Delegates at the recent Barenbrug and STRI Druids Glen Golf Resort open day have given glowing feedback on the event, which revealed the preliminary findings of a new trial taking place at the County Wicklow course.

Over 40 representatives from across Ireland attended the day to gain an insight into the Golf Green Diferential Input Trial. Established in partnership with STRI, the trial is the first of its kind in Ireland and aims to determine the influence of both standard and reduced input maintenance regimes on grass species for golf greens.

Following a welcoming speech from Druids Glen’s course Superintendent, John O’ Sullivan, on why the 18-hole championship course decided to participate in the trial, Barenbrug’s Research and Development Manager, Jayne Leyland, gave a presentation on the company’s global breeding programme, before a series of other informative presentations including Dr Ruth Maran who updated delegates on turfgrass protection and the methods and value of thatch reduction for overseeding and interseeding. Dr Ian Mc Clements who spoke about the STRI Programme and Neil Pettican, Regional Sales Manager for Barenbrug, in Ireland, after lunch guests’ John Fitzpatrick, illustrated how easy it is to implement a species exchange programme with the Graden.

GOLD FOR OULTON HALL

The Estate’s team at De Vere Oulton Hall is celebrating after picking up two top horticultural Gold awards in the space of just one week. These latest awards bring the hotel’s overall haul to seven since the gold number of its gardens last three years.

After picking up a Gold Rose Award at Yorkshire in Bloom the team were further delighted to be awarded with another Gold in the Best Hot Hotel City Wide category of the Newt Oulton’s Business in Bloom Competition.

The judge’s were particularly impressed with the overall standard of bedding displays and permanent planting at De Vere Oulton Hall, which have been maintained to the highest standard despite it being a very difficult dry summer.

Ian Brown, Golf Course, Estate and Property Manager, said; “These awards are a true testament to the hard work and dedication of all estates team but especially our fantastic gardeners at the hotel. I would like to thank them for their continued commitment and passion towards the upholding, maintenance and presentation of our beautiful gardens which give pleasure to so many.”

Open Day Joy at Druids Glen

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