## Angelo Capannelli, Hutcheson Sand and Mixes

The technical sales/serviceman for the Hamilton Area, Angelo Capannelli held a discussion on "SAND," a daunting subject.

Angelo explained the preferred use of silica sand to keep the pH of the root zone closer to 7.0 rather than near 8.0. This provides the best solubility of the minor elements in the root zone. He also demonstrated their new product, Dry Bagged Sand, which may be spread over a green with a fertilizer spreader.

Dry Sand has multiple uses including leveling, overseeding, and topdressing after verticutting. It is ready for immediate use and saves both time and manpower.

## Bill Crook, Highland Creek Lawn Bowling Club

Bill was asked to present his Indoor Lawn Bowl's Chute which he constructed from a design in a U.K. report for the testing of indoor lawn bowling felt carpets.

We have used the chute to check the pace of the indoor car-

pets at Brampton, and we found a pace of 16 seconds for the 95 foot carpet.

There are many uses for this chute: (a) testing bowls for accuracy of bias; (b) testing the evenness of a green; and (c) having a competition between immobilized wheelchair people on an even footing against more mobile people.

Bill also showed the value of his laser beam transit which was reasonably priced and covered an accuracy radius of 30 feet. A much more expensive machine would be preferred for 120 foot greens but this smaller sized laser covers almost half the green and is a good start in measuring the topography.

Thanks to all who participated. It was a worthwhile day. To Roselawn Lawn Bowling Club, thanks for the venue and the lunch.

— John L. Hopkins is the Greens Advisor for the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association



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