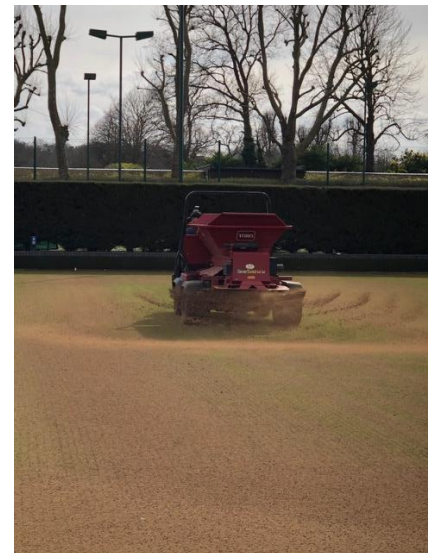
Last week saw the first 'Lawn Maintenance Week' of the year. Traditionally all courts would close for the week, although if work schedules and weather allowed, we might have had them back by Thursday or Friday.

However, this time the grounds' staff have allowed play to continue on the 'top dressing' and only closed each court for one day.

The turf to complete the new 'slope' between courts 1 and 2, and 2 and 3, arrived this week.

The courts 1,2, 3 should revert to full size on April 5th, so they will not be 're lined' until then.

The following photos courtesy of Charlotte Oades:



Postcard

An interesting card from the Brands Museum in London. F.W. Ayres and Jacques were great rivals and Ayres started croquet set manufacturing in the 1890s, although they are better known for their Rocking Horses

They no longer exist, but 'antique croquet sets' occasionally appear in auctions.

Enjoy your Croquet!

Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain

