



BIGGA UPDATE

IN this month's notes, I will concentrate on forthcoming events, but first report on the success of the national final of the Iseki regional tournament held at St. Pierre Golf and Country Club, Chepstow on 19th August. The facilities were superb and those members participating clearly enjoyed themselves. The Association's appreciation is due to Iseki for

the sponsorship of this tournament in its inaugural year. There was a professional approach to the occasion and we look forward to seeing the video film of the event. Iseki are one of the Association's main sponsors and we look forward to an ongoing relationship with the company in the future.

ETME - Harrogate 18-20 January 1989

The programme for the educational seminars is now available and bookings are being taken.

There will be concurrent educational sessions and I would wish to acknowledge the support of the National Turfgrass Council in organising the seminars. In addition, courses will be run on the foundation module for the Safe Use of Pesticides. The seminar programme will be distributed with the October edition of 'the Golf Course' but those members wishing to make early reservations for the seminars can obtain a copy of the

programme by contacting Headquarters office.

The Association would like to thank ICI Professional Products - one of our main sponsors - for their support in arranging the programme.

GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show, Anaheim, California

At the time of writing these notes, I am finalising details with a view to BIGGA members attending this event on a group booking basis. Whilst the details listed below may change slightly, it can be assumed that there will only be a minimal, if any, change in price.

Depart Gatwick Airport 8th February 1989

Depart Los Angeles Airport 15th February - Arrive Gatwick 16th February

7 night accommodation based on twin beds £561 + £27 insurance.

The above cost includes all transfers to and from Los

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Angeles airport. The price will apply to those members wishing to extend the trip on an independent basis.

Child discount 40%. Single room supplement £126. Third passenger reduction £98 (sharing full fare passengers in three-bed room).

We will be based in the Hotel Quality Inn, adjacent to the Convention Centre. The flights will be with British Airways.

A provisional party booking has been made but with the demands on the accommodation in Anaheim for the event, this can only be held for a very limited period. It is essential therefore that those members wishing to join the BIGGA party confirm their booking immediately, with a cut off date of 30th September.

Please write to headquarters office with details of any extension required on the basic package. Bookings must be accompanied by a cheque for £85 per person, representing deposit plus insurance.

N.B. The above price does NOT include conference registration. Registration permits access to all GCSAA education sessions (including the opening session and reception and the major speaker sessions), all allied association sessions and the trade show on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Daily passes can also be purchased in Anaheim. Details available from headquarters office.

National Education Conference, 4-6 April 1989, Queens College, Cambridge

Members are advised that full details will be available shortly. The speaker list is nearly finalised and included amongst the acceptances is Professor J. B. Beard of A & M University in Texas, whose presence should ensure a heavy demand on the restricted number of places available. Other speakers will include Dr. William Dest, Associate Extension Professor at the University of Connecticut; Rolf Lowgren, Chief Consultant to

the Swedish Golf Federation; James Wyllie, Canadian Turf Grass Consultant and Jim Snow, Director of the USGA Green Section's north eastern region. Early booking is recommended and places can be secured by forwarding a deposit of £15 per person to headquarters office.

**Neil Thomas
Executive Director**



**BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
S.E.REGION**

**Educational Seminar
The Woodlands Conference Centre, Swanley,
Kent.
Thursday 10th November 1988**

PROGRAMME

- 9.40 Chairman's opening address
- 9.45 - 10.45 Gordon Macadam STRI "Drainage problems on the golf course"
- 10.45 - 11.30 Neil Baldwin STRI "Turf diseases"
- 11.30 - 11.45 Questions on diseases
- 11.45 - 12.45 David Stansfield STRI "Maintenance problems on tees, fairways and bunkers"
- 12.45 - 2.15 Lunch
- 2.15 - 3.00 Jeff Perris STRI "Maintenance problems on greens and surrounds"
- 3.00 - 3.30 General discussion
- 3.00 Disperse

The registration fee of £12.50 will include morning coffee and lunch

Please contact: John Millen, Boyton Court Cottage, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent. ME17 3EG. Phone: 0622 843383, 0227 470025 (day) for further details.

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**South West & South Wales Regional Seminar Somerset College of Agriculture & Horticulture, Cannington.
November 8th 1988**

PROGRAMME

- 9.30-10.00 Registration with coffee and biscuits
- 10.10 Introduction by Neil Thomas BA Executive Director BIGGA
- 10.30-11.15 Mr. J. Hamilton Stutt "The way ahead, Golf 2000 A.D."
- 11.15-12.00 Mr. H. A. J. Swan "Building golf courses internationally"
- 12.00-12.30 Question time
- 12.30-1.30 Lunch
- 1.30 - 2.15 Mr. D. Godfrey "Grasses for the golf course"
- 2.15 - 3.00 Dr. I. Campbell "The selection and care of trees on golf courses"
- 3.00 - 3.30 Question time
- 3.45 Close

BIGGA members £12.00 each - Non members £15.00 each. Cheques payable to: BIGGA, S.West & S. Wales Region. Please send your fee with name and address to; Mr. G. Child, Regional Administrator, Archways, Churston Road, Churston Ferrers, South Devon. TQ5 0HU.