Dignitary's unique sporting double

The VIP guest who will open BTME '94 has achieved a unique double in the world of sport.

The Rt Hon The Lord Griffiths MC is Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and in 1990 he became President of the MCC.

Hugh Griffiths was born in 1923 and educated at Charterhouse and St John's College Cambridge. He was commissioned in the Welsh Guards in 1942 and awarded the Military Cross in 1944. After the war he went to Cambridge where he won a cricket Blue as a fast bowler in addition to a Blue for golf.

Having gained his BA in 1948 he was called to the Bar in 1949 and has since had a most distinguished career in law. He was appointed as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 1985 and is a privy councillor.

An all round sportsman, he started golf at the age of 12 and currently has a handicap of 11, although he has been considerably lower. In 1988 he won the Bing Crosby Trophy on the Old Course, St Andrews. He joined the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in 1981 and is also a member of Sunningdale as well as Shanklin and Sandown. His other sport is fishing.

Lord Griffiths, together with BIGGA President, Viscount Whitelaw, will conduct BTME's opening ceremony at the Royal Hall on Wednesday, January 19 at 10.30am.

Why I wouldn't miss the trip to Harrogate...

There are many reasons for visiting the BTME, but the most important for me is that it is five days of comprehensive further training in greenkeeping.

I think the combination of a trade show, workshops and seminars is a rewarding formula. It is very handy to have so much information concentrated in one spot and in such a short time.

The trade show covers everything in greenkeeping and it also shows the latest developments both in machinery and necessities.

The workshops always cover topics of great interest. What I find important is that every year there is at least one topic that concerns the education of the individual more than the greenkeeper, for example this year's From Greenkeeper to Course Manager and next year's Bridging the Gap. This knowledge is of importance whichever profession one chooses.

The seminars cover a variety of topics: in 1994 as many as 15. The close proximity of the seminars and the trade show makes it quite possible to become involved in both events. What makes the seminars so interesting is that they are presented by people who speak from their own practical experience.

Something else I look forward to is the international forum, held on January 20. I think BIGGA has taken a very important initiative when arranging the forum and inviting representatives from greenkeeping associations in Europe. There are many vital issues of common interest and I believe the voice of the greenkeeper must be heard clearly and loudly on an international level concerning maintenance of golf courses.

TOMMY LINDELÖF
Chief Executive
Swedish Greenkeepers Association
BTME: it's now just a few weeks away

by NEIL THOMAS
Executive Director, BIGGA

In January 1989, BIGGA ventured into the unknown with its first Turf Management Exhibition in Harrogate. Five years on the Harrogate International Centre will host the sixth BTME from 19th-21st January.

During the last five years BIGGA has listened to many people, not least those working within the industry, with a view to constantly improving upon both the exhibition and the educational programmes. The Steering Committee meet some three times a year for lively exchanges of views which have resulted in decisions influencing the future direction and growth of BTME.

Our educational programmes continue to be a key factor in BTME's success attracting delegates in large numbers to both the two-day workshops which precede the opening of the Exhibition as well as the general seminar programme which runs throughout the exhibition.

This year, for the second time, BIGGA will be organising a European Forum aimed particularly at ascertaining the needs of greenkeepers throughout Europe, seeing where help can be given through BIGGA's administrative structure and seeking greater cooperation with European Greenkeeping Associations.

I believe that the BTME finally "came of age" in 1993 and we at BIGGA feel sure that we now have a firm base on which to build. The visit of the Duke of York undoubtedly enhanced the status of an exhibition which clearly meets the industry's needs in being of a specialist nature with a targeted audience. It is encouraging that both architects and constructors are viewing BTME in a positive light and I have long held the opinion that the exhibition represents the ideal medium for them to project both their companies and their professions. They are an integral part of our industry and we welcome them to Harrogate.

