A RECORD number of exhibitors will be at the 1995 BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition in Harrogate, January 25-27. More than 140 companies and golfing bodies have taken all the available space at the Harrogate International Centre. This is the first time in the seven-year history of the event that it has been a complete sellout.

Every aspect of golf course maintenance is catered for at Europe’s premier fine turf show. If you’re looking for seeds or strimmers, turf or tractors, mowers or mats, pop-ups or pipes, electric greens machines or expert advice, you’ll find it all at BTME. All the major companies and many smaller ones will be there.

The ‘95 show will open at 9am on January 25 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the main entrance performed by BIGGA’s chairman, accompanied by other Board of Management colleagues.

As well as the exhibition there is also a series of educational seminars. Subjects covered include ‘Budgeting for Golf Course Management’ by Colin Hegarty of the Golf Research Group, ‘Rabbit and Vermin Control’ by Dr IG McKillop of the Central Science Laboratory, ‘Plant and Grass Breeding’ by Dr David Patterson, a turfgrass breeder, ‘Health and Safety’ by Douglas Shearer, a health and safety consultant, and ‘International Turfgrass Trends’ by the world renowned Dr James Beard.

Some of Britain’s top course managers will also be talking in the exhibition centre’s Royal Hall.

George Brown will talk about this year’s Open at Turnberry, Iain MacLeod of Tain will talk about Golf Course Management in the Highlands, Jim Cassidy will talk about Ashridge – the last five years.

On BIGGA’s stand there will be a legal expert offering free advice to anyone having trouble at work.

The Royal Hall — venue for educational seminar sessions during the BTME ’95.

Popular comedian Tom O’Connor and ex-New Seekers singer Lyn Paul head the all-star cabaret at The Majestic Hotel on Thursday January 26. Entertainment for the National Education Conference dinner on Monday January 23 will be provided by the Rainbow Jazz Band. Greenkeepers will be providing their own entertainment on January 26 as Wednesday night is karaoke night. Is Harrogate ready for this, we wonder?

JOHN MILLEN
BIGGA chairman

"Every year the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition gets bigger and better. This year's event looks set to be the best yet — the magnificent seventh. A record number of exhibitors will be at the show with many major companies using it to launch new products. A record attendance is expected from all categories of visitor. They will be seeking knowledge from the technical experts speaking at the educational seminars, coming to see the latest machinery and other products, and coming to spend time and learn from old friends. If you haven't been before, you don't know what you're missing. It's the most useful and informative week in the greenkeeping calendar. See you there!"
Announcing the winners of Greenkeeper International’s BTME competition

They may not have won the National Lottery, but they’ve won the next best thing – our popular BTME competition, worth £750 in prizes. And the lucky winners are...

Nigel Buxton, first assistant, Cavendish Golf Club; Andrew Young, Otley College student and first assistant; and Stuart Hogg, deputy course manager at Forntrrosse and Rosemarkie Golf Club.

First prize winner, Nigel Buxton, wins return rail travel, three nights’ accommodation at a top hotel in Harrogate and entry to all educational seminar sessions.

Second prize winner Andrew Young will receive return rail fare, two nights’ accommodation and entry to all seminars. Third prize winner Stuart Hogg will be given one night’s accommodation in Harrogate and entry to all the seminar sessions.

Congratulations to all our winners – enjoy the show!

World class class speakers line up for educational event

ENVIRONMENTAL issues, agronomy and irrigation are the main themes for the 1995 BIGGA National Education Conference at The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, January 23 and 24.

‘Green’ issues will be covered by David Stubbs, executive director of the European Golf Association Ecology Unit, Neil Sinden of the STRI, James Moore of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Wally Grice of the Forestry Authority, Bob Taylor of the STRI, James Moore of the USGA and Dr James Beard of Texas A&M University.

Agronomy will be covered by several course managers, including Andy Campbell.

Irrigation will be covered by

Charlie Barebo of Otterbine
Barebo, RA Murray of the Leeds Weather Centre, George Bell of NRA Thames Region, consultant Phillip York and head greenkeeper Martin Smith of Ramsdale Park Golf Centre.

Other greenkeepers giving talks at the National Education Conference include Billy McMillan of the Wildwood Golf Club, Duncan McIlvray of Letchworth Golf Club, Joe Paulin of the London Golf Club and Geoff Allison of Patsull Park Golf Club.

The quality of this line-up of speakers means Harrogate will be hosting the most informative and comprehensive fine turf education programme outside San Francisco in 1995.

“It’s a week few greenkeepers, club secretaries and chairmen of green can afford to miss,” says BIGGA’s education officer Ken Richardson.

