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Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, highlights the forthcoming education opportunities in 2005.

Sam and Ken wish all of you a very happy new year and hope that you will make your resolution to use any opportunity to expand your skills and knowledge. The first opportunity is at Harrogate, later this month, followed by the Golf Industry Show and Conference in Orlando. This is quickly followed by the Scottish Conference, the North West Seminar, the South Coast Seminar, Regional Training Courses and by BITMC.

Continue to Learn 2005
Sunday January 16 starts a very busy week at Harrogate when three two day Workshops, supported by the GTC and by the John Deere Team Championship, commence in the Majestic Hotel. The Grass Roots Level, Learn the Process of Effective Communication and Negotiation and the Golf Course Design Workshops are almost full but you may be able to book your place if you contact Sami.

Monday January 17 sees the continuation of the two day Workshops, the start of the one day Workshops and start of the AGCS Seminars. The one day Workshops, also supported by the GTC and the John Deere Team Championship, are almost full but, again, you may be able to book a place by contacting Sami. The one day Workshops are, The Principles of Irrigation and Course Preparation Techniques at the Professional Tour Level. The AGCS Seminars will be held in Hall D of the Harrogate International Centre. Contact the AGCS on 01934 641166 for more details.

Tuesday January 18 is another busy day. BTME & ClubHouse Seminars, supported by the GTC, begin in Hall D. BTME & ClubHouse opens its doors and a Master Greenkeeper Tutorial takes place in the Restaurant of Hall D. Golf Club Managers are catered for when ClubHouse seminars take place on Tuesday afternoon in Hall D. All Seminar sessions have places available and may be booked by calling at Stand Q8.

Wednesday January 19 is a special day for BIGGA, for our President Sir Michael Bonallack OBE, for three new Master Greenkeepers and for the winners of prizes in this year’s Environment Competition, sponsored by Syngenta Professional UK, Syngenta Professional Products and Wrap.
Sir Michael will receive the BIGGA Lifetime Achievement Award. Ken Ingram will travel from the US to join Stuart Hogg and Les Howkins to receive their Master Greenkeeper jackets and plaques. Mischinghampton Golf Club is the winner of the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, supported by Scotts UK Professional, Syngenta Professional Products and by Wrap. They will be awarded the Environment Trophy, a cheque for £2000 and a Scotts Weather Station, with LED lighting, while Design and Craft. They will be awarded the Environment Trophy, a cheque for £2000 and a Scotts Weather Station, with LED lighting, while

The Scottish Conference will be held in Dunfermline on Tuesday March 1. Full details can be obtained from Peter Boyd.