START THE NEXT 1000 YEARS WITH A BANG!

BIGGA NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 January, The Majestic Hotel
Delegates arrive and register at The Majestic Hotel, Conference Office between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Sunday 16 January followed by dinner at 7.30pm (Jacket and Tie must be worn). The new look Conference is held over the next two days, when speakers will present in-depth papers on four topics of interest to all greenkeepers.

BIGGA WORKSHOP PROGRAMME
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Delegates arrive and register at the Majestic between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Sunday 16 January followed by dinner at 7.30pm (Jacket and Ties must be worn). Workshop 1 will prepare delegates for the next stages of Golf Course Design. Workshop 2 is designed to give Assistant Greenkeepers guidance on Golf Course Presentation. Workshop 3 will give delegates instruction on Written and Verbal Communication. Workshop 4 will give greenkeepers the skills and knowledge to maintain Golf Course Machinery and, finally, Workshop 5 is designed to introduce Greenkeepers to the art of Computing.

BTME SEMINAR PROGRAMME
Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 January, The Royal Hall
The Past, Present and Future is the theme for the BTME Seminar Programme. Speakers from the USA, Canada, Europe and the UK will be presenting papers on a variety of subjects, ranging from personal experiences and lessons learned to advances in machinery technology. The BTME Seminar Programme, runs alongside the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition.

RUNNING GOLF COURSES IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 January, The Crown Hotel
Delegates arrive and register at The Crown Hotel between 8.30am and 9.00am on Tuesday 18 January. This two day course is for those who manage and administer golf courses. The course is presented by STRI experts in all aspects of golf course design, construction, management and maintenance and includes a presentation by a BIGGA Course Manager. These two days will enable you to maximise the agronomic and financial potential of your golf course. It also includes a visit to the STRI trial grounds and laboratories and a visit to the BTME exhibition.

CAREERS ADVICE CLINIC
New for 2000 is the BIGGA Careers Advice Clinic where Brin Bendon and Frank Newberry will be available to answer your questions on CV's, job application letters, interview techniques and negotiating your salary package, all helping you to get 'that job'.
The Bootleg Beatles are one of Britain’s most popular bands - quite an achievement for a group that never release records, but have achieved success through their immaculate re-creation of the sights and sounds of the Fab Four live on stage. Popular with all ages, the band are now in the forefront of the contemporary music scene. Their appearances with Oasis in 1996 at Earl’s Court, Knebworth, Cork and Loch Lomond won them huge new audiences of young fans. 

They have filled major venues all over the world, from the Royal Albert Hall to the Budokan in Tokyo, with their show containing Beatles music from 1964-1970. Recently described in the Daily Telegraph as “fastidiously authentic”, the band members are self-confessed Beatles fanatics. Their proudest achievement is the often-heard comment after their shows, “It was just like watching the real thing”. They have put in years of practice, studying records and video tapes, using all their skills as musicians and actors, to look and sound like the Beatles. Their hard work has paid off, as they are now acknowledged as the world’s leading Beatles band.

THE GREAT BTME RAFFLE

Proceeds from the Great BIGGA BTME Raffle will go the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. The Charity is delighted to be involved with the project and has earmarked the money made to the White Rose Appeal which puts £1.5 million a year into two cancer research units at St James’ University Hospital, Leeds - otherwise known as Jimmy’s. 

The first unit, headed by Professor Peter Selby, seeks to take basic knowledge acquired in the laboratory right through to the treatment of patients while the other, the Genetic Epidemiology Laboratory, headed by Professor Tim Bishop, is working to discover the hereditary element which is thought to play a role in about 5% of all cancers.

Such a worthy cause, together with some wonderful prizes, should be great incentive to give generously when you receive your raffle ticket form on arrival at the Show.

For further information on the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Tel: 01603 746229 Fax: 01603 746243 Mobile: 0850 752744 email: pwigroup@farmline.com

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Advanta Stand - C3-4

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4. A chance to pick up your free ticket to the BTME2000 PREVIEW JANUARY 19-21, 2000 HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE BTME2000 PREVIEW

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2. The best promotions and new products at stand:

Brittish Seed House and stand go one up. Turfgrass professionals joining the new Greensward Direct have gained special discounts for approved training courses, as well as access to developments coming out of the UK's only amenity turf breeding programme (CABER; RAL; GRI) by Greenkeepers will be able to hear how Avalon velvet bent is outperforming all other bents in terms of a high density of leafiness. Avlon produces the highest quality turf of any species under close, frequent mowing and has a much better low temperature, shade and drought tolerance than other bents. British Seed House is also sponsoring the Golf constructors' Association cocktail party which will be held on Wednesday evening 19 January 2000.

