IT'S SHOWTIME!

Among the highlights will be a motivational talk by one of the top speakers in the business. Frank Dick OBE (inset picture) is a world renowned athletic coach who has also used his talents to inspire the likes of Daley Thompson, Boris Becker and Gerhard Berger to some stunning heights. Frank's talk is free to attend at 11am in the Royal Hall on the Wednesday. You'd be a fool to miss out of this one.

The BTME '99 Banquet will pay tribute to some of the finest music of the latter half of the 20th century with Showaddywaddy performing their brand of rock and roll, which is a throw back to the 50s and 60s. With 23 top 40 singles to their credit including such classics as "Three Steps to Heaven", "Heartbeat" and "Under the Moon of Love" Thursday night's banquet is sure to have everyone rockin' and a rollin'. Tickets are selling fast so book now to ensure your place at what will be a truly memorable night.

The Conference Dinner speaker is Ian Shuttleworth.

NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION

Workshop 2 - Irrigation is Sold Out and places are limited on the other two Workshops. Call Sami Collins for availability.

BIGGA Annual General Meeting Wednesday 20 January, The Majestic Hotel, 5.45pm Membership cards must be shown to gain admission

Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Association's (FEGGA) Annual General Meeting will be held at 12 noon on Thursday in the Majestic Hotel.

Stan Zontek, USGA Green Section Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region, and a long time friend of BIGGA and BTME, has replaced his USGA colleague, David Oatis, on The Learning Experience programme. Stan will deliver the two papers which David had agreed to give - "Traffic Management; Turf Managers' Biggest Challenge" during the National Education Conference and "Poa Annua, Friend or Foe" during the Seminar Programme.

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE HOTLINE IS 01347 833833
Hotels. Loads of them and just as well because the influx of greenkeepers and other members of the fine turf industry mean they’re all just about full for BTME week.

Atmosphere. There is nothing quite like the one generated by BTME either during the day in the conference, seminar sessions or Halls or in the evenings when every pub, club and restaurant contains a familiar face.

Reunions. They take place all the time at BTME when friends not seen for 12 months can catch up on the past year over a beer and share recent greenkeeping triumphs and disasters.

Rumours. Often fuelled by gossip these are the lifeblood of BTME. Who’s moving where, which company is a target for another. Rumours abound throughout the week. And you know what? Occasionally some of them are true!

Organisation. The attention to every detail which the BIGGA staff have fine tuned over 10 years or putting together BTME ensures that nothing is left to chance during this one week in January.

Global. BTME truly is with visitors coming for all corners of the greenkeeping world including every FEGGA affiliated country as well as many from the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa.

Addiction. For many BTME and Harrogate is addictive and once they tasted the experience once they want to do so again and again. But the great thing is that this particular addiction doesn’t do you any harm at all. In fact it’s downright beneficial to your career prospects.

Trading. With all the major fine turf companies exhibiting at the Show it is an ideal opportunity to do the homework required before making an expensive purchase on behalf of the golf club or, from the other side of the fence, secure new orders.

Education. The bedrock of the entire week. Workshops and seminar sessions. The Learning Experience, in association with Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products. Talking to colleagues and associates ensures everyone leaves Harrogate richer than when they arrived.
All 18 greens at the Leicestershire G C have five greens at Bromborough G C in Cambridge. The reconstruction of nine features have been added, including an area designed by Julian Gooding. Apart from the modern look, new machinery has been installed to service all parts of the machine for servicing, thus enabling the operator to gain quick access to mowers, TM539 and TM739 have recently been introduced to the range, minimising "downtime". The popular gang mowers feature the "easy latch system" of replacing decoders. A new all-terrain vehicle, the ST350 utilises Kubota diesel power units. E-Z-GO introduces the ST350 with a high output engine, and advanced rotary mower with four articulating cutting decks that has instant change of cutting height, zero turning and low centre of gravity for banks.

In a unique move, seed of the same high commercial quality walk-behind rotary mowers and Series tractors and new ranges of commercial quality walk-behind rotary mowers and brushcutters.

Barenbrug UK Limited Barenbrug UK, Sitor No. A20, will welcome all visitors to their stand where they will present their extensive range of turf and seed products. Visitors are invited to experience the full range of products available at the show, including Thatch less Green Releaf, the US leaders in liquid microorganisms. Once again Watermation will be attending the BTME Exhibition in Harrogate. This year will see a more exciting feature to-date, the "Top Spray Pattern Indicator. Serviceable Rock Screen", (Rain Bird's latest innovation). Visitors will be able to look in a buyer's guide and choose from a short list of specialists. But how can you be certain that the consultant is providing you with the independent service you need? Hayter will be showing a selection of fine lawn mowers.

Kubota has proven their professionalism at the BTME and Garden Industry Show, and their extensive range of sportsturf products have been successfully promoting their organisation, has proven their professionalism at the association. To help everyone achieve the best possible playing surfaces, they have introduced the SLS/SLC slitter/aerator range.
John Deere

Ten years after introducing its first professional greens mower, the 2243, John Deere will launch a completely new model, the 2500, based on information received from customer feedback programmes. The new triplex mower has been totally redesigned to provide extra operator comfort, easy to use controls and the optimum quality of cut - only the steering wheel and the colour have been retained from the previous model. The 2500 features a clean and silent 20hp John Deere Series 200 diesel engine and is claimed to be the lightest diesel greens mower on the market helping to minimise compaction.

Groundsman Industries

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Groundsmen manufacture the largest range of vertical action pedestrian, tractor mounted and turf vehicle mounted aerators. Their unique patented action offers the professional user a wide range of time and holder options. The award winning flexible core collector gives huge savings on time and effort. The clean hole presentation, good depth (130mm) and high work rates make it a clear winner. With the range starting at £2600 it means vertical action aeration is within most budgets. Come and visit us to see what's new.

Supaturf

Another Innovative Year for Supaturf Products - Stand A27
Another innovative display from Supaturf Products for 1999, featuring the world’s favourite range of water management products, including Primer SX, AquaDoc and InfilTRx. New for 1999 will be AquaDoc-In-A-Can. AquaDoc, already available in liquid form, has been specially formulated for rapid recovery treatment of localised problems such as: Dry Spot, Wet Spot, and Hydrophobicity on slopes and banks. AquaDoc requires no watering in and does not burn. It’s an easy-to-use, convenient method of spot treating those areas that are difficult or untreatable because of their location on the course.

Also NEW to the range will be sprayable dew control product, specifically designed to reduce the unsightly dew apparent at certain times of the year, which grays greenkeepers the need to remove dew early in the morning. Visit the stand and see these innovative products for yourself.
For further information please contact: Rachel Higgins, Supaturf Products Limited, Contact Carole Dutton Tel: 01604 64448.

Wiedemann

New Additions to Terra Spike range of Deep Aerators. Wiedemann is currently completing tests on two new Terra Spike models which will be available to the market following the BTME show. The new Terra Spike called Greens Machines are lighter and faster than the existing models and will be additional to the existing range. Two working widths will be offered 1.35m and 1.6m. A unique feature of the new models will be a hydraulically operated heave adjustment system. An extended range of times and accessories will be available which will make the Greens Terra Spike a very versatile machine. Production will start at £11,280.00 for the G135 model.
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