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As I write, it is now two months on from Harrogate and memories are still fresh in the mind of a truly wonderful week.

My particular highlights include a wonderful education programme running throughout the week; the bizarrely funny Brahms and Liszt at Harrogate and memories are still fresh in the Banquet, and an inspirational talk by Roger Black, whom, I note, has obviously used BTME as a springboard to a presenter’s role on BBC TV’s Tomorrow’s World. Even the very best can enjoy professional advancement, if only they come to Harrogate!

Mulling over the attendance figures it is great to see a vindication for the decision to extend the show to three days, which was taken well as new The Golf Club Show, which enjoyed a very successful debut in the King’s Suite. More than ever Harrogate is a not-to-be-missed Showcase for everything to do with golf... except, of course, the playing of the game.

Just to put you in the picture, Tuesday saw 2,445 visitors; Wednesday was a record individual day for BTME with a mammoth 4,040 visitors, while Thursday was visited by some 2,144. That produces a sum total of 8,620, 10.1% up on the 7,833 who attended BTME 2001, and reveals a relatively even split for the three days - an absolute bumper sandwiched between two very solid days.

As everyone who exhibits, or visits, a Show will know it is the final day where you expect to find the lowest number, so that the 2,144 Thursday figure is one of which we at BIGGA are particularly proud.

To put it into perspective, here’s what I wrote in a press release at my first BTME back in 1996.

There’s a total of 2,312 visitors went through the doors on Wednesday (day 1) and 2,159 made the same journey yesterday (day 2). Last night, on your behalf a team of BIGGA mathematicians poured over calculators to come up with a figure of 42.9% - the increase on Thursday of last year.

The number of visitors can also tell us that the aggregate for the Wednesday and Thursday is 4,471, yes 4,471, a massive 25.2% up on the 1995 two day total.

It means that this year’s final day figure of 2,144 was on a par with the breaking opening two days of the ‘96 Show. It’s amazing how your brain sometimes plays tricks on you. I could have sworn back in ‘96 that you would have needed a shoe horn to get anyone else in but, six years on, our final day figure is similar to those but it is regarded by some as a quiet day. It just shows how far we’ve come.

Scottish Education Conference a success

The BIGGA Scottish Region Conference was again held at the Business Learning Centre, Luder College, Dunfermline in March. An excellent venue with first class facilities and easy access from the motorway.

The speakers were covering a variety of subjects all relevant to the industry today.

The BIGGA Scottish Region Team played a key part in winning the award. The Scottish Region of BIGGA are once again indebted to the speakers for providing such interesting and informative talks on subjects relating to the fine turf industry.

During the Conference the Chairman had the pleasure of announcing the first ever winner of the Harry Diamond Memorial Quaich. This award is presented in memory of one of the stalwarts of greening, Harry had served the Association in many capacities and was particularly involved in the education of greengreens and it was only fitting that this award be presented to the Student of the Year. The winner of the award for 2001 was Mark Cummine, of Buchanan Castle Golf Club.

The Scottish Board would like to thank the Patrons for their continued support and the members who attended this year’s Conference. The numbers were once again over the 160 mark and it is thanks to you that the Conference is the success it is.

Peter J. Boyd, Scottish Regional Administrator

Making his mark at Milford Haven

Milford Haven Golf Club has recently appointed their first course manager.

Kevin Rawlins took up this key role in the autumn. Already the 33 year-old, is making his mark on the rolling 18 hole parkland course, set on the edge of the UK’s only coastal national park.

As a result of his appointment, the Pembrokeshire club is also embarking on an ambitious five-year programme.

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Right: Steve Phillips, holding the award, Jonathan Smith to his right and his team from left to right, Bernard Penny, Darren Freeman, Leigh Holloway and Anthony Hill.
BIGGA forges closer links with international associations

Right: At the GCSAA Banquet during the Orlando Show a memorable speech by Walter Woods was followed by presentations, including this portrait, to the Old Tom Morris Award winner by outgoing GCSAA President, Tommy Witt.

