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SEMINAR PROGRAMME
VENUE: Royal Garden Hotel, London DATE: Monday 19th November

MAIN TOPICS:
* THE DEMAND FOR GOLF (Main findings of the R & A Report)
* DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS (to outline all the various types of golf provisions which are possible)
* THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND
* PRINCIPLES OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTURE
* GOLF COURSE DESIGN AND THE ENVIRONMENT
* PRINCIPLES OF GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION
* SOURCES OF FINANCE
* GOLF AND ASSOCIATED PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
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Golf Course Management
VENUE: Sandown Park Exhibition Centre
DATE: Tuesday 20th November, 1990
MAIN TOPICS:
* CATERING FOR THE INCREASE IN PLAYERS ON EXISTING COURSES
* GOLF COURSE REMODELLING AND EXTENSION
* GREEKKEEPING IN THE 90’s
* MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN IRRIGATION
* MODERN PUTTING GREEN CONSTRUCTION
* TURF MAINTENANCE MACHINERY - THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Golf Club Management
VENUE: Sandown Park Exhibition Centre
DATE: Wednesday 21st November, 1990
MAIN TOPICS:
* NEW CHALLENGES FOR GOLF CLUB MANAGEMENT
* CLUB HOUSE DESIGN FOR THE 21st CENTURY
* MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION STRUCTURES
* THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE CLUB PROFESSIONAL
* GOLF CARTS - A MENACE OR A MONEY SPINNER?
* FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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In my view...

With Editor
MIKE McCLENNAN

This month I turn my attention to what I see as fast developing into a chronic problem for golf in this country, namely the gradual but growing "skill drain" of our best greenkeepers to the continent.

If this drain is allowed to continue the quality of maintenance on our golf courses will be gradually eroded, thus inviting the fury of players over the whole skill range.

The reasons for this movement abroad are simple.

Too many clubs are living in the past when it comes to their treatment of and appreciation for the greenkeepers skills, and the role he needs to play in the management of the club.

Far too many clubs see their greens staff as merely paid hirelings who should unthinkingly do their bidding whether they agree with it or not.

Bearing in mind that many clubs do not have the necessary qualifications on which to base a sound judgement on course management one can see why there has been a growing mood of resentment among greenkeepers over the past ten years.

Many of our younger head greenkeepers are now well qualified men both in practice and on paper. It is they who should be managing the course in a senior role within the club. They should also be paid accordingly. This is recognised on the continent, and that is why so many greenkeepers are prepared to go abroad to achieve both the pay and status they feel they so rightly deserve.

Let us hope that more and more golf clubs throughout the length and breadth of this country wake up to the need to welcome their greenkeepers on board as senior club managers.

For without this enlightenment the quality of golf courses will be eroded and confidence within the industry ultimately destroyed.
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Exhibition and Seminar Schedule
Mon 21 & Tues 23: All Day Seminars and Workshop Sessions.
Wed. 23, Thurs 24, and Fri 25: Exhibition and General Seminars.
USA AND EUROPEAN COMPANIES TO EXHIBIT AT HARROGATE

BIGGA are delighted with the number of American and European companies interested in exhibiting at next January’s Exhibition and already firm bookings have been received from both the USA and Europe. Reviewing progress to date BIGGA’s Executive Director, Neil Thomas, commented: “It became clear during the GCSA Exhibition in Florida last February that a large number of American companies are now interested in expanding into the European market and this is reflected in the interest being shown in exhibiting at Harrogate. The exhibition already has a European identity and a steady growth of interest on the part of European companies is anticipated.”

Looking ahead to improvements in quality which exhibitors can anticipate for 1991, Neil Thomas commented: “We have recently visited Harrogate to view another exhibition set up by our own exhibition contractor. As a result there will be a number of innovations at the 1991 event. Three halls will be used instead of the previous two and a revised layout as well as improved circulation of delegates attending the seminar programme should meet with the approval of exhibitors.

All catering arrangements will include enhanced and attractive seating areas.

