Educational seminars herald

Profiles of some of the speakers taking part in the Educational Seminar Programme. To book your place or for more details call BIGGA HQ on 0347 838581

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 advanceeman on the regular US Tour. He will speak in Harrogate on growing in philosophies on a new golf course.

Forty six year old Terry is also a contributing editor to an American golf course news magazine and writes a column 'the savvy superintendent'.

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 greenstaff than playing golf.

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

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 an HNC in golf course management – a qualification he hopes will lead to HND.

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?

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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 our Golf Courses? by Andrew Boyd is presented at 3.30pm, Wednesday January 19 in the Royal Hall.

Speaking in Harrogate will be Peter Dick, chief surveyor with the Ordnance Survey Office, brings his experience to bear in his presentation Ordnance Survey – More than Coarse Maps. Hear Peter at 10.30am, Friday January 24 in the Royal Hall.

**Engineering group holds first meeting at BTME**

'Golf course engineering – from green field to fine turf' is to be the theme of the inaugural open meeting of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers' newly-formed Amenity and Ecological Engineering group. To be held in conjunction with the BTME, the seminar is scheduled to take place between 2pm and 5pm on Thursday, 20 January 1994 at the St George Swallow Hotel, 1 Ripon Road, Harrogate.

The meeting will address three areas of specific interest to engineers, greenkeepers and others concerned with the future development and application of machines, methods and systems employed within the professional turf and grounds maintenance industry. A trio of authoritative speakers will be chaired by Brian Huntley, vice president of Kubota (UK) Ltd. First to take the floor will be leading golf course architect, Peter McEvoy, who will consider the design and development of new courses, working in harmony and sympathy with the natural landscape and local environment.

The second speaker, Dr Bill Adams from the University of Wales, will discuss developments in the construction and drainage of golf greens, tees and fairways with particular emphasis on the different approaches needed in the design and maintenance of sports turf drainage compared with systems used in agriculture.

Finally, Alistair Beggs of the STRI will present an overview of the current turf maintenance equipment and ask whether greenkeepers have available to them the best machinery designs and technology for the job. An open forum is planned for the concluding session, when delegates will be able to quiz the speakers and air their views on the matters discussed.

Free registration: contact John Gowing, secretary of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers' Amenity and Ecological Engineering group on 091 222 6811 or by fax on 091 222 6720.

**Special hotel rates for BTME delegates**

For the third year running the Old Swan has been chosen as the official exhibition hotel. Conveniently located for the Exhibition being less than five minutes walk away and enjoying excellent standards, its special rates are as follows:

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- Single .................................. £45.00

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**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.

The 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.

**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.

Rail links to Harrogate are good and there are direct InterCity services from London King's Cross.

The nearest international airport is Leeds/Bradford (13 miles/20 minutes by taxi). Manchester Airport is one and a half hours drive away.

**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 also stand the chance of winning £200-worth of prizes. The pre-registration card is post-paid, so you don't even need a stamp. Send yours off today!

**Quiz night**

Just for fun, a general knowledge quiz night will take place at the Old Swan Hotel starting at 8.30pm on Wednesday January 19. There's no charge for taking part, but let BIGGA HQ know if you'd like to join in but you haven't indicated as such on your booking form. Call Samantha on 0347 838581.