



Some of the greenkeepers from the event

Greenkeeping Seminar

Eighty golf course and sports ground industry professionals from Devon and Cornwall with students from Duchy College attended a free greenkeeping seminar at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland campus recently. The event was funded by the European Social Fund to provide up to date knowledge from industry specialists.

Two key speakers Steve Gingell, Area Manager for

South West England and South Wales for Sports Turf Research Institute gave a seminar on the use of fertilisers for fine turf. The second speaker was Roger Davey, Managing Director at Irritech an independent irrigation and Consultancy Company who provided information on golf course irrigation.

The event was organised by Steve Evans, work based

assessor/lecturer at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland and has over 35 years experience in the industry. Steve commented: "We have had an amazing attendance for the event, which highlights the need for continuing professional development in the industry. I would like to thank the guest speakers for providing their time, Devon and Cornwall BIGGA and all those who attended."

RADICAL ACTION BEATS THE FUZ



A 30 year old Surrey golf club has enjoyed its first fusarium free winter following radical action by the Head Greenkeeper. Mark Pennells, of The Drift Golf Club at East Horsley, took the decision to apply over 6,000 kg of lightweight, porous, calcinated soil amendment into his 20 greens in September, and hasn't seen a sign of disease since.



John McCormack (left) with new CMAE President John Hunt.

"THE COLONEL" TAKES CHARGE AT THE CMAE

The Club Managers Association of Europe (CMAE) appointed a new President at its Spring Conference at Wentworth recently.

John Hunt, Secretary of The Berkshire Golf Club, Ascot, England takes over from John McCormack of Castle Golf Club, Dublin, in the two-year role.

Lt Col Hunt, affectionately known as 'The Colonel' by CMAE members, admitted his rank and previous career as an officer in the English Army might suggest he was an old-style club manager but that he was "ahead of the game" thanks to education and networking made possible by CMAE membership.

More than 60 club managers from across Europe, including representatives from Italy, Spain, Sweden, Portugal and Ireland, as well as from around the United Kingdom, attended the two-day event at Surrey's Wentworth Club. Among the topics discussed was the impact of the economic crisis and solutions club managers could implement, with input from partners Premium Credit, Jonas Software, E-Z-GO and Colt Mackenzie McNair.

Members were also given an exclusive first glimpse of the new-look CMAE website, with new resources and information for visitors and for CMAE Members: www.cmaeurope.org