

## Why were 96 holes drilled on Tuesday 1 March? The answer!

The word “drilled” is significant. When the ground is relatively soft as it is in March, it is possible to bang the hoops directly into the ground using the hoop clamp. However, stones etc mean that the hoop setting is less accurate than when holes are drilled and backfilled. The main competition hoops on the four full-sized lawns require accurate setting throughout the season. New for this season is a trial of a different approach to setting the competition hoops. This involves alternating between two positions instead of marking and drilling new positions every month. On the Tuesday in question, all the necessary holes for both these positions were drilled. These two pairs of holes will be used in an alternating way all season. It will cut down the effort each month considerably so the new hoop setting recruits who are only available in the evenings (because they work during the day) should be able to finish the job in one evening session.

**It follows from the above that the number of holes drilled for Hoop 1 on Lawn 1, for example, is 4. There are 6 hoops on each lawn and 4 lawns so the number of holes drilled was  $4 \times 6 \times 4 = 96$ .** This is the correct explanation.

Drilling was not necessary for the hoops on the eight small lawns and the extra social GC holes on the four outside hoops as they are not used for competitions throughout the season.

As a matter of fact, the total number of holes **created** (but not all drilled) during the last two weeks is:

4 large lawns, main hoop positions	drilled as above:	96
4 large lawns extra holes for hoops 1,2,3 and 4	$2 \times 4 \times 4$	32
8 small lawns	$2 \times 6 \times 8$	<u>96</u>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>224</b>

If you add the peg positions, 12 have already been created so that makes the total 236. There will be another 4 when the alternating position is used in a month's time.