

Field Mowing Hints and Tips

The mowing schedule is generally set in March to start in April to run into October. The dates on the schedule are Fridays, but the teams have the option to mow on other days of the week, typically Thursday through Tuesday, depending on weather and team availability. Teams traditionally have three volunteers with one of them designated as “Captain” who is tasked with contacting the other two members to agree on day and time. If a member is unable to mow as designated we expect him to try to arrange a swap of duties with another mower. Tasks are generally two mowing and the third trimming the grass along pavement.

Keys to the storage shed are kept in a lockbox located in the lavatory. This year's code number is 4952.

The club has two mowers; a Kubota 72” tractor and an ExMark 52” zero-turn. We ask that mowers check fluid levels and tire inflation of both mowers before beginning to mow.

It is also advised to check fuel levels at this time. It is **imperative** to take care to fill the Kubota with diesel fuel (yellow cans) and the ExMark with gasoline (red cans)!

Kubota fluid checks:

Open the hood by lifting the pin inside the front left of hood, sliding hood aft, then tilt up.

Engine oil dipstick low on left side. **Coolant** level in overflow sight tube. **Hydraulic** oil level gage on front of tank which is under the hatch on the floor in front of the seat. Oil and coolant are kept in the shed.

ExMark fluid checks:

Engine oil dipstick inside the filler tube at front left corner of engine. **Hydraulic oil** reservoir is located above left rear corner of engine. Proper level is at or between the “cold” or “hot” indicator levels. Refill with Mobil Synthetic 50wt.

Steering becomes erratic if hydraulic levels are low!

Tire inflation visual check that they are not low or flat. A small 12v air compressor is kept in the shed. Notify the field manager if engine or hydraulic oil must be resupplied.