

Field marking Oct 21 2006

2006 spring season of pesäpallo is about to start. But first we had to get our field marked. We are back at William Green Domain.

Today Saturday October 21st after the rain disappeared three of us headed to the field to mark the lines ready for the city council to over spray them in white.

Susanna, Bruce and Gavin, armed with clipboard and layout papers, string lines, measuring tapes, pegs and spray paint, began the task of getting the field marked.

Pesäpallo fields are something different. Softball diamonds can be quickly marked out as can football or rugby fields. But pesäpallo fields require planning and attention to detail.

Gotta say folks Bruce put a lot of work into this project as did Susanna. I was the lazy one because I just turned up on the day hoping to get my picture in the local paper. That didn't work so I stayed and helped. But the planning department really put in some work. Tell you what we even had satellite pictures of William Green Domain. This is real technical stuff when we have to have satellite stuff eh?

It took us about 3 maybe 4 hours or so to get the field marked. It wasn't just a case of running some lines and going home. No way. It was a case of everything being right and that is what Bruce strove to make us understand. So we ran lines all over the place making sure everything was square before dividing the field into the format that can only be one thing. A pesäpallo playing field. With the wind creating a serious threat to measurement stuff ups we battled everything to make sure the job was done right. We measured stuff several times from every angle possible to make sure. Oh this spray paint stuff is sure good too. Upside down cans and press the nozzle thingy. Instant lines and new nail polish for me. Well I sprayed my hand how bad is that huh? The biggest difficulty really in this job was getting the playing field square. Everything on the park which one would think was a straight line wasn't. Fences just went wherever they wanted to go so that made our layout always look wrong. Well we stretched string lines ran tapes pushed in marker pegs and sprayed the paint. When we stood back we knew we had marked a damn good playing field.

Now without Susanna, Bruce and Gavin this field wouldn't have been marked. Yes I had asked Ian to come help and yes Ian was nearly on his way to help until I called to tell him that because of the rain he should forget about coming over. But seriously we produced a damn good looking field and every time we play pesäpallo this spring season we should all be grateful for what they has been done for us the player and the game in general.

So next week the council will do their thing and we should have the best ever pesäpallo playing field in New Zealand. Then all we need is players. Roll on October 29th 2006. First game of pesäpallo for the spring season see you all there huh

Gavin