BIGGA much appreciates the support it has received from the industry since 1989. During a difficult economic period this has been unwavering. We hope that in return the BTME will continue to be perceived as the premier exhibition for the fine turf industries. There will certainly be no lack of effort from within BIGGA to ensure that this happens and we will continue in partnership with our exhibitors to present at the BTME all that is innovative, topical, new and indeed best in our industry.

Are you a BIGGA winner?

The draw has been made to pick the three lucky winners in our popular BTME competition.

We had a huge response from readers across the UK and Europe, all vying for a share in our prize competition with £600 worth of prizes.

And the big winner, whose name was drawn first, is Colin Mackay, from Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

Colin wins his way to the BTME in Harrogate, with return rail travel, three nights' accommodation at a top hotel and entry into all the education seminar sessions. It's a prize worth £300, Colin, and it's on its way to you!

Second prize winner is Harvey Tribe from Henley on Thames. He wins return rail travel, two nights' accommodation and entry to all seminar sessions. Prize value is a cool £200.

Third prize winner is Nigel Buxton, from Stockport, who will collect a single night's accommodation in Harrogate and entry to all the education seminar sessions. Nigel, your prize is worth £100.

Congratulations to our winners - enjoy the show!
Jayne Leyland's presentation, Initiation of the Innocent is designed to reflect the experiences felt – and sometimes endured – by those people new to the industry.

Thirty four year old Jayne turned to greenkeeping when it seemed logical to her to combine her two passions of sport and horticulture. She gained a distinction with her National Certificate in Horticulture at Reaseheath College 1992/93.

The subject matter of Jayne’s paper is an introduction to the first year of studies for the new BTEC Higher National Diploma in Golf Course Management held at Reaseheath College in Cheshire. Content will include brief details of the relevant theoretical and practical subject areas covered, together with other experiences encountered during the first year – for example, a very rewarding study tour to Scotland.

Initiation of the Innocent by Jayne Leyland is presented at 1.40pm, Thursday January 20 in the Royal Hall.

The people Terry Buchen, golf course superintendent from Ohio, has worked with make up a veritable who’s who in golf. Terry – who collects his Master Greenkeeper Certificate at this year’s BTME – has grown-in 11 golf courses across the United States alongside Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish, Tom Fazio, Pete Dye and Ted Robinson.

Terry comes from a family of golf course professionals is a former PGA Tour agronomist and advancement on the regular US Tour. He will speak in Harrogate on growing in philosophies on a new golf course.

Growing in Philosophies on a New Golf Course by Terry Buchen MGC is presented at 3.20pm, Wednesday January 19 in the Royal Hall.

With 24 years as a head greenkeeper and a burning ambition to achieve the Master Greenkeeper status, Ian MacMillan is an ideal candidate to present The History of Golf and Greenkeeping.

The course manager at Balbirnie Park Golf Club started his greenkeeping experience when as a junior member of Cambuslang Golf Club in Glasgow, he was more often to be found helping the greens staff than playing golf.

Ian’s been with Balbirnie Park, in Fife, for over ten years and appreciates their support in his quest for knowledge. “Education plays an important part in my life,” he says. Ian spent five years at Elmwood College and is now back there in the second year of a HNC in golf course management – a qualification he hopes will lead to HND.

The History of Golf and Greenkeeping by Ian MacMillan is presented at 11.40am, Thursday January 20 in the Royal Hall.

You can’t know it all, reckons Andrew Boyd, and the best way forward is to keep on learning. Andrew will be applying his knowledge as head greenkeeper at Bridlington Golf Club to his chosen subject when he asks, do trolleys really damage our golf courses?
Andrew's love of the land started at a very early age and he went straight into greenkeeping when he left school. He moved to a firm of horticultural engineers but it wasn't long before the lure of the golf course brought him back to where he belonged. Andrew, aged 36, is committed to his education and has attended a variety of BIGGA courses.

Trolleys - Do They Really Damage a Brighter Future? by Andrew Boyd is presented at 3.30pm, Wednesday January 19 in the Royal Hall.

