A well planned visit to BTME makes you a better turf manager

Harrogate is once again the venue for BTME – and here’s how you can make the most of your visit whether you’re spending a whole week in North Yorkshire or you’re coming through for a single day.

It’s time to get your name down for BTME 2014 as registration continues for the show where all the stand space has been sold and education bookings are 51% up on last year. To avoid queues at the exhibition, simply visit our dedicated website at www.btme.org.uk and click on the ‘register now’ icon.

We’ve had a superb response from both returning clients and new companies keen to join the unmissable turf event of the year meaning all of the halls we opened last year are full.

In fact, we’re very pleased to announce several new companies making their BTME debuts.

There will also be over a hundred returning exhibitors showcasing an unrivalled range of brand new products, initiatives and offers.

We’re also proud to again offer a first-class ‘Continue to Learn’ education programme which is improving year on year - and we’re currently 51% up on bookings from last year so time is running out to secure your spot.

We’ve attracted top experts and trainers from across the UK and the world to Harrogate. The hugely popular ‘Turf Managers’ Conference returns on Monday 20 January. This will feature presentations from the likes of Dr Karl Danneberger, Professor of Turfgrass Science at Ohio University, Mark Hunt from Headland Amenity and Karl Morris from The Mind Factor on a huge range of topics.

We’ve also offering dozens of seminars and workshops covering a whole range of subjects vital to the turf professional. Many of our popular presenters return alongside some brand new seminars and speakers for 2014.

To pick just three we have Henry Bechet, Technical Sales Manager at Everris, Justin Ruiz MG CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club and Dr Ruth Mann, Head of Research at the BTI.

Our L&D Manager Sami Strutt said: “Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is central to all of the Learning and Development offerings from BIGGA. This has been kept firmly in mind when putting together the programme, ensuring the education is available for all, from greenkeepers and assistants to deputies and course managers.”
Continue to Learn begins on Sunday 19 January and continues right through until 5pm on Wednesday 22 January. For full details on the programme visit www.btme.org.uk and click on the ‘Continue to Learn’ button.

This year also features our inaugural Welcome Celebration, kindly sponsored by Jacobsen, and we’re delighted to announce golf commentary legend Peter Alliss as guest of honour.

The evening will begin straight after the first day of the exhibition on Tuesday 21 January in the Royal Hall at the Harrogate International Centre at 5.30pm – and will feature a typically humorous keynote speech from one of the most recognisable and authoritative voices in all sport. We’ll also be acknowledging the superb achievements of some of our members during 2013, honouring greenskeepers who have excelled in educational, professional and golfing capacities and toasting success in the wider turf management industry. BTME is the place to be to kick start 2014 in the turf management industry – don’t miss out.

EAT OUT
Here’s a selection of some of the best eateries in Harrogate – advance booking is recommended.

- **B.E.D Modern English**
  - Tel: 01423 566600
  - www.bed.ltd.uk
- **Bistro Pierre**
  - French
  - Tel: 01423 533070
  - www.lebistrotpierre.co.uk/
  - locations/harrogate
- **Cattlemens Tex Mex**
  - Tel: 01423 561456
  - www.cattlemens.co.uk
- **Chez la Vie**
  - French
  - Tel: 01423 568018
  - www.chezlavie.com
- **Drum & Monkey**
  - Seafood
  - Tel: 01423 502650
  - www.drumandmonkey.co.uk
- **Harrogate Brasserie**
  - English
  - Tel: 01423 505041
  - www.harrogatebrasserie.co.uk
- **Jinnah Indian**
  - Tel: 01423 563333
  - www.jinnah.co.uk
- **Joe Rigatoni**
  - Italian
  - Tel: 01423 500071
  - www.joerigatoni.com
- **La Tasca**
  - Tapas
  - Tel: 01423 563333
  - www.latasca.com/harrogate
- **William and Victoria**
  - English
  - Tel: 01423 521510
  - www.williamandvictoria.com
COUNTY TURF FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS AT BTME 2014

County Turf is delighted to announce its attendance at BTME on Stand H32.

The Scunthorpe-based, family-run firm is exhibiting alongside Mansfield Sand, supplier of sand based products including coconut materials, topdressing and bunker sand, to showcase its broad range of turf and complementary products.