Below: Association chiefs get together in Quebec City. Pictured are Steve Mona, GCSA; Ken Cousineau, CGSA; Neil Thomas, BIGGA with Marie Thorn, Senior Turf Specialist with Syngenta.

Below right: Pictured at the recent CGSA Conference and Show in Quebec City are Vince Gillis, recently retired Executive Director of the CGSA with CGSA Past President, Doug Meyer.

Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award winner

Lee Relf, 21, from Colchester, a final year HND Sports Turf and Golf Course Management student at Writtle College, is the 2001 winner of the Gleneagles Excellence in Golf Award Scheme.

To win the award, Lee submitted two 5,000 word dissertations, which he then followed up with 20 minute presentations to a panel of judges.

The GEGAS initiative is supported by FEGGA and sponsored by Textron, and is a 12 month educational and practical training programme for young greenkeepers from around the globe, based at The Gleneagles Hotel.

It is open to students who are looking beyond a basic greenkeeping career and wish to develop their skills to become golf Course Managers of the future. The scheme can accommodate a maximum of eight students, who are selected from colleges and educational facilities in the UK and now, with FEGGA as a partner, from across Europe. Textron’s sponsorship includes an expenses paid visit for the winning student to visit the GCSAA Show in the USA.

The scheme was established in 1994 and has grown year on year providing students with all the necessary greenkeeping skills, together with a unique opportunity for personal development during their year-long work placement.

"Lee is the first winner of the award since FEGGA added their support for the scheme. His dissertations and subsequent presentations were of the highest order and worthy of the accolade,” said Jimmy Kidd, Golf Courses and Estate Director at The Gleneagles Hotel.

“During his 12 month placement he, and the other students, have had the opportunity to experience the alternative styles of maintenance required for soil and sand based greens. They have been able to work on the championship courses at Gleneagles and develop their greenkeeping talents. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring together students from all over Europe to train and gain experience and we are extremely grateful for the sponsorship from Textron that makes it happen.”

Ernie Hart

It is with great regret that I report the death of Ernie Hart.

Ernie was born in 1923 and apart from the War years spent most of his working life connected with our industry.

He was the East Anglia Section President and one of the biggest supporters of BIGGA I have ever had the honour to have known. After his retirement some 14 years ago Ernie would spend some of his time visiting golf clubs around East Anglia encouraging greenkeepers to join the Association. Last year Ernie was put forward for and granted Life Membership of the Association for all the work he had done for the East Anglia Section.

Ernie was a friend to everyone and always there to help, he will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

Ian Willett
East Anglia Section Secretary
The Grand Tour Scholarship 2002

The Grand Tour Scholarship invites golf course design and turfgrass management students for the third time and offers a unique learning experience to future leaders in our industry. The scholarship is once again sponsored by the TÓRO Company and offers a unique learning experience to future leaders in our industry. The trips are going to take place in August and are organised by the founder of The Grand Tour Scholarship, Bettina Schrickel, golf course architect (EIGCA) and president of Lioness Golf LLC.

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The scholarships are offered to four students in three weeks; the Western Route leads to 22 golf courses in three weeks, and takes four weeks. Courses to be visited include Augusta National, The National Golf Links of America, The Club, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Riviera Country Club and Pinehurst. Experience has proven the benefit of the two students travelling together to share knowledge and impressions and split the task of driving across the country. Students will have the opportunity to walk each golf course, study the layout and talk to the Superintendent.

Golf course design and turfgrass management students from all over the world are invited to apply for the scholarship. Last year’s successful candidates came from England, Germany and the United States. Applicants have to be at least 21 years old and have demonstrated significant efforts and results in their educational career.