Speaking in Harrogate will be Peter Dickens, chief surveyor with the Ordnance Survey Office, brings his experience to bear in his presentation Ordnance Survey – More than Coarse Maps.

Opening times
The 1994 BTME runs from Wednesday January 19 until Friday January 21. The exhibition is open from 9am on all three days. It closes at 5.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday and at 1.30pm on Friday.

Getting there
If you’re driving into Harrogate, RAC road signs will direct you to where you want to go. There are plenty of car parks or off-road positions within easy walking distance of the show.

Getting in
Use the pre-registration card in this magazine and gain preferential admission to BTME. This helps cut the inevitable queues and means you can simply collect your badge and walk in. What’s more, when you pre-register you need a stamp. Send yours off as such on your booking form.

Opening ceremony and presentation of industry and education awards, by the Rt Hon The Lord Griffiths MC, takes place on Wednesday January 19 at 10.30am and is followed by the first public viewing and launch of the BIGGA career video.

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Who to look out for at the show

Turf-Actant
It is almost impossible to imagine an end product that is subject to so many influences during its production as turf grass.

When you add the strongly held opinions of each individual grower to the endless variety of climatic, soil and numerous other conditions, it is clear that a consensus management view is impossible to obtain.

It is therefore a relief to know that a range of products exists that can be depended on both in terms of consistent high quality and value, and that they can be seen and discussed with Richard Davies and Edward Clarkson on Turf-Actant Sales stand C7.

We look forward to seeing you.

ICI Professional
Courses. Come and talk to their specialist team about topdressing as well as other products to golf in Europe and the UK.

BASF Floranid range and Ironite Superferrite granules.

Gold sulphur coated ureas Ultra-Green soluble fertiliser and turf care products ICI will be promoting their full product range and services. Emphasis will be placed on the more recent range additions, Mini-Gold sulphur coated ureas Ultra-Green soluble fertilisers and Turf Mark which have proved so successful in 1993.

ICI staff will be pleased to talk about products, their soil analysis service or the unprecedented free

When it requires and if soil temperatures drop, nutrient availability over an unrivalled 25cm fixed or floating units. The hydraulic system is completely self-contained and offers in-cab remote control of all cutters. Backlapping facility is standard, and for thatch removal there is the option of vertical mowing.

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wetting agent tablet; Saltext, non-salt de-icer that can be used at speeds of up to 12.7km/h in 4 wheel-drive. Power options include the latest Kubota 39hp or Lister Petter 37hp water-cooled diesel engine. With fully electronic cab controls, the operator can switch from 2WD to 4WD on the move.

Also seen for the first time at the BIGGA exhibition, a three-wheel version of Hayter's 793 fully hydrostatic triple greens mower.

Supreme Mowing Supply high quality replacement cutting cylinders and bottom blades. Continuing their efforts to further improve the quality of grass care products, Supreme Mowing laid down plans to design and manufacture a range of new grinding machines with emphasis on accuracy and operator safety. After lengthy tests, the company launched their own 'Leader' range of grinding machines.

Built around a modular concept, the Leaders enable the smallest of workshops to purchase a state of the art grinding machine, assisting them to build up a good reputation. It is built around a single phase motor contained in a frame with easily adjustable anti-vibration units, which when used in conjunction with the built-in spirit level enables quick and easy installation and the ability to re-site the machine without worry.

Supreme Mowing aim to provide a machine to suit every size of operation with the facility to upgrade the machine as needs dictate.

Inturf

Greenkeepers will be interested to see the complete range of Inturf's mature golf turf and golf tee turf which is available in all agrostis, all fescue, fescue bent and, specifically for tees, with added smooth stalked meadow grass or dwarf perennial ryegrass. All mixtures are offered in seed sourced from our leading seedhouses and all turf is grown on stone-free sand land and is harvested in either 100 square yard rolls or 25 square yard big rolls or 3 inch thick 'lay n play' turf tiles. A full turf installation service is available operated by qualified greenkeepers all year round and anywhere throughout the country.

