Education: Have your say...

To try to keep education and training relevant to the needs of members, I am going to conduct a Major Training Needs Analysis in the early part of 2001. Although you may think that it has nothing to do with you, you would be wrong. I can provide the education and training that you need, only if you tell me what that need is. Consequently, you need to consider:

Should BIGGA be involved in Greenkeeper Education and Training?

What Education and Training do I need? eg. Supervisory/Management training, First Aid training, Health and Safety training, Soil Science, Spraying, Grading and Blade Setting, Computing, Maths for greenskeepers, tractor driving, chain saw operation etc.

Where should that Education and Training take place? eg. At BIGGA HOUSE, in Regions, in Sections, in Hotels, at Golf Courses, at Colleges.

When should it take place? eg. Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, Weekends, Weekdays.

How much should it cost? eg. Nothing, £50 per day etc.


We sometimes concentrate on failure in this country, but BIGGA's involvement in greenkeeper Education and Training is a success story unmatched within the Fine Turf Industry nor by few other industries.

Last year alone saw almost 300 greenkeepers attend courses presented by BIGGA with a further 200 attending the first two days of the Learning Experience at Harrogate and almost 500 attending BTME Seminars.

Let's work together to ensure that this century's greenskeepers continue to have access to the high quality education and training that they need and deserve.

You can have your say by either contacting your Section Secretary/Regional Administrator prior to their meeting at BIGGA HOUSE on 26 and 27 March or by contacting myself or Sami at BIGGA HOUSE.