The National Education Conference is followed by the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition at the nearby Harrogate International Centre, January 25-27. Running alongside the show is a series of education seminars with a similarly high calibre of speakers.

The Institute of Agricultural Engineers’ amenity and ecological engineering group will hold a special seminar in the George Hotel from 2-5pm on Thursday January 26. The subject will be Engineering Progress in Sports Turf Maintenance. Speakers will include Marvin Jaques of Ransomes, Bill Oliver of Hardi and David Jenkins of Charterhouse. Entrance is free.

The Majestic Hotel will be the base for the ‘95 National Education Conference. If you are going to the conference, you’ll find it much more convenient if you are booked into this 156-bedroom hotel.

BTME opening times

Wednesday January 25:
9am-5.30pm

Thursday January 26:
9am-5.30pm

Friday January 27:
9am-1.30pm

◆ BIGGA’s president, Viscount Whitelaw, who missed last year’s show because he had some important speeches to make in the House of Lords, intends to be there this year to see how much BTME has grown since his last visit.

LATE BOOKINGS

Accommodation is still available but it’s being booked fast. Call Sami Collins at BIGGA HQ today to reserve your hotel room. Telephone 0347 838581.

◆ The third European Forum will take place in the Royal Hall on Thursday January 26 from 1.30-3pm. Speakers include Tommy Lindelof, chief executive of the Swedish Greenkeepers Association; Peter Shaw, international member and course manager at Munchen-Riedhof in Germany; Dennis Mortron of Reaseheath College and Joe Baclay, president of the GCSAA.

◆ The BIGGA Annual General Meeting will take place at The Majestic Hotel at 6.45pm on Wednesday January 25. All members are urged to attend – but please produce your membership cards to get in.

◆ The British Association of Golf Course Constructors will be holding a reception in the Swan Hotel from 6-7.30pm on Wednesday January 25. Admission is by invitation only.
AMONG THE SPEAKERS...

The welfare of wildlife is a growing public concern and therefore there is increasing pressure on greenkeepers to manage the problem species on their course in a humane manner. In most cases there is also legislation in place which prescribes the way in which animals can be managed, particularly, for example, badgers. Dr Gordon McKillop of the Central Science Laboratory will give details of management techniques so greenkeepers can adopt a balanced, ecological approach to this sensitive subject in a seminar at the BTME on Thursday January 26.

With one swipe, the queues are cut and you're in

There should be no long queues to get in this time. BIGGA has invested in a new pre-registration system and is employing the latest technology to ensure that visitors can walk more or less straight into the show.

For the first time, people who pre-register will get their badges mailed to them prior to the event. These badges contain a barcode. When the pre-registered visitor turns up at the Harrogate International Centre, this barcode will be 'swiped' by a light pen as you enter the hall.

A light pen will also be given free to most of the exhibitors so they can make a note of who they've been talking to (name, job title, course, address) by simply scanning your badge. Your details will then be recorded automatically for the exhibitor, so you won't have to hand out business cards left, right and centre or hang around while someone writes down all your details in a book.

Coventry Data Services, specialists in this field since the '60s, have been commissioned by BIGGA to operate this convenient system.

Of course the key to getting in faster is to pre-register by completing the black and white folded BTME card inserted in this magazine. Pre-registrations from recent issues are already flooding in to BIGGA HQ.

The three qualities every greenkeeper should possess are perseverance, pride and professionalism. At the National Education Conference Geoff Allinson, the 27-year-old course manager at Patshull Park, will explain how he used these qualities to overcome problems at this 18-hole parkland course. Problems such as breaking down age barriers between him and his staff, improving greens with insufficient machinery, and overcoming problems caused by moles and buggies.

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Massey Ferguson Grass Equipment

Massey Ferguson Grass Equipment supplies a wide range of compact tractors and turfcare machinery for the professional grounds care market. In addition to its own branded products, the company is the exclusive distributor for Iseki turf care equipment and Bucher grounds maintenance machines in the UK and Ireland. All three ranges are sold through a nationwide network of dealers.

On show at BTME will be models from the 17 to 35hp MF 1200 compact tractor line-up and the 25 to 45hp Iseki TA compact tractor range. Also on show will be the Iseki SF 300 diesel front cut mower and Iseki SG diesel riders.

Supaturf Products

Two brand new water management products for fine turf are to be launched at BTME ’95 and Supaturf are preparing for a grand presentation at Harrogate.

To promote the launch of these new greenkeeper products, Supaturf are running a competition with the chance to win a free trip to the GCSAA show in San Francisco with the BIGGA party. If you haven’t already entered, please see the advertisement in this edition of Greenkeeper International for details.

