



You must check all the large trees first. Look very carefully round the cartwheel area of their root systems for signs of upheaval of the ground.

All large trees that show evidence of drastic movement in their root system will have to be removed. They might seem quite safe at the moment but once they come into leaf they will blow over very easily.

A damaged root system can't always be detected by visible signs of heave. But sometimes you can feel it. If you stand under a tree that has a loose root system you will feel your-

self rising and falling as the tree sways in a strong breeze.

Even if everything seems OK don't become complacent. The full effects of the hurricane will only come to light over a period of several years. Watch your trees carefully as they come into leaf. If the crowns seem thinner than usual and the leaves smaller, it could be that the trees were damaged below ground.

Make sure that before you fell any standing trees, even if you are convinced that they are unsafe, you have the right to do so. Trees covered by tree

preservation orders or those standing in conservation areas cannot be felled without first obtaining permission from the local planning authority.

Although, as I have said, you can't do anything to stop a hurricane, you can take steps to reduce its impact on the tree cover of your golf course. The majority of trees that succumbed to the might of the wind on October 16th were elderly. Where trees are represented by all age groups the effect of a disaster is likely to be less.

Don't assume that by replacing all the lost trees next year you have solved your tree problem. If all the replacements are the same age you will simply be storing up a repeat performance for future generations.

Ideally, a tree replanting programme needs to replace existing losses in the first year and then add a few more each year.

You should be able to get assistance with tree planting schemes from bodies such as the Forestry Commission. Check with them before you finalise your replanting programme.

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### S.WEST & S.WALES REGIONAL SEMINER AT SOMERSET COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE CANNINGTON 9th MARCH 1988

#### PROGRAMME

9.45 - 10.00 am  
10.00 - 10.15 am  
10.15 am  
10.30 - 11.15 am

11.15 - 12.00 am

12.30 - 1.30 pm  
1.30 - 2.15 pm

2.15 - 3.00 pm

3.00 - 3.30 pm  
3.45 pm

Registration  
Coffee & Biscuits  
Introduction by Paul Worster  
Mr. N. H. Rigden N.D.H. Cert Ed. will present a paper on GREENKEEPER TRAINING  
Mr. Bob Corns of the N.C.C. will present a paper on NATURE CONSERVATION ON GOLF COURSES.  
Lunch  
Mr. J. Perris B.Sc. of the S.T.R.I. will present a paper on TURF MANAGEMENT.  
Mr. T. Gray P.G.A. European Tour Director will present a paper on TOURNAMENT GOLF COURSES.  
Question Time.  
Close.

Fees for the seminar as follows -  
B.I.G.G.A. members £12.00 each  
Non members £15.00 each

Please send your fee with name and address, not later than 1st March '88 to  
Gordon Child,  
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## BIGGA N-W SEMINAR

ANOTHER Seminar is to take place at Mere GC. Cheshire, on March 17th 1988.

A wide selection of speakers have been arranged to wet your appetites, although a few have yet to be confirmed. Those who have confirmed are as follows:- Mr. J. Kidd Golf Estates Manager at Gleneagles Hotels, Mr. Neil Thomas BIGGA Executive Director based at Bingley, Mr. Brian Pierson Golf Course constructor, working on most of the Open Championship courses and Mr. Michael Coffey, Managing Director of *the Golf Course* magazine.

You will be able to put your questions and theories straight to some of the top people in the greenkeeping profession.

I can assume that this years seminar will be as good if not better than last years. Full details and price will be available on application to: **Mark Lewis, North-West Secretary, 35 Haddon Drive, Pensby, Wirral, Merseyside.**