My first trip to BTME will not be my last

I felt I must write and congratulate all involved with the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition and Seminar programme. I am ashamed to say that this was my first visit but it certainly will not be my last. Unfortunately Martin Gunn (Course Manager) and I could only stay for two days. Martin because of a construction programme and myself as my own business does need me occasionally.

The event is run on the most professional lines and the lectures I attended were extremely well presented and very interesting. Having sat through lectures presented by American, European and British lecturers it was fascinating to realise that we all seem to agree on what is best for British golf courses. All we have to do now is to educate the golfer.

Over the seven years I have been involved in Golf Course Management, Martin and I have visited many clubs and spoken to green staff all over the British Isles. It has always been worthwhile and I have always been shown great concern and interest in the BIGGA. The opportunity to renew old friendships and to make new ones. We learnt as much in the bar and over the dinner table as in the Seminar.

If only club golfers appreciated the asset they have in their greensstaff. I am always impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the people responsible for our golf courses. They deserve all the support they now receive from enlightened golfers.

Malcolm Peske, Chairman of Green, Temple Golf Club

Chest a minute...

It is of the utmost importance that an esteemed organ such as Greenkeeper International takes an active role in making its readership aware of Health and Safety matters and the magazine should be applauded for the considerable effort taken to highlight such issues.

Unfortunately one area seems to have been completely missed. Using the photographic evidence in both the magazine and the 10th anniversary calendar it would appear that the construction programme of the previous ed.

A job well done

I would like to direct this correspondence to the entire BIGGA staff and the golfing public.

Our most recent visit to the BTME was to date the best conference I have ever attended due to two factors. Number one was the manner in which the programme was presented to every detail in its planning and the follow through. You are all to be congratulated on a job well done. Second is the fellowship among the membership and the fellowship among the membership and the relationship one feels between the organisation and other greenkeepers.

Each year, since my first BIGGA conference in Ayr, Scotland, I return to the States anxious to spread the word of what wonderful colleagues we have overseas in the golf industry and how welcome they make you feel in their country.

A very special thanks to Barry Heaney, Dean Cleaver and Patrick Murphy, who held the key to the BIGGA staff, went out of their way to make my wife's visit an extremely enjoyable one also.

A most sincere thank you, one and all, for your hospitality and friendliness.

Bill Montague, MG, Oakwood Club, Cleveland, Ohio

Help me out of a hole

I am a third year Golf Course Management student at Cannington College and for my major assignment this year I am studying bunker placement and design. I would greatly appreciate any information relating to the subject such as books (author, description, planet etc) or exceptional and different bunkering and bunkers. This would include those which are considered to have been placed fairly or unfairly, those which have been removed, and why and why new bunkers have been introduced to a course.

The help of any greenkeeper who has been involved in such work would be of great benefit to me.

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