The scholarship covers costs for flight tickets, rental cars, fuel and hotel accommodation for the duration of the journeys. Students will be provided with the Scholarship Route Book that includes detailed directions, useful tips and safety advice. Applicants must be in possession of a valid passport and drivers license.

Deadline for application is May 15, 2002. The Grand Tour Scholarship Committee, will select successful candidates according to the contents and quality of application documents.

For application forms and further information, please contact Bettina Schrickel by e-mail: lionessgolf@solid.com or telephone: (+1) 564-547-3436.

Toro for St Andrews Bay

Toro has supplied a complete range of turf equipment to maintain the two new cliff top championship golf courses at the £30 million St Andrews Bay Golf Resort & Spa. The spectacular complex, which includes a 209 bedroom luxury hotel, enjoy breathtaking views over the Firth of Tay, and is the only golf club in the world with views of two Open Championship venues - Carnoustie and St Andrews!

Set among 303 acres, 55 of which are designated as SSSI, the gently undulating courses - The Torrance, which opened in September, and The Devlin, opening next summer - have been kept as natural as possible with the replanting of native flowers and grass. Toro has been awarded an exclusive five-year lease agreement at St Andrews Bay.

"I was asked what I wanted on the course and said "Toro," said Course Superintendent, Neil Ballingall, who was Course Manager at Moray Golf Club before joining St Andrews Bay. The picture shows, front, Neil Ballingall, third from left, with the left Scott McNeil, of dealers Henderson Grass Machinery, Lely's George Macdonald and Henderson's Graeme Millar, with the St Andrews Bay greenkeepers.

Training numbers are on the increase

THE number of golf greenkeepers undergoing training has leapt 20% in the past 12 months, according to new figures from the GTC. There are 2,817 greenkeepers in formal training in the current year, an increase of 445 on the previous year.

The news has been welcomed by the GTC and bodes well for the quality of greenkeeping in the future. The GTC's Education Director, Neil Ballingall, who was Course Manager at Moray Golf Club before joining St Andrews Bay.

"Although this type of learning does not suit everyone, in John's case it has really paid off," said Secretary Stephen Shaw.

Texton trip a success

One hundred and thirty greenkeepers representing Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Scotland, Sweden and Wales augmented by a small party from the Middle East and South Africa attended the GCSAA Show in Orlando recently, courtesy of Texton Golf & Turf and their dealership network.

Numerous airlines were kept busy as greenkeepers flew in from all parts of the globe and assembled at the Crowne Plaza Resort Hotel on International Drive the four day visit. Day two saw the party taken by coach to the nearby Orange County Convention Centre, where they were guests on the Jacobsen stand.

The following day the guests were taken to Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Convention Centre, where they were guests on the Jacobsen stand.

Tours of the golf courses were planned. The guests were taken to Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club and Lodge. An early lunch was followed by a series of focus groups with members of Texton's UK and USA product management and engineering teams. The group was split into five teams and moved between the five sessions where they were able to discuss the future development of equipment across Texton's entire product range.

"We have been delighted with the response to the focus groups from our greenkeeping colleagues. There has been free and frank exchange of views with a whole range of issues debated, from product enhancement to the future of greenkeeping on both sides of the Atlantic. It has provided an excellent opportunity to spend really valuable time with end-users and I think everyone was able to appreciate the all-round benefits of the visit," said Glynn Patrick, Texton's International Sales Director.

Andrew Hall, Head Greenkeeper at St George's Hill Golf Club, in Surrey, said: "The whole four day trip was terrific, especially the focus group sessions at Bay Hill. We came away feeling that the Americans were listening to the Europeans, which was very encouraging. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the other guys in the group: the atmosphere was terrific, the company and hospitality equally so."
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A right to reply from Denmark

Having just read the February issue of Greenkeeper International I feel I need to reply to three of the letters written in the magazine.

