BIGGA SEMINARS AT SALTEX

BIGGA are staging a whole day of free education presentations at this year’s SALTEX (Sports Amenity & Landscape Trade Exhibition) at Windsor Racecourse – with CPD credits available for those attending.

The BIGGA Golf Education Day on Wednesday September 4 will appeal to greenkeepers at courses of every size and type and will focus on drainage, bunkers, composts and disease management.

The day will start with ‘Greens Drainage - Mission Possible’ presented by Andy Wood, Course Manager of Robin Hood Golf Club.

He will outline a workable plan to solve drainage problems on difficult greens through to the spring period for scarification and top-dressing.

Chris will also cover details on how to deliver smooth, disease-free greens right through the high risk autumn and winter periods.

He pointed out how the true position and true chamfer on mounting holes can improve the cutting performance of the bedknife significantly. The schedule is completed by the joint Kverner/Syngenta presentation ‘Go In Green…’ Exposed to Clean’ as Dr Simon Watson, Syngenta Turf and Landscape Technical Manager, points out how winter disease on golf greens is particularly problematic – since there is little turf growth to allow recovery and for scars to heal.

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Stuart Yarwood MG, Course Manager of Lytham Golf Club, will then discuss ‘Band Traps and Money Pots’. He will look at managing and constructing golf course bunkers on limited budgets, while revisiting the past to shape our future.

Stuart’s presentation will also include the art of compost creation and its role in greenkeeping.

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