To add to their existing range of line markers and marking liquids for both grass and hard surfaces, Supaturf have introduced a new range of line marking aerosols, called Supa Mark, ideal for use around the golf course.

BLEC

BLEC will be exhibiting some new products on their show stand to complement their range of construction and maintenance equipment. New machinery for 1995 includes a pedestrian overseeder, a range of attachments for Honda 2 Wheel tractors, including turf cutters, aerators, brushes, flail mowers, rotary mowers, renovators, also a new hydroseeder model has been developed for transporting on light trucks and trailers, ideal for golf course construction and renovation works.

The experienced BLEC staff will be on hand to welcome all visitors, both existing and new, on their stand.

Multi-Core

Multi-Core’s TM1000 and TM1500 will be featured at BTME ’95. Each machine combines robust construction with ease of maintenance, claim the manufacturers, resulting in downtime being kept to a minimum. A choice of tine spacings and sizes are available, from mini hollow and solids to 19mm hollow, giving up to five inch depth. All the current heads will be on display.

Also featured will be the popular greenkeeper pedestrian 21 inch aerator, offering reliability at an affordable price. So if you’re looking for an aerator in 1995, don’t forget to call in at the Multi-Core stand.

D&E Turf

Exhibiting for the fourth time at the BTME, D&E Turf are becoming well known throughout many sections of the Association for their innovative ideas and forward thinking. Many BIGGA members have used their modern equipment for their renovation work.

In 1995 D&E launch their machinery education facility at their Bishop Auckland depot. Full details of the practical training courses will be available at BTME.

Dave Stephenson and his staff will be on the stand and look forward to answering any queries and providing competitive quotations for the many services available to the turfcare professional.

Martin Brothers

Martin Brothers (UK) Ltd have over three decades experience of servicing the amenity marketplace with quality sands and aggregates.

They believe they are now at the forefront in the supply of finest quality top dressings and rootzones, produced at quarries in Cheshire and Lincolnshire and available for delivery throughout the UK within 72 hours.

The company pledge is for quality products, competitive prices and superior service.

Martin Brothers claim that like their products, their service is second to none, backed up by helpful trained staff both in the office and in the field.

Vitax

Vitax will be displaying three new additions to their sport amenity and key product range. 50-50 Liquid Mosskiller is a fine turf and hard surface mosskiller and biocide. Pack sizes 5 litre – 10 litre. Vitax Stay Wet is the ultimate water absorbing granule, say the makers, for targeting water precisely at plant root level. Fine X is a new improved seaweed formulation of this long established line turf spring and summer powder fertiliser. Pack size 25kg. These new products will be featured alongside the full Vitax sport amenity and key range products.

Pattisson

H Pattisson & Co Ltd have a long stand...
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ing reputation in supplying golf course equipment. In 1987 as demand grew for range equipment Pattisson launched new innovative products to supply the driving range market. 1994 saw the new Pattisson’s emerge, with the launch of their new brochure and products. And now comes the new driving range brochure, offering customers a "one stop shop" for all their requirements; according to managing director, Mike Hinch. Pattissons are main distributors for Tildenet and recently signed an agreement with Range King ball dispensers. They also market a ball dispenser manufactured in the UK.

At Harrogate, Pattissons will be launching a new product, which they describe as an "innovative secret". All will be revealed during BTME...

Mommersteeg

Mommersteeg lay claim to being the leading supplier of grass seed mixtures to the golf industry. Through their group of distributors covering the county they can supply top quality mixtures for greens, tees, fairways and roughs.

Whether you are planning course extensions or alterations, or you want to talk about a routine maintenance programme, visit the Mommersteeg stand at BTME for help and advice.

All mixtures are treated with Headstart – a biological growth enhancer, which Mommersteeg reckons increases the vigour of the young sward and ensures the establishment of a new playing surface as soon as possible.

Scotts

During 1994, the Scotts Company, USA, acquired Grace Sierra and its subsidiary officers including Grace Sierra UK.

At BTME ’95, the new company, Scotts UK Ltd, will be introducing two new ranges of fertilisers, utilising technology unique to Scotts, which they claim to be the market leader in the United States. This will build on the already successful range of coated products, such as Sierraline TurfMix and Osmocote N, currently available.

The new products will be of particular interest to greenkeepers maintaining sand based greens, low cut tees, fairways, approaches and surrounds including creeping bent and those interested in cost effective fairway fertilisation.