I would first of all like to thank Alex McCombie for his kind words regarding the article that I wrote in the January issue of Greenkeeper International and also the positive reaction I received from colleagues at Harrogate. It appears that it has made many people realise that the future is not about green is beautiful but the grasses that are trying to grow and our must goal be to achieve greens that can survive with limited fertiliser, water and no chemical control. This will become the reality in the UK in the near future and if you have 100% Poa greens you should start worrying now and make that change.

Alex is right in that Education is the key if golf members are to understand what needs to be done to ensure quality greens in the future when you no have no chemical control. Imagine the scenario. You have Poa greens, no fungicide and it is October. It has been raining for two weeks and it is 14 degrees. You have a serious outbreak of fusarium. What can you do? The answer is nothing except watch as 30% of your green is taken out by the disease. Now who will be blamed for the poor state of the greens? You of course and your job is on the line as your greenkeeping abilities are questioned.

The above scenario is the reality now here in Denmark except through educating and communicating with our members they accept that the greens will have problems until we eliminate the poa. Are your members ready to accept the same?

I should also like to thank Richard Penley-Martin, Secretary, Stoneham Golf Club for his comments and making me aware that the Secretary is responsible for running the whole company and not just one part of it. This is not the case at many clubs today.

I am however happy to say that outside of the UK European clubs are run differently and that Course Managers are allowed to solely manage the golf course which is the reason they are employed in the first place and at our club the Club Secretary has absolutely nothing to do with the running of the golf course and I answer directly to the Board of Management.

I would like to make Richard Penley-Martin aware that after years of ex RAF employees taking on the Secretary’s role at golf clubs it would appear that at forward thinking clubs experienced Course Managers who have also gained management skills through education courses put on by BIGGA are now taking over the running of golf clubs as General Managers which can only be good for the future of any golf club having an expert in golf course management communicating to members on a daily basis.

Finally, I have to thank the Happy Head Greenkeeper, Leslie Howkins of Cleethorpes Golf Club, for his letter.

When I go to assess their lads involved in their NVQ’s. Please also pass on my thanks to all the team for the cooperation that went on behind the scenes between Bernhards and BIGGA. Well done everyone.

Ian C Tomlinson, Course Manager, Rungsted Golf Club, Denmark

Playing with others’ lives

I read with interest the letter by Barney Wright in the March issue re “Respect”. Greenkeepers have always had to put up with members knowing better than them, but I have found over the last decade or so that it has become worse.

Our profession must be one of the few which is criticised by everybody. You can go into any clubhouse and there will be a set of members who know just how the course should be run. These members hold court and people tend to listen to them. Greenstaff take more flack than others and they can stop the ball on with a driver and don’t aerate them as it makes them miss so many putts who are we to argue.”

Leslie goes on to tell us that this is where all his skill, knowledge and experience is used and then tells us that he accepts that the course is not aesthetically pleasing or that he is not producing a good golf course and we are accused of bringing problems on ourselves!

Here is the perfect example of one man being led and not leading.

Ian C Tomlinson, Course Manager, Rungsted Golf Club, Denmark

lang gives thanks for Stateside trip

I would like to thank Bernhard & Company and BIGGA for allowing me to be part of the team of delegates that visited Orlando this February. The trip was a great success, it was an experience not to be missed and very educational, it was fascinating to compare golf courses in America with those in Britain. I had the pleasure of speaking to many Golf Superintendents from all over the US and it was nice to hear that they hold such high regard for the courses in Great Britain. I have already spoken to a lot of greenkeepers throughout my section telling them of the visit and how beneficial it was.

I have planned some talks at our golf meetings this year and I will be talking to various Course Managers.

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Ian Willett, Course Manager, Thurness GC

Introducing a course policy

I very much enjoyed a short visit to Harrogate and meeting so many old friends after a number of years. Discussions, debates on generalities and technical subjects over a beer, a coffee or in the dining room left me with the profound impression of a major change in the profession of greenkeeping since I had last been involved.