The RICHMOND DIVISION will be presented, showing their wide range of hand tools, forestry equipment and tree surgery management equipment. Multigreen Mini Prill from Headland has pioneered the use of the fine turf Prill will be on display on the Pentagon Amenity machinery. This coupled with a marketing agreement manufactured by Haifa Chemicals, will feature into the Amenity market and offering a wide profile.

Avoncrop Amenity Products - B6

Avoncrop Amenity Products have their latest catalogues at BTME, demonstrating their unrivalled product range available to Course Managers. Our comment is to offer choice and therefore the right solutions for each individual situation. Take a look at our new section on microorganisms, biopesticides and Biocontrol products. We are able to carry out soil analysis and provide disease programmes, give technical advice and highlight the right products and services to assist in the course in turf condition. Some of our top selling ranges include Scotts, Barenbrug, Rhone-Poulenc, Greenleaf and numerous own brands, including the hugely successful Surf to Turf range. Further details on 01843 620688

Bernhard & Co Ltd - B31

Bernhard and Company, makers of the world famous Attersee's EXPRESS DUAL and ANGLE-MASTER machines, introduce new exciting genuine & specialist Golf Course tools. Express Dual and Angle Master enable mechanists to sharpen mowers in less than twenty minutes without disturbing anything. Contact Express Amenity Machinery, the blade and the Blade-rite 2000 spins, relief grinds and sharpens blades all on one machine. The Rota-rite 1000 is a high precision rotary blade grinder with internal vacuum. See Floor, Relief and Rota-rite 1000 and Rapid Floor-look FREE GRINDING Demonstration Days by visiting stand B31.

Biotral - Q116

A revolutionary form of biological treatment for use in the professional turf and landscape market will be on display on the Pentagon Amenity Machinery stand (Q116) at BTME. Biotral, developed and manufactured by Biotral, these ecologically safe and highly effective products will be showcased through the Hagor Group in the UK. Biotral products have already been tried and tested on stadia and bowling lawns as well as some of the leading golf courses, producing excellent results readily and safely. By combining these three products, the programme introduces, feeds and boosts beneficial microbes combined on a turn through the soil, known as Microbial Balance Biofeed and Microbeooster, are also available for application separately. Biotral is a unique blend of microbes, research, developed and produced in the UK. Selected for its ability to rebalance the soil micro-flora. Microbeooster replaces depressed microbes destroyed by intensive use of toxic chemicals, microorganisms Biotral is a nature-made weed extract, soil and foliar feed, specifically selected for natural surfactant content. Microbeooster is an organic plant extract which creates a suitable environment for the development of beneficial microbes within the soil profile.

Brittish Seed Houses - Q20

Visit the Brittish Seed Houses stand and go one up. Turfgrass professionals joining the new Greensward Direct have gained special discounts for approved training courses, as well as access to developments coming out of the UK's only amenity turf breeding programme (CABER; RAL; GRI) by Greenkeepers will be able to hear how Avalon velvet bent is outperforming all other bents in terms of a high density of leafiness. Avlon produces the highest quality turf of any species under close, frequent mowing and has a much better low temperature, shade and drought tolerance than other bents.

Charterhouse B - B32

Charterhouse Turf machinery welcomes visitors to their stand and so that they may enjoy the various products from their four operating DIVISIONS:

Multigreen controlled release fertilisers for turf, manufactured by Hoifa Chemicals, will feature strongly at BTME as part of the comprehensive range of turf care products available from Headland Amenity Products. Now a proven market leader among turf fertilisers in the UK, the Multigreen range includes a choice of products which provides 5-6 months nutrition for coarse, close mown or fine turf. Headland pioneered this type of controlled release formulations (Multigreen Mini) as a season long base feed, used in combination with supplementary banding, allowing class leading control of turf response. Headland will also exhibit Multi K Mini Prill from HEADLAND, with its other ranges of liquid and granular feeds, seaweed, wetters and turf chemicals.

John Deere - C32-33

Designed for easy servicing and increased productivity on golf courses and in parks and public areas, the new John Deere 1600 wide area mower is the company's first commercial rotary machine to use hydraulic mowing drive. This incorporates an Eaton axial piston pump, which transfers the electric motor's energy more efficiently to the machine through gear type pumps and motors, especially in tough working conditions. John Deere's straightforward two pedal forward and reverse foot control combines with a three lever mower operating platform, for ease of operation. Good traction is also provided by the two speed transmission, powered by a powerful 45hp Grandel L Series tractor and the T1760, a 1.2m cut ride-on mower with water-cooled petrol engine.

