

BIGGA GOLF MANAGEMENT TROPHY LAUNCHED



Now's your chance to enter the inaugural BIGGA Golf Management Trophy, sponsored by Everris, which features matches across the Regions and Sections in England this summer.

This is the perfect opportunity for the management team of any golf club to spend time as group and network with similar management teams from across BIGGA's Regions.

There will be five Regional qualifiers played at prestigious courses with the Final taking place at Frilford Heath Golf Club in October.

There must be a BIGGA greenkeeper member either playing in the event or attending the meal afterwards to validate each team.

Entries are on a first come, first served basis with the cost £99 per team. This includes coffee and a bacon roll on arrival, then a two course meal afterwards. The format is Stableford. Dates:

9 July – Northern Region - Workshop GC
 23 July – South Wales Section - Cardiff GC
 29 July – Midland Region - Buckinghamshire GC
 20 August – South West Section - Chipping Sodbury GC
 11 September – South Coast Section - Parkstone GC

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BERNHARD AND BIGGA TEAM UP

Bernhard's team of trainers have visited Scotland as part of a series of workshops in conjunction with BIGGA. The workshops presented to greenkeepers, club managers and mechanics are designed to inform and advise – and offered the opportunity for delegates to pick up CPD Credits.

The workshops, held at Royal Aberdeen, Turnhouse and Dundonald Golf Courses and Elmwood College covered a range of subjects including the setting of cutting units, reel maintenance, grinding and the benefits of correctly setting cutting units.

Willie Nisbet, himself a former greenkeeper at St Andrews Links and now Bernhard's man in Scotland, said: "We have been very pleased with the feedback that we've had from these seminars. It is vitally important for busy greenkeeping staff to be able to set units quickly and efficiently. There is always

something new to learn and judging by the comments we received afterwards, even the oldest dog can learn new tricks!

"Good players notice the quality of the surface not just in terms of how it plays, but how the place looks. An exceptional shine on the course shows up the definition in the greens. As there's no dead tissue, the green retains its colour and plays faster and more evenly."

Ben Taylor, Bernhard Training Manager, began the seminars. He commented: "I introduced the delegates to the company and product, including the technicalities of angles, attitudes and details of cutting units. After a short presentation we went into the workshop where we ran through all features and benefits and demonstrated exactly what makes this machinery unique across the world. We then demonstrated how to sharpen quickly and efficiently."

David Grey, First Assistant at Ladybank Golf Club, and former Bernhard Delegate, said "This was a fantastic in-depth presentation which detailed the importance of maintaining sound sharp units and the many consequences of failing to regularly do so.

"It was very interesting learning the various angles and how vital these are to achieve the perfect finish."

Stuart Green, BIGGA's Learning & Development Executive – Technical, added: "CPD is a vital tool in a turf professional's career toolkit.

"It's essential that greenkeepers update their skills, keep abreast of changes in legislation and maintain an awareness of current industry trends to benefit themselves and their employers.

"BIGGA offers its members the opportunity to record their CPD through an online system and reward them for their efforts."