Now there is so much confidence and total command of the subject and the ability to communicate precisely and convincingly. Much of this has to be due to the educational programme so well run by BIGGA. But it also owes something to the support of clubs as well, of course, to those who have taken up the challenges which faced them.

We all know that every course and club is different. But I was surprised we got it going some ten years ago. The advantages are substantial.

Committees and agreed by members and avoids misunderstandings

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Legislation is the key

Re Richard Penley-Martin’s letter in February’s issue. Just a few observations. You are a manager and you understand that your head greenkeeper is as well. Good, that’s the way it should be. I have been in greenkeeping for nearly 30 years, 23 at my present club Denbigh. In the past, and this is tongue in cheek, a drink the right whisky and carry out the letter. Secretary had to have the right accent, Mr T. A. Smith in this month’s magazine, which surely can only benefit this profession. Legislation is the key.

Sharing the knowledge

I have been reading the letter from Mr T. A. Smith in this month’s magazine ‘In defence of NVQs’ and I feel it deserves some sort of response.

I could not believe the comments Mr Smith made about keeping information from the club members on how we maintain the golf course and recording keep and report writing, indicating for those greenkeepers to get out on the course and do some work, then finishing the statement with the comment ‘if they don’t ask then don’t tell them’.

Is this the year 2002 or is it 1802? These comments and attitudes are out dated, untrue and have to change or greenkeeping as a professional industry will never be taken seriously. Science and industries can only progress with the sharing and understanding of knowledge. I feel it is our duty to share the knowledge we have with not just people in our industry but also the people who keep our industry alive - the paying customer.

The comment stating that a little information in the wrong hands can be dangerous is perfectly true. However, it is our responsibility to educate the uneeducated in such a way that they understand what the hell it is we are talking about. At the golf course I work on we have an information board (The greenkeeping side of things) and all will undoubtedly increase its and all will undoubtedly increase its and all will undoubtedly increase.

Weed identification consisted of a quick walk around the golf course with the lecturer pointing at the weeds and telling 25 students what it was and that was it... or the level 4 which consists of one visit a year from your tutor to see how you’re getting on, where’s the training? This letter is not about putting down the NVQs or any other type of training but I would like to state that they are not the be all and end all of further education and that for an organisation such as BIGGA to point out that the HNC student may not be able to do the job is an unfair statement. This is also unfair to the student who has undoubtedly studied hard for the course.

I have completed NVQ training and I have also completed the HNC and found both of them to be extremely worthwhile while courses. At this moment in time I am one year into my MSc in Sports Surface Technology at Cranfield University. I decided to study the MSc rather than the other courses on offer because of the high level of teaching and the fact that it is recognised world wide as a top qualification.

The fact that this high standard of qualification even exists in our industry is a huge step in the right direction for our industry.

This profession is moving forward, lets all start singing from the hymn sheet and recognise that all the different qualifications on offer to the greenkeeper have their benefits and this industry does not revolve around just one. There is a qualification out there to suite each individuals career aspirations be it NVQ, HND, HNC or MSc, all of which have their own merits and all will undoubtedly increase one’s knowledge and understanding of the job to what ever level you feel you can handle. Gaining knowledge and sharing knowledge surely can only be a positive way forward for us.

If we do what we always done we will get what we always get - lack of respect. Let’s move on.

Ian Chenery, Assistant Course Manager, Woodbury Park Hotel & GACC

Huge thanks to well wishers

At 9am on the 22nd January this year I had two appointments, one with a surgeon’s secretary, and the other with the receptionist of the BTME. It seemed ironic that both should be exactly the same day and the same time as each other. I had always said that I would never miss a BTME, but on that occasion I had little choice. However, as days went by I became very much aware of another aspect of BIGGA membership, that of camaraderie, and the bond that runs through greenkeeping and our Association. I received so many cards, letters and phone calls from members and staff wishing me well, that I lost count, but I can assure you that every one was very much appreciated, as was the run from Devon and Cornwall Section, and the box of fruit from the South West & South Wales Region. I wonder how they knew what to send.