Managing Director Andy Fraser and his team are passionate about growing the very best quality turf for sports stadiums, golf courses, architects, landscapers and wholesalers. They have been growing over 1,400 acres of high quality turf on some of the coarsest, free-draining sand in the UK since 1995. In that time they have gained a reputation in the industry for supplying premium quality turf and excellent customer service thanks to their dedicated team of experienced staff. County Turf is committed to ensuring that the turf grown and supplied is of the highest quality and they continually invest in the latest machinery and turf technology to ensure they remain at the forefront of the industry.

County Turf is proud to have maintained longstanding relationships with many customers who are based all over the UK and in Europe. Some of the well-known venues County Turf have previously supplied include the London 2012 Olympic Stadium, Lord’s Cricket Ground, Croke Park, and many golf clubs including Loch Lomond, Le Muy in Jersey, Carnigie Links at Silloth Castle, Castle Stuart and The London Golf Club.

Andy Fraser said: “This is the first time that we are exhibiting at BTME and we are really pleased to be supporting such a great industry event. “We are looking forward to showcasing our range of turf products designed specifically for sports surfaces and golf courses.”

County Turf is a Member of Turf Producers International and the Turfgrass Growers’ Association, supplying TOPA certified turf grown to its stringent criteria.

It is also a proud sponsor of the STRI Golf Environment Awards.

KUBOTA 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT BTME

Tractor and groundscare specialists Kubota are busy preparing for BTME 2014 where they will look forward to celebrating its 35th anniversary in the UK market.

Visitors to Stand A16 will be able to see first hand Kubota’s extensive range of solutions for the groundscover market, including its fleet of turfcare and RTVs. Compact tractors will be on display, plus a selection of ride-on and walk-behind mowers, the W621 Pro, W302 HR Pro, and the F5080 from Kubota’s out-front series will be present. Visitors will also have the chance to view some of the machines from its fleet of utility vehicles (UTVs), the RYV500 and RYV600.

Visitors can also see one of Kubota’s new breed of petrol driven UTVs, the RYV500, which boasts a range of modern features, including an electronic fuel injection (EFI) system that not only provides on-demand power and helps optimise acceleration, but also improves the machine’s responsiveness.

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SMITHCO/TURFCO

This joint stand (M13/M14) will feature turf maintenance products from the independent US manufacturers Smithco and Turfco. Smithco are renowned for their bunker rakes, greens rollers and ride-on sprayers, while Turfco are arguably the leaders in mounted, trailed and pedestrian sprayers.

Making its BTME debut is the all-new WideSpin 1550 topdresser, the most advanced addition in Turfco WideSpin family, offering up to 60%better control and precision. It features more capacity, easier hopper loading, programmable presets, rate calculation and a wider range of applications. As well as featuring the largest hopper opening in the industry, it also includes a larger capacity hopper to increase productivity and efficiency.
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E-Z-GO/CUSHMAN

For many visitors to BTME this will be the first opportunity to see E-Z-GO’s refreshed TXT 48 volt golf car on Stand M12. New styling has updated the model’s classic look while retaining its proven performance to offer a better golfing experience, increased fleet durability and easier maintenance.

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Wiedenmann’s Mega Twister is a year-round favourite used as frequently on natural surfaces as artificial. With a blow strength of 390m³ per minute, its 230° swivel action gives the operator infinite control to adjust it all ways.

Leaves and debris can be blown continuously in one direction with no requirement for the operator to leave the cab, back up or turn the unit round. The blow out nozzle can be set vertically, so that the air stream can be adjusted to the prevailing conditions or undulations, guiding leaves and debris accurately and quickly.

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Leading grass seed producer Barenbrug returns to BTME in January when it will be premiering a brand new video about its revolutionary product RPR or Regenerating Perennial Ryegrass.

It is available as BAR 7 RPR for use on winter sports surfaces such as football and rugby pitches while EXTREME RPR is designed for use on tennis, barleys and walkways on golf courses.

Appearing in the video, which highlights the development and success of RPR, is Roy Rigby, grounds manager at Manchester City and his three colleagues, Lee Metcalfe and Steve Malone who look after respectively the Ethiad Stadium, Carrington and Platt Lane training grounds.

Manchester City helped with the trials of EXTREME RPR which, when using Galleon seeded turf, is now used exclusively at all three venues, where it has won praise for the quality of the playing surface and its ability to recover from heavy wear with some of the training facilities being used seven days a week.

Also helping with the trials of EXTREME RPR was Allan Patterson, Course Manager of the Castle Course at St Andrews where it is used exclusively at all three venues, where it has won praise for the quality of the playing surface and its ability to recover from heavy wear with some of the training facilities being used seven days a week.

