

AYRSHIRE PLAYS HOST TO BIGGA

AYR is playing host to the BIGGA National Tournament/Annual Conference in September.

This part of the Scottish West Coast enjoys the relaxing influence of warm air from the Gulf Stream and has much to offer delegates, wives and girl friends in the way of entertainment, sport and other tourist attractions.

The Ayrshire Valleys have a

Prestwick Old Course. The Belleisle golf course is considered by many to be one of the finest public courses in Scotland, and the volume of play there is around 60,000 rounds a year. There is also an abundance of fine municipal courses, among which are Dalmilling and Seafield at Ayr.

Visiting greenkeepers will be able to sample the testing qualities of the holes on the

the Ayrshire Valleys to suit all the family. A wide choice of accommodation is available. Hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfast, self catering properties, caravans to let, caravan and camping parks. Detailed information is available from the Ayrshire Valleys Tourist Board, 62 Bank Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1ER, Scotland (Tel) 0563 39090.

The town of Ayr has a rich variety of shops. Places to visit must include The Burns Cottage and Museum, Alloway. Belleisle House Hotel (see front cover) was originally the country seat of the Glentanar family - the immediate surrounds include two excellent parkland golf courses, an aviary and deer park. Those who prefer can take one of the many walks in the grounds and enjoy the celebrated garden.

BIGGA members should not miss the opportunity to visit this lovely part of Scotland, which is steeped in golfing tradition surrounding the game. Scottish greenkeepers are knowledgeable and proud of their profession and heritage, and visitors to the conference can be assured of many interesting discussions and exchanges of views in addition to a real Ayrshire welcome!



3rd green Belleisle golf course

rich tapestry of history and heritage. Over the centuries many people have come and gone; stone age hunters, bronze and iron age farmers, Roman soldiers and Viking invaders. Cairns, battle sites and prehistoric villages are a reminder of the many armies that have passed through the undulating Ayrshire terrain in years gone by.

Many famous names are associated with Ayrshire, the most notable being Robert Burns, a popular hero and great literary figure known throughout the world. You can still visit the small cottage, built by his father, where Burns was born on 25th January 1795.

Ayrshire is renowned for its famous golf courses and among the championship links are Turnberry, Royal Troon and



Abbotsford Hotel, one of the many available locally

Belleisle golf course, which is always in fine condition. This popular venue has staged many professional and amateur events in the past.

There is plenty to do and see in

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