Kubota - A35

Every product to be shown on Kubota's stand A35 at BTME 2000 has been newly introduced over the past year. From the 38hp, 39hp and 48hp Grandel L Series tractors with their upgraded high visibility cab to the revolutionary AX13000 ride-on twin cylinder mower with hydropower gesture, Kubota continues to bring advanced irrigation to turf management and mechanisation. The new B1410 149hp compact tractor will be at Harrogate as will Kubota's GT18 Cut-Green mower, the world's first triple cut-throw mower with rear collector and the T1760, a 1.2m cut ride-on mower with water-cooled petrol engine.

Marwood - C40

The latest range of Articulated rotary mowers will be on display. The range goes a cost effective finish from cut from 1" to 6". New, launching at BTME, the trailed 7 deck Model 722XR is an innovative design. Boosting a cutting width of 122", with low-maintenance, high-efficiency deck design and streamline hydraulic lift system for easier maintenance and transportation.

The 426D ride-on is already proving to be an economic success - "in front of the market", has a low centre of gravity, zero turning and height of cut adjustment within a few seconds. To view the complete range including the new 621ER and the 225S series visit our stand.

Omis Irrigation - A5

Omis are experts in irrigation system design and installation for all golf courses, sports turfs and landscape. We are distributors for Rain Bird, Backner and Hunter irrigation products manufactured by Hunter Industries, Hunter is a major manufacturer of irrigation equipment manufactured by other companies. Omis have unique in house design capabilities ensuring that the requirement of each client is individually met, this coupled with a marketing agreement with Hunter provides the ultimate irrigation package. For more information or a no obligation survey and design visit Omis-Irrigation (uk) Ltd Head Office 01460 241939, Scotland Office 0131 220 2102, Ireland Office (00353) 1 23 4020.

Rhône-Poulenc - Q2

Rhône-Poulenc is planning to exhibit as the newly formed Aventis*.

Cambridge University will talk to us about your problems with your weed, disease or pest control in turf. There is a new tank mix recommendation for Mildothane Turf Liquid, bringing a new active ingredient. You will have the chance to use our new CD-ROM, which features the newly formed 'Aventis'.*

*The formation of Aventis has been approved by shareholders of Rhone-Poulenc and Hoechst, and takes effect from 1 April, 2000.
with their clients from around the world, who will wetting agents to Europe with AquaGro and serving the sports turf industry. Now, 40 years ago Superturf Products Ltd was incorporated.

Supaturf celebrates 40 years of serving the USA. Supaturf have a lot to celebrate at BTME in 1999. The comprehensive Scotts Product Guide to fertilisers and chemicals for the turf and amenity markets will be available. Call on the stand for a free copy.

Scotts launch new liquids at BTME. Scotts UK Professional will be launching a comprehensive new range of liquid fertilisers designed to give greenkeepers and groundsman the option of fast, flexible turf growth control. Available in a range of nutrient formulations, these new Greenmaster Liquids are easy to apply and can be used in combination to achieve precision in turf response. The benefits of the new turf growth management tool Scotts, which have the same amount of time grounds and greenkeeping staff need to spend on mowing grass, will also be demonstrated. Scotts will free up valuable man-hours for deployment on more meaningful tasks through its innovation in reducing grass growth rate without sacrificing sward vigour and appearance. Shortcuit contains the new active ingredient triazolomydic acid, and has successfully reduced mowing requirements by 50 per cent on fairways and tees. Crucially, turf responds positively to treatment with Scotts, with trials also reporting enhanced colour, thickening of the sward and improved root development following application.

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SISIS have moved to a much larger stand in Hall Q to accommodate their increased range of golf course maintenance machinery which now includes ride-on triples and gangmowers (designed and manufactured in the UK). Grasskeeper rotating brush, Soil Relaxers and soil shredders. In fact, SISIS now offer around 100 different machines for all aspects of turf care. Come and talk to us on Stand Q5.

Sovereign Turf Ltd • Q55

Everybody has dreams and professional turf managers are no different. If you come to the new Sovereign Turf stand Q55 opposite the main registration desk in Hall Q we will turn some of those dreams into reality. We can't do anything about your budgets but we can offer quality turf and grass seed second to none at realistic prices. We also provide advice and an excellent after sales service. If you dream of quality products delivered on time and at the right price, then come and talk to Steve Williams and Mac Bailey about the reality from Sovereign Turf Ltd.