I would like to thank every one of you for the kindness shown, you will never know how much it meant to me and Marion to know how many of you took the time and sent your best wishes. I am getting fitter by the day and will soon be back among you all. Thanks again.

Gordon Child, Churston, South Devon

Texton thanks

On behalf of myself and all the others who attended the OCSAA Show in Orlando Florida this year, I would like to extend a big thank you to Texton. The show was very enlightening especially for those of us who have never had this opportunity in the past. The hospitality, accommodation and indeed everything else during our stay was second to none. The group focus meetings were interesting and helpful to both Textron and their customers and I am sure will go a long way to ensuring more improvements and innovations in the future.

Ross Wilson, Course Manager, Porosamopf Golf & Country Club

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Education and Training Feedback

There have been a number of comments posted on the BIGGA website referring to the National Education Conference, Workshops and Seminars held at Harrogate in January, some positive and others negative. Sami and I try to meet the education and training needs of all greenkeepers by arranging a variety of education and training opportunities at Harrogate and around the Regions. We regularly ask greenkeepers what subjects and presenters they would like to see for example; we issued 300 feedback sheets at Harrogate in January, but we got very little feedback. We interpret this to mean that the vast majority of BIGGA members are happy to let us do the work of selecting speakers and topics and are happy with the results. One suggestion that we do get is “more greenkeeper presenters”. Who are they? Are they willing to speak? Are they worth listening to?
Let us know your ideas by writing, phoning, sending an e-mail to ken@bigga.co.uk, using the bulletin board, speaking to us direct, speaking to your Regional Administrator or Section Secretary.

Regional Training
The Spring series of BIGGA Regional Training Courses is drawing to a close with greenkeepers attending courses as diverse as Basic Computing, Soil Science, Essential Management Skills, Budgets and Finance, Presentation Skills, Chainsaw Use and Health and Safety. We can afford to present such a wide range of courses at very heavily subsidised prices thanks to our Education and Development Fund. You could cover the cost of several years membership by attending just one course. For example each one day course costs BIGGA approximately £1500. Each delegate pays £30 and we average six delegates per course. Therefore the total subsidy is £1320 and dividing this by six gives a subsidy per delegate of £220. Who says it is not worth becoming a BIGGA member?

The Connexions Card
The Government is keen to encourage 19-16 year olds in England, to stay in learning and acquire the skills they need to flourish in adult life and has introduced a scheme called the Connexions Card. The card is available free of charge to over 2 million young people and it works by awarding points for regular attendance at school, college, at work based learning and for voluntary work. From 2002 onwards, active cardholders will be able to exchange their points for branded goods or services, interesting opportunities and exciting experiences. There is also a loyalty scheme whereby cardholders can receive discounts and special offers from a range of retailers including computer games, fast food, clothes, leisure activities, travel and CDs. To get more information, telephone 0808172 3333 or look at the Connexions Card website: www.connexionscard.com

EDUCATION KEY SKILLS CORNER
Regular readers will have seen the first Key Skills Corner in last month’s Greenkeeper International, where I left you with a poser about Full Stops. Check to see if you found all the errors:

Welcome to BIGGA HOUSE. Today is Thursday, the 3rd of March. The next Public Holiday, in England, will be Easter.

This month’s subject is full stops and alternative ways to end a sentence.

For example, closing a sentence.

The Staff of BIGGA Headquarters support the Jeans for Genes Charity.

With abbreviations.

Note that full stops could be placed in the acronym BIGGA (B.I.G.G.A.) but modern writing tends not to use them. Abbreviations such as Mr, Mon, Apr could have full stops but modern writing tends not to use them. As a decimal point.

The Golf Club Budget showed a deficit of £67.30.

For more detailed information and a free demonstration CD, please contact ken@bigga.co.uk 01347 833800

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