The Moat House International Hotel has been designated as the BIGGA Exhibition and Conference Hotel and favourable rates have been negotiated for exhibiting companies. This hotel will be the focal point for the pre-exhibition seminars and the social programme as well as a meeting place for both exhibitors and delegates. I would hope that companies will make this hotel their base. The Seminar Committee representative of Exhibiting Companies has adopted a positive approach and the augurs well for 1991 and future years.

For companies working within the fine turf industries, the Harrogate Exhibition is clearly their own exhibition and next year’s event is looked forward to with much anticipation. Companies requiring details of rates at the Moat House International Hotel should contact Debbie Savage at BIGGA Headquarters - 03473-581/2.

THE TEAM’S GETTING BIGGA!

As YOU know by now, Howard Evans provides the BIGGA PERSONAL PENSION PLAN which is available to all Association members. The demands on Howard’s time in the last year, however, have been enormous and so he has recently recruited three people to assist him in the job of advising Greenkeepers on Personal Pension Planning.

The team has a distinct Welsh flavour to it, and whilst all three are prepared to talk to length about pensions, the subject of the current state of Welsh rugby, is not one which is entered into with great enthusiasm for the time being. But just wait until next season... Mark Titely has represented Wales over 15 times, and plays for the Swansea Club. Also a Swansea player, and just returned from a successful tour of Namibia with the Welsh Team, is Stuart Parfitt. Mark Lewis has played for the Welsh Youth, and as well as playing for Swansea he plays for the top West Wales league side, Tumble.

All three pension advisors are available to Greenkeepers from all over the UK at any time, and can be contacted via Aldwark Manor on 03473 581/2. They will call on Greenkeepers or golf clubs to personally discuss their own particular situation. So, good luck to Howard and his new team, and don’t forget, good pensions advice from experienced people, is only a phone call away!

HEAD OFFICE

BIGGA Executive Director Neil Thomas.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1990
GANTON GOLF CLUB
6 - 8 AUGUST

Format: 3 x 18 Holes Medal Play.
Handicap Categories:
Scratch: 14 Handicap - Senior Division, 15 Handicap - 28 Handicap - Junior Division

Wednesday 6 August 18 holes Medal, 1st Nett THE ‘FISONs BOWL’, NB: No Handicap Categories.


Tuesday 7 August 18 holes Metal, 1st Nett THE ‘MAX-WELL HART TROPHY’, NB: No Handicap Categories.

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NB: There will be prizes for 2nd and 3rd places in all competitions provided by the Association. The first eight players in the Nett over 54 holes to represent the Association at the Kubota Challenge. Venue - The Belfry - 17 and 18 October, 1990.

All competitors note that there are three separate competitions - (one per day) plus the overall 54 hole competition. All competitors must provide a handicap certificate.

Team of three to be drawn on the Monday morning prior to the commencement of play. Three per region. All nett scores to count.

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BIGGA also thanks the PGA European Tour for the kind use of a scoreboard.

All 24 of the trophies which were played for during the BIGGA days will be on display at the banquet to be held on the Tuesday evening, 7th August at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough (tickets available from Headquarters). Some of the trophies date back to the formation of the Golf Greenkeepers Association in 1912. For those members who have not seen this superb display of trophies this evening should not be missed.

Any member still wishing to enter the BIGGA National Tournament should ring headquarters NOW!

Two interesting trips for the leaders have also been arranged. They are:
Monday 6 August 1990 - Yorkshire Dales, Pick-up point at the Southlands Hotel, West Street, Scarborough at 10am, to include a trip to Pickering (for the Open Air Market), a tour of the Yorkshire Dales and spending some time in Whitby. Luncheon to be taken at the Goathlands Hotel at 1pm. To arrive back at the Southlands Hotel for 4.30pm.

Tuesday 7 August 1990: Tour of York. Pick-up point to be Southlands Hotel, West Street, Scarborough at 10am, to include free time for shopping in the morning and lunch in York (ladies to choose themselves). In the afternoon, a trip around the Castle Howard. To arrive back at the Southlands Hotel for 4.30pm.

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GREENKEEPING MANAGEMENT
Dear Editor,

I am writing to you as a mother of two greenkeeper sons, and thought it would be interesting for you to hear a woman's point of view on what I have learnt over many years of listening to and being very interested in the young greenkeepers in England.

