The first ever BIGGA Welcome Celebration, kindly sponsored by Jacobsen, took place in the magnificent Royal Hall at the Harrogate International Centre. It proved to be a memorable evening featuring well-deserved accolades for various greenkeeping achievements plus a warm and spontaneous speech from Peter Alliss.

The event began with Alan Prickett, Managing Director of Ransomes Jacobsen, highlighting the ‘Hard Road to Harrogate’ greenkeepers who were rapturously applauded for their achievement in successfully reaching Harrogate earlier in the day after a 200 mile charity trek.

The recently established BIGGA Greenkeepers Benevolent Fund was then given a major early boost as Alan presented BIGGA CEO Jim Croxton with a cheque for £2,500. This, in tandem with steady sales of the green wristbands supporting the fund, ensured another BIGGA initiative got off to a strong start.

Next, Jonathan Barr, Head Greenkeeper at Lutterworth Golf Club, was honoured for becoming BIGGA’s 63rd Master Greenkeeper by Tony Smith (attending his final official engagement as Chairman) and BIGGA President Sir Michael Bonallack.

CPD Diplomas was awarded to six recipients – Jamie Blake, Head Greenkeeper at Broadway Golf Club, Tony Gooch, Head Greenkeeper at Torrington Golf Club, Derek Grzendaowicz, Course Manager at Raevo Golf Developments, Gordon Moir, Course Manager at St Andrews Links Trust, Barry Neville, Course Manager at Stanmore Golf Club and Les Howkins MG, Course Manager at The Richmond Golf Club.

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The BIGGA Golf Photographic Competition 2013 was won by Joe Dormer, Assistant Greenkeeper at West Sussex Golf Club, for his stunning shot of the club’s 14th green. He was presented with a framed picture of his photograph.

The Edwin Budding Award was then presented to Tom Hurst of Bernhard & Co. This special recognition was created to acclaim technical professionals in the turf equipment sector whose actions have gone above and beyond the norm to help shape the golf industry.

American Tom has been in the industry all his life, working with a distributor in Phoenixville for 37 years, before continuing to work for Bernhard & Co after his official retirement.

After being presented with the impressively large trophy, he said: “I’ve sold a lot of grinders in my time, so I was very pleased to be back in the business selling machines that I know so well to people I have worked with all my life. It doesn’t feel much like work, so to win this award in the icing on the cake, I am humbled that I was even considered.”

The Royal Hall offered a suitably grand setting for special guest Peter Alliss who was then invited to the stage.

“I have a special affection for greenkeepers,” the voice of golf began.

He went on to give a fascinating account of his life, including childhood memories of greenkeepers on his local course. He discussed the more “primitive” methods used by the earliest greenkeepers and how he was amazed at how technology and machinery has progressed.
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The improved F90 range comes with rear and side discharge mower decks, available in 60” or 72” fittings, with both decks raising a full 90 degrees, providing unobstructed access to the blades and deck underside for simpler cleaning and maintenance. Speaking at BTME 2014, Dave Roberts, Managing Director of Kubota UK, said, “As well as everything else BTME is a great networking opportunity, and there was plenty to talk about with our new products on show.”

The F90 is aimed at the golf course manager, ideal for the semi rough and affordable, so we were very excited to show it off in the flesh for the first time. “2014 marks Kubota’s 35th year of going down a storm at the Redexim demonstration event in Holland last year, the Speed-Brush made its UK debut at BTME 2014 and, boasting checked out a number of washpad solutions, believed the ClearWater washing system to be the ideal solution to meet the demands of anti-pollution legislation and be future-proof. Chris said: “The system we had was inadequate and I wanted to challenge the negative environmental press golf clubs can get in Germany anyway, by showing that we can prevent pollution.”

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BTME 2014 was a successful show for Highspeed Group, particularly for their class leading ClearWater washpad water recycling system. Director David Mears said, “This was an important show for us and we were determined to make BTME 2014 our best yet. We were not disappointed as the football, under 12s and inquisitive exceeded anything seen in the last four years! Confidence is certainly returning.”

Worthy of particular mention was the first ClearWater sale confirmed at the show from a German Golf Club. Chris Knowles, course manager of Golf Club Hanau-Wilhelmsbad near Frankfurt, placed an order with Highspeed Group Ltd on their stand. He’d met David Mears at BTME in 2012 and, having checked out a number of washpad solutions, believed the ClearWater recycling system to be the ideal solution to meet the demands of anti-pollution legislation and be future-proof. Chris said: “The system we had was inadequate and I wanted to challenge the negative environmental press golf clubs can get in Germany anyway, by showing that we can prevent pollution.”

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