Seminars: from wildlife to The Way Forward

**SOUTH WEST AND WALES SEMINAR**
November 6th is the date for the South West and Wales Seminar at Cannington College, the scene set fair for a highly entertaining and informative programme. Alan Mitchell will begin the proceedings with a paper on the wildlife found on a golf course, followed by Eric Shiel, Chairman of the Joint Golf Course Committee, who will discuss the implications of this new committee and their future plans in the light of 'The Way Forward' document.

Jim Arthur needs no introduction to Greenkeeper International readers and is sure to provide judicious words for both greenkeepers and educationalists alike, his address being followed by that of the equally renowned Jon Alburt, who will present his research paper on 'The Safe Use of Pesticides'. Ample question time is promised and the whole event is sponsored by Modus T Systems. Call Gordon Child on 0603 844056 for further details.

**MIDLANDS SEMINAR**
The 4th Annual Regional Seminar is to be held on Wednesday November 20th at the Warwickshire College of Agriculture, Moreton Morell, Warwick. Midlands members are urged to make careful note of this date and make every effort to support the venture and thus make it a huge success. Speakers include:
- Neil Thomas, Executive Director of BIGGA, on ‘BIGGA - Approaching the Crossroads’.
- David Senior, Technical Development Manager of Vitax Ltd, on ‘Turf Diseases’.
- Barry F Cooper, Golf Course Drainage Consultant, on ‘The Surveying and Drainage of a Golf Course’.
- Graeme Francis, Sales Manager for Turf Irrigation Services Ltd, on ‘Irrigation’.
- Michael Boddy, Arbicultural and Forestry Consultant for George Walker and Sons of Leicester on ‘The Care and Maintenance of Trees’.

Application forms and programmes have already been sent out to all members but if for some reason you may not have received yours - or if you are a non-member interested in attending - please contact Roger Williams on 0455 283053.

Sponsor acceptance to date for either insertion of trade literature in folders or the Marler-Haley display panels are:
- Highmeres Lawnmower Services, Tillers Turf, Trelleborg Ltd, Western Farm Implements Ltd, Better Methods Ltd and Johnsons Seeds Ltd.

**SOUTH EAST SEMINAR**
The South East Region will hold their Seminar at Merrist Wood College on Wednesday November 6th, with speakers including:
- Dr David Riley, ICI Ecologist, on ‘The Development of Modern Pesticides’.
- Philip Baldock, Assistant Course Manager, Hankley Common GC, on ‘Practical Conservation Within Golf Courses’.

First meeting for Joint Golf Course Committee
Greenkeeper Training and Recruitment Panel took place on September 16th in Manchester, the full panel consisting of the following elected officers:
- Bob McLaren - Past President of the Scottish Golf Union, member of the Scottish Golf Course Committee, Chairman of the Greenkeeper Training Committee.
- John Harris - Chairman of Green for seven years at Hankley Common Golf Club. Contributor to ‘The Way Forward’.
- Bruce Jamieson - Director of Agronomy, PGA European Tour. Ex working greenkeeper.
- John Millen - Ex Head Greenkeeper, Canterbury Golf Club, now developer and Golf Course Manager, Weald of Kent Golf Club. Member BIGGA Board of Management and member of BIGGA master greenkeeper Advisory Board.
- Chris Nolan - Secretary Irish Greenkeepers Association, member of Greenkeeper Training Committee.
- Neil Thomas - Executive Director, BIGGA. General Administrator to Greenkeeper Training Committee.

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