Allan said RPR gave excellent results with Roy Rigby on the Baerenrug stand C23 on the Tuesday of BTME and Allan Patterson on the Wednesday both between 12 Noon - 1:30pm, so do come along and meet them and find out more about RPR.

The secret of RPR is its creeping growth habit made possible through the production of elongated tillers. These growth shoots emerge from the nodes at the base of each plant. They creep horizontally just below the surface and are capable of developing roots at the internodes creating entirely new grass plants. The creeping growth habit results in fast establishment, excellent wear tolerance and unrivalled recovery capability.

Barenbrug research & development manager, Turf & Amenity, Dr David Metcalfe, explains: “Our standard A20 Perennial Ryegrass is a great mixture, but we understand every sports ground is different. With our comprehensive portfolio of exclusive top quality perennial ryegrass varieties and unrivalled service we offer the unique opportunity for groundsman to choose their personal version of A20.”

He will join his experienced team of technical sales representatives on the stand to give his best advice to long term and new customers.

Richard’s expertise will also be to the fore when he tours the BTME Hall as Greenkeeper of the Year 2014. He will provide tips on choosing the correct mixture, ground preparation, sowing and ongoing maintenance.

SUPREME OFFERING FROM GERMINAL SEEDS GB

Germinal Seeds GB is launching Supreme Tees, a new mixture for golf courses, at BTME on Stand A45.

The mixture includes a new variety of poa supina, ‘Supreme’, which is shade tolerant and exceptionally hardwearing. ‘Supreme’ poa supina, developed in Germany and exclusive to Germinal Seeds GB, is likely to prove a popular addition to its wide ranging quality offer.

Show visitors can also learn about the exciting option available to help groundsman perfect ‘Your A20’. They can now choose to include Galleon creeping perennial ryegrass, a hardwearing variety with exceptional recovery due to its spreading growth habit and an inherent resistance to insects such as nematodes.

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INNOVATION FROM HEADLAND AMENITY AT HARROGATE

Headland Amenity brings its range of innovative turf nutrition, health and management products to BTME 2014 at Harrogate, including some new formulations. On Stand C30 will also be a demonstration on how TriCure AD™, a multi-molecular soil surfactant, works.

Headland will introduce C-Complex 5-2-10 to enrich the soil, encourage microflora and provide consistent release through the cool season periods. Its unique granule characteristics ensure a fast breakdown for rapid response.

C-Complex 5-2-10 is a mineral-organic-micro granulated fertiliser and soil conditioner formulated with cold extract seaweed meal, humic acid, sterolically or chemically modified cow manure and part-organic potassium. This homogenous combination helps to stimulate soil microbial activity whilst enhancing root development and stress suppression.

The impressive on stand demonstration will show the efficiency of water infiltration at both high and low rates of TriCure AD™.

TriCure AD™ is an advanced soil surfactant designed to prevent and control hydrophobic soil conditions while maintaining optimum soil-water management. Unique soil treatment capabilities make TriCure AD™ the most effective multi-use soil surfactant available for treatment on the widest range of soil types and turf applications.

It works by attaching to both soil and organic matter, enhancing the surface tension of water, and attracting a thin film of water close to the particle surface.
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Barenbrug research & development manager, Turf & Amenity, Dr David Greenhields said: “As a company research and development is at the very heart of what we do and the cultivar Barcley II, which we launched as RPR®, is just the latest example.

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At BTME 2014 Charterhouse Turf Machinery will be showing their new Redexim Speed-Brush for the first time in the UK.

This new product complements the Redexim Rink DS800 top dresser, which itself complements any of the company’s range of Verti-Drains – particularly the 1517 model launched last year. Visitors to stand B48 will have a chance to inspect all of these machines.

The Speed-Brush is a towable grooming machine with two round brushes that rotate in the opposite direction to that of row. This action effectively brushes sand into the canopy and is an excellent tool for lifting lateral shoots on a golf green providing a more even cut and a superior putting surface. The Speed Brush can be pulled with almost any prime mover, it has quick adjustments and will work well on both wet or dry sand.

The Rink DS800 can be either trailed behind a 30hp compact tractor with the benefit of 4 wheels on an articulating axle, or fitted to a John Deere Pro Gator or Toro Workman truck for a light footprint.

It has a variable spread pattern up to 1.2m (48”) and gives a very good finish due to the dual spindles which can apply precise amounts of material, even if the material is wet.

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