Supaturf - A27

Supaturf celebrates 40 years of serving the industry at the Show 40 years ago Superturf Products Ltd was incorporated and immediately set about the task of serving the sports turf industry. Now, 40 years on, they are still at the forefront of the industry offering such world leading products as the unsurpassable Primer 604 through to the innovative Accelerator 5000 semi organic fine turf fertiliser. It is also 20 years since Supa turf introduced wetting agents to Europe with AquaGro and this year marks the 20 year anniversary of working closely with The Aquaflo Corporation of America who invented the whole science 45 years ago in the USA. Supaturf have a lot to celebrate at BTME in 2000 and look forward to meeting at the show with visitors from around the world, who will help to keep the celebrations going.

Textron - A23

Textron Turf Care and Speciality Products have become synonymous with a range of quality products for turf care management, and in particular the golf sector. Visit our stand and view the key products from such renowned brands as Cushman, E-Z-GO, Jacobsen, Rainemone and Fynn. New products to be launched at BTME will include the new range of Ransomes Compact Tractors, the Inuki TK 458 tractor and the very latest E-Z-GO TXT golf car with the revolutionary Precision Drive System (PDS). Also on display will be the Ransomes Super Centos pedestrian cylinder mower featuring the new OPC system; the Jacobsen Tri-King with new ISO mounting; the Jacobsen LPD-3600 fairway mower with Masuer cub; and the Ransomes AR 250 rotary mower with side discharge. And finally, in this ever-changing industry where new products are joined by a wide selection of other Turf Care including fairway mowers and aerators.

Toro - B35

Toro starts the new millennium as it left the old with the launch of a string of superb new innovative turf maintenance products sure to attract great interest from greenkeepers and groundsman. Hot on the heels of its highly successful revolutionairy Reelmaster 31000 Side-winder triple cylinder mower, Toro is introducing a rotary version in which also all three cutting decks shift from side to side up to 24° for mowing bunker overhangs, aprons and other edges. It has a great ability to follow ground contours and cut without scalping. Also making its debut is the stylish new Workman 2100 mid-duty utility vehicle with unique 'hockey' suspension for superior traction and stability. The new Greenmaster 3250-D joins it. This is the latest in the line of Toro's world-beating Greenmaster triples mowers and has a powerful diesel engine and unique cutting unit suspension to follow ground contours and cut tours smoothly. The new products are joined by a good selection of other Toro equipment including fairway mowers and aerators.

Turfgrass Services - A31

The custom turf growing service that Inturf offer to greenkeepers has developed into a major department for the Company with a number of different types being grown at any one time, from traditional fescue/bent mixtures to straight creeping bent grass, all grown on USGA type rootzones. Usually the Company needs 12 months notice of requirement but any turf type on any month can be ordered for supply only (small or big rolls) or fully installed. Also the ITM movable modular turf system is catching on fast for golf lawns applications, where sections of a tee area can be replaced or repositioned to minimise wear and tear. For more information please contact our Head Office at The Chestnuts, Wilberfoss, York, Y041 4AT. Telephone 01759 321000 Facsimile: 01759 380130 e-mail info@inturf.co.uk

Weed Free - Q33

Weed Free, first time exhibitors at BTME, will be using the show to launch major new expansion plans for the year 2000. The company, which has enjoyed substantial growth since 1996 and pioneered the use of shrubbed looms within the contract spraying sector, is poised to diversify in a new direction. Details will be announced at a PRESS CONFERENCE in the Kings Suite at 10.30 am on Wednesday 19 January and subsequently available on the Weed Free stand Q33. Information on the company’s ever popular spraying courses, will also be available, along with full details of Weed Free's amenity spraying services. Contact the company on FREE PHONE 0800 0600 0601.

Barenbrug - A20

Barenbrug UK has some extra special attractions for BTME, a brand new cultivar; two new mixes and an Open Championship 2000 competition

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The name of which Yorkshire town is on the lips of every greenkeeper around the turn of the year? A. Scarborough B. Harrogate C. Ripon D. Wetherby.

If that came up on a well known quiz show you wouldn't need to either phone a friend or ask the audience and Chris Tarrent wouldn't have time to start his facial contortions.

Harrogate has become a second home to everyone in the fine turf industry and it is the thought of returning to this warm and friendly town that keeps many greenkeepers going through the early part of the winter.

Few locations can match the delights of Harrogate and when the business of the day has been completed at Harrogate International Conference Centre right in the heart of the town the opportunities which the town offers up in the evening are wide and varied.

To eat you can choose from Italian, Spanish, British, Mexican, American, French, Indian and Chinese.

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Guests will also be able to use the facilities of The Retreat, just a short distance away. The Retreat offers not only a gymnasium and pool, tennis and squash courts, but two golf practice bays as well.