BIGGA/SUPATURF 1989 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
QUEENS' COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE, 4th–6th APRIL 1989

BIGGA considers it particularly appropriate that the first National Educational Conference of the new Association is being held at Cambridge - a centre of learning and academic excellence.

The Association considers the education and training of greenkeepers to be of paramount importance and it is to be hoped that the Conference and its setting will prove the inspiration for many delegates to pursue higher standards of education and learning in the future.

Accommodation will be provided in Queens' College which incorporates the old with the new and was founded in 1446. Delegates will be housed in the student accommodation and the Conference Banquet will be held in The New Hall which was opened in 1979. The Old Hall, built in 1449, with an interior richly decorated in the eighteenth and nineteenth century, will be used for a reception by SUPATURF, the Conference's sponsors, whose support and co-operation has been much appreciated by the Association.

The Conference will be held in The Peterhouse Theatre adjacent to Queens' College, a modern purpose-built facility providing all necessary services and a high degree of comfort for delegates. For two of the buffet lunches, we will be using The Garden House Hotel in an attractive setting overlooking the river.

Cambridge itself will appeal to delegates with its unique atmosphere; its narrow, bicycle-filled streets; the variety of languages to be heard; shops displaying British craftsmanship at its best, and always a sense of history and tradition.

BIGGA welcomes you to Cambridge and to a Conference which we feel sure will prove instructive and rewarding.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, 4th April**
- 9.30 am onwards Registration - Queens' College
- 11.45 am Buffet Lunch in The Garden House Hotel
- 9.20 am until 12.30 pm Conference - First Session
- 1.20 pm until 5.50 pm Conference - Second Session
- 7.45 am until 9.00 am Breakfast
- 9.00 am until 1.30 pm Conference - Third Session

**Wednesday, 5th April**
- 9.40 am The Role of Phosphorus and potassium in Turfgrass Putting Greens
- 10.20 am Coffee
- 10.40 am Converting from Poa Annua to Agrostis at Bayview
- 11.20 am The Educational Minefield
- 11.45 am Buffet Lunch - The New Hall, Queens' College

**Thursday, 6th April**
- 9.30 am Registration in Queens' College
- 11.45 am Buffet Lunch - The River Suite, The Garden House Hotel

**CONFERENCE DAILY PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, 4th April**
- 9.30 am Registration in Queens' College
- 11.45 am Buffet Lunch - The River Suite, The Garden House Hotel

**Wednesday, 5th April**
- 9.00 am 'Similarities and Differences in Golf Course Turf Management Between Great Britain and the United States'
- 9.40 am 'Constructing a Golf Course on Sussex Flirt'
- 10.20 am 'Greenkeeper or Superintendent?'
- 11.20 am 'Golf Development and Course Management in Sweden'
- 12.00 pm Panel Questions
- 12.30 pm Buffet Lunch - Queens' College
- 1.50 pm 'Education and Training for Professional Bodies involved in Golf'
- 2.30 pm Tournament Preparation
- 3.10 pm 'Raising Distributor Standards Through Education'
- 3.40 pm Coffee
- 4.00 pm 'Fertiliser Use, Theory and Practice'
- 4.40 pm 'The Biggest Problem of Golf Course Turf in the USA'
- 5.20 pm Panel Questions
- 5.50 pm Close
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In this third profile on speakers to be heard at the conference, THE GOLF COURSE this month features Tony Gentil of the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath. For Conference details, please contact Neil Thomas, Executive Director, BIGGA, Sports Turf Research Institute, BINGLEY, West Yorkshire, BD16 1AU. Tel: 0274-560556

TONY GENTIL

Tony Gentil is Deputy Head of Horticulture at the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath - one of the approved Greenkeeper Training Colleges. Tony has extensive experience of further education within the sphere of horticulture and management. He is also involved with the writing and editing of educational texts and has been particularly active in open learning. Tony will be elaborating on different aspects of the educational minefield and explaining the complexities of current educational opportunities. His lecture will explain the changes in philosophy and attitude towards education being developed in conjunction with the industry rather than in the traditional way of educational bodies telling the industry what it should need, and his lecture will be of particular value as the Association moves forward with its education and training plans for greenkeepers.

Tony promises to offer some encouraging and controversial insights and delegates should thereafter have a much better understanding of terms like BTEC, NCVQ, CPVE, TVEI, ‘Open Learning’, and Distance Learning! Conference attendees can look forward to an informative lecture.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1989

Members should note that this will be held at The Lyme Regis Golf Club, Lyme Regis, Dorset from 14th–16th August 1989.

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G.C.S.A.A. CONFERENCE AND SHOW, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA
6th–13th FEBRUARY, 1989

A BIGGA party of thirty persons attended the recent G.C.S.A.A. Conference and Show. A full report with photographs on this major greenkeeping event will appear in the next issue.