Inturf were first with big roll, first with turf tiles and first with BS5750 quality assurance and their proud boast is that they can offer the most advanced and comprehensive range of turf and turf laying systems anywhere. Ask for Simon, Chris or Derek on the stand.

Amenity Technology

Amenity Technology formed in June 1993 and so will be at the BTME for the first time. We will be providing a full range of specialist products for the greenkeeper from around the world.

From the United States comes Green Lawnger, a turf colourant; Tank Cleaner, a specialist pesticide tank cleaner; Hydraulic Oil Dye, for early turf colourant; Tank Cleaner, a specialist pesticide tank cleaner; Hydraulic Oil Dye, for early advanced and comprehensive range of turf and grass care products, Supreme Mowing laid down plans to design and manufacture a range of new grinding machines with emphasis on accuracy and operator safety. After lengthy tests, the company launched their own 'Leader' range of grinding machines.

Amenity Land Services

ALS are increasing their range of premier brand fertilisers. Another batch will be launched in the spring.

To expand our activities of our renowned contracting spray services, we are offering a weed and feed service. This is weed control with a well all the year round. With local distribution depots throughout East Anglia and London, a first class service will full technical support can be provided. As a result are able to feature both the TM1000 and TM1500 tractor mounted aerators. Both combine robust construction with ease of maintenance and therefore downtime is kept to a minimum. A vast choice of the spacings and sizes are available, from mini hollow and solid to 19mm hollow, giving up to five inch penetration. All these will be on display.

Also featured will be the popular greenkeeper pedestrian aerator. Available as a 16 inch or 21 inch cutting width, the machine is offered ultra reliability at an affordable price. If you are looking for an aerator in 1994, why not visit our stand, where a warm welcome awaits customers old and new.

Lely (UK) Toro

Toro commercial distributors Lely UK Ltd will be exhibiting the highly acclaimed "Workman" utility vehicle at the forthcoming BTME.

Multi-Core Aerators

Multi-Core have increased their exhibition space for 1994 and as a result are able to feature both the TM1000 and TM1500 tractor mounted aerators. We will help ensure a high quality, well maintained project. See Mike Habridge, John Hacker or David Stansfield on stand A12 for further details of services.

PSD Agronomy

PSD Agronomy Limited provide a complete agronomic consultancy service for the golf course. Whether upgrading a mature course to cope with increased wear pressure, or seeking a new course, PSD Agronomy can help you.

Many mature golf courses are suffering severe agronomic problems and PSD Agronomy can provide the technical and analytical support necessary for a busy greenkeeping team.

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AgriLand

Following the successful launch of Tournament Total Turf Feed last year, AgriLand are pleased to use the 1994 BTME as a launchpad for more new products. Names to watch out for are Cascade and Seven Iron.

Supreme Mowing

Hunter Grinders Hunter Grinders are showing their popular models already in use in many golf course maintenance sheds, the Jupiter and Juno. They excel at 'relief angle' grinding which cuts down metal to metal contact with the bedknife, thus providing a cleaning cut on BTME which includes such as less maintenance, longer bedknife life, fewer adjustments and less back-lapping. Many cutting units can also be ground in situ. Apart from cutting units can also be ground in situ. Apart from grinding reels perfectly parallel and with coolant, Hunter's machines also precision grind the bed knifes, thus saving space, expense and the need to buy two machines. Be sure to see them demonstrated at BTME.

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This closely follows the successful Workman nationwide demonstration tour which took place throughout September and October, where users were able to view and test drive a wide range of vehicles with accessories and attachments.

Those who were unable to attend a Workman tour event will be able to view the vehicle on the Lely stand, number A23, along with products from Toro's extensive range of golf course and grounds maintenance equipment.