My two sons have been greenkeeping since leaving school one being 27 years and the other 29 years old. The eldest being at the same private club is on what I call a pittance of a wage.

He knows all aspects of greenkeeping having been to college for two years, and is reliable, efficient and trustworthy. That is why I called it a pittance of a wage. The wages are so poor that all our good greenkeepers are moving abroad, where their skills are amply rewarded. What a sad indication of attitudes in this country towards greenkeeping.

If many course managers in this country were given reasonable maintenance and sound levels of capital investment they would be able to give members higher standards of course presentation. If golf clubs fail to invest money in their courses then they should expect to see a decline in their conditions.

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Greenkeepers today are being trained into producing Fescue-bent turf, and quite rightly so. However, I believe that the ecology of each individual golf course dictates what will grow there and what will die. In many situations around the country, greenkeepers have been trying to rid their courses of Poa Annua in the belief they are doing the right thing.

My club has had disastrous effects on playing surfaces at many courses as traditional links type management policies are being adopted to parkland urban courses where Poa Annua is the native grass. Over recent years greenkeepers have started to believe that if they import grasses like Poa Annua greens they are no good at their job, that is rubbish.

In my opinion we have become obsessed with green species instead of managing putting surfaces. We have been misinformed by certain agronomists that "one type management policies" can be applied to every soil type.

I myself am a keen believer in traditional methods of greenkeeping but in many situations they just don’t work. There is no shame in having Poa Annua greens, today’s course manager should not expect his members to putt on bare earth as he carries on his respective grade. Any other points in the following:

- Getting something to say? Write to the editor with your views on any subject relevant to greenkeeping and we will be glad to publish them.

Yours faithfully,

S. Goldthorpe

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

THERE have been many comments made in recent years about the decline of golf greens, and the lack of quality head greenkeepers in this country.

Most of these remarks have come from people involved in golf at a high level be it R&AA officials, tourament pros, golf writers, and above all many well known agronomists. In this letter I would like to put the viewpoints of one modern course manager and state the two main reasons why, in my opinion, our profession is the recipient of such adverse comments.

Firstly, I would like to say that golf clubs in this country place huge budget restrictions on the course maintenance side of their affairs, and it seems many important tasks cannot get done because the money is not available.

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Yours faithfully,

Terry Huntley
Course Manager
Ashford Manor G.C.

Dear Sir,

I am currently employed at the Royal Pahang Golf Club in the Malaysian state of Pahang as a greenkeeper for the last 2½ years. I am also a holder of the GCSCA class B certificate and also furthering my continued education units in golf course management.

My cover letter enclosed the following whilst I was a trainee at Royal Kedah Golf Club with an American firm. Below are the duties entrusted to me:

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It is my sincere deep intention to participate in a work and study programme with a distinguished club for a year and hereby extend my humble request and application for your kind consideration.

I am also prepared to avail myself at your distinguished club for any interview at your convenience.

Thanking you in advance for your highest consideration and in the meanwhile I remain your humble servant.

Yours sincerely,

Palani Manickam
Royal Pahang Golf Club
Golf Road 25700
Pahang Darul Makmur
West Malaysia

Dear Sir,

T HANK you for your letter of April 2 and I apologise for the delay in acknowledging.

We are a relatively small "village club" - 9 holes, 150 gents members, 65 ladies members, and 45 juniors.

We have one Greenkeeper who has been with us for almost 16 years. who is very hardworking and does a good job.

A few of us give periodical "small jobs" to help out. Our Greenkeeper has no formal qualifications - but practical experience, and is good on maintenance of our limited equipment.

We hope to start an apprenticeship next year with a view to also attending Elmwood College, Cuper, File on possibly block release, or as can be arranged.

Could you please advise me of the following:

i. Qualifications/conditions for Membership of your respective grades.
ii. Subscription/fees for respective grades. Any other information required or available on these points.

Yours sincerely,

H. King

Green's Convener
Killin Golf Club

Editor's note: Thank you for your letter, Mr. Davidson. The necessary information is on its way to you.

G. GREENKEEPING MANAGEMENT

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