Euromec

Euromec will be displaying their new range of front deck mowers and collection machines at BTME ’95. The company claims their equipment is ideal for local council use, parks, playing fields and residential areas, offering excellent productivity at competitive prices.

Mowers have been designed to collect grass cuttings. The top of the range Turboglass has a zero steering radius, to cut grass in difficult places. High speed blades cut cleanly and a powerful vacuum systems collects cuttings efficiently.

For effective vacuum collection, Euromec will have on display two innovative machines – the Turbovac and the MuckLoada.

HLD Ltd

HLD claim to be the market leader in the driving range market. It will be revealed during BTME...

JG Greasley Ltd

John Greasley established his business ten years ago to specialise in golf course construction. The company prides itself on high standards of work at a reasonable price.

During the last year, the company has constructed a new 18 hole course at Rudding Park, near Harrogate and has recently completed alterations including reconstruction of the greens at Open Championship course Royal Birkdale and a programme of bunker reconstruction at Wollaton Park GC, in Nottingham.

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AMONG THE SPEAKERS...

At least four people will have water on the brain on the morning of Tuesday January 24. Charlie Barebo of Otterbine Barebo will start the drip of information by talking about ponds and lakes. RA Murray of the Leeds Weather Centre will continue the outpouring by talking about Meteorological Effects. Geoff Bell, water quality manager of NRA Thames Region, will explain how to use water wisely and leading irrigation consultant Philip York will shower you with information about how irrigation operating costs can be reduced with proper system design, installation and good management. These four talks are just part of the education programme lined up for the National Education Conference at Harrogate during BTME Week, January 22-27.
bitions popular with modern greenkeeping requirements. Supplies are available anywhere, any time, say the company, in conventional rolls, big rolls or, by special arrangement, turf tiles.

Inturf say they have made tremendous advances in the industry, having developed the original and patented Big Roll turfing system and more recently their "Lay n' Play Turf Tiles".

Tildenet Ltd, the international netting company, claim to be market leaders in perimeter ballstop netting. They now supply fencing kits for self installation as well as offering a full installation service, including advice or obtaining planning permission.

At BTME, Tildenet will be exhibiting their increased range of golf practice nets, to cater from the busiest of professionals and golf clubs, to the keen beginner's back garden.

Target nets, anti-ball plugging nets and germination sheets can also be found on the Tildenet stand.

Sports Ground Irrigation

Sports Ground Irrigation will also be showing the latest new products from Hunter Industries, including the new HPV electric valves and the PSC Controller for the bowling greens and residential markets. Hunter's new G750 large turf and valve-in-head sprinkler will also be featured, as well as a special section for the student greenkeeper with a range of technical literature specifically aimed at this important group.

Sports Ground Irrigation will also be offering for the first time the Pharway system of PH control, utilising the "Greenturf" system. Full technical details will be available, together with a working unit.

Leif/Toro

Toro is showing three new turf maintenance products at the BTME.

The Reelmaster 5300-D is a completely reworked model of the Toro 5100-D lightweight fairway mower complete with added power for cutting in tougher conditions. The new machine has the same technical specification but is fitted with a bigger engine and appropriately uprated other components. Other technical changes have resulted in excellent climbing performance.

The Greensmaster 3100-3WD is a new three wheel drive model of Toro's lightweight greens mower. The Toro HC4000 is a new high-capacity aerator for use with smaller tractors of 25hp to 45hp. It fills the gap between larger fairway and smaller greens aerator.

Sovereign Turf

Sovereign Turf Ltd have been producing turf for many years. The Hunter G-700 is a proven and reliable gear drive for all golf course sites. New pressure port nozzling ensures efficient water distribution across the entire 23.2 to 30.5 radius range. And the G-700 features the industry's first pure flow valve filtration system for dependable performance in harsh water conditions.

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Barenbrug

Barenbrug will use BTME as a platform to advise visitors of their latest successes in the 1995 STRI Turfgrass Seed Report.

In the golf sector, Barenbrug remains at the top of the Slender Creeping Red Fescue line, where it has been joined at number eight position by new-comer Barlander. In the Chewings Festuca table, Barenbrug has three varieties in the top ten.

Eric Hunter Grinders will be exhibiting their range of fine mower grinding machinery. The Jupiter and Juno machines are proving tremendously popular with golf clubs who are anxious to save on high outside maintenance costs and also improve cutting standards, says the company. Already used by many leading golf clubs such as Geoghegan, St Andrews and Turnberry, these machines lead the field in accurate "relief" angle grinding. This method of grinding is becoming immensely popular, they claim, due to the superior cutting edge it produces which in turn has many other major benefits.

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