Courses are well received

Ken Richardson bids farewell to greenkeepers and course managers from Module 3 of the Management Course at Aldwark Manor.

November has been Supervisory Management month with three of the four Supervisory modules and the first of the level 4 management modules taking place.

The courses have been well received by all of the delegates with comments such as "Long may it continue" and "Very helpful, I have learned a lot" appearing in the course evaluation questionnaires. However, each course was, on average, only half full. Does this mean that all greenkeepers are fully trained in management skills or that the golf course do not want their greenkeepers to be trained or are there other reasons? I would be interested to hear from anyone who has an idea on how to attract more greenkeepers to future courses.

Local Management Courses

Following the reasonably successful Supervisory Management two day course at Elmwood College in October, nine similar courses will be held throughout England and one course will be held in Killarney, southern Ireland. Full details can be found in the leaflet inserted with this magazine but if anyone needs further information then please contact me at Aldwark Manor. Applications are flowing in at a steady rate so if you want to attend one of the courses then apply NOW.

Miracle Professional Premier Greenkeeper of the Year

The final of the Miracle Professional Greenkeeper of the Year was due to be held at Aldwark Manor on 4 December. Full details of prizewinners will appear in next month's magazine.

Library

More books have been added to the list of BIGGA library books. Copies of the list are obtainable from BIGGA HQ or from Regional Administrators. Books can be borrowed by any BIGGA member for up to six weeks, at no cost to the borrower except return postage. Books can be requested by writing to me at Aldwark Manor.

The Learning Experience

The Learning Experience, in association with Ransomes, takes place in Harrogate from 22-26 January. Applications to attend the National Education Conference, Workshops and Seminars are arriving at Aldwark Manor in increasing numbers.

Make sure that you can attend the session of your choice by booking NOW.

WHAT I'D LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS

Owen Browne, Duke's Course St Andrews: "A sign which reads, 'Every third rep will be shot. The last two just left.'"