

EDUCATION

BIGGA/SUPATURF 1989 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE QUEENS' COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE, 4th-6th APRIL 1989

BIGGA considers it particularly appropriate that the first National Educational Conference of the new Association is being held at Cambridge - a centre of learning and academic excellence.

The Association considers the education and training of greenkeepers to be of paramount importance and it is to be hoped that the Conference and its setting will prove the inspiration for many delegates to pursue higher standards of education and learning in the future.

Accommodation will be provided in Queens' College which incorporates the old with the new and was founded in 1446. Delegates will be housed in the student accommodation and the Conference Banquet will be held in The New Hall which was opened in 1979. The Old Hall, built in 1449, with an interior richly decorated in the eighteenth and nineteenth century, will be used for a reception by SUPATURF, the Conference's sponsors, whose support and co-operation has been much appreciated by the Association.

The Conference will be held in The Peterhouse Theatre adjacent to Queens' College, a modern purpose-built facility providing all necessary services and a high degree of comfort for delegates. For two of the buffet lunches, we will be using The Garden House Hotel in an attractive setting overlooking the river.

Cambridge itself will appeal to delegates with its unique atmosphere; its narrow, bicycle-filled streets; the variety of languages to be heard; shops displaying British craftsmanship at its best, and always a sense of history and tradition.

BIGGA welcomes you to Cambridge and to a Conference which we feel sure will prove instructive and rewarding.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 4th April

9.30 am onwards Registration - Queens' College
11.45 am Buffet Lunch in The Garden House Hotel
1.20 pm until 5.50 pm Conference - First Session
7.00 pm - 7.30 pm Dinner in Queens' College

Wednesday, 5th April

7.45 am until 9.00 am Breakfast
9.00 am until 12.30 pm Conference - Second Session
12.30 pm Buffet Lunch in Queens' College
1.50 pm until 5.50 pm Conference - Second Session continued
7.00 pm Reception in The Old Hall, Queens' College given by **Supaturf Products Limited**
8.00 pm Conference Banquet in The New Hall, Queens' College
Speaker:
David Purdie, Medical School, Leeds University

Thursday, 6th April

7.45 am until 9.00 am Breakfast
9.00 am until 1.30 pm Conference - Third Session
1.30 pm Buffet Lunch in The Garden House Hotel

CONFERENCE DAILY PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 4th April

9.30 am Registration in Queens' College
11.45 am Buffer Lunch - The River Suite, The Garden House Hotel

Conference Commences

Session Chairman, Ivor Scoones, Vice-Chairman, BIGGA Educational Sub-Committee

1.20 pm	Introduction	Jack McMillan, Chairman, BIGGA
1.30 pm	'Converting from Poa Annua to Agrostis at Bayview'	James Wyllie, President James A. Wyllie & Associates Limited, Canada
2.10 pm	'Golf Course Management in the Cotswolds'	Lawrence Pitthie, Course Manager Minchinhampton Golf Club
3.30 pm	Coffee	
4.00 pm	'Current Trends in the Maintenance and Science of Golf Course Turfs in the United States'	J.B. Beard, Professor of Turfgrass Physiology and Ecology, Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences, Texas A & M University
4.40 pm	'Research and the R & A'	Michael Canaway, Assistant Director (Research), The Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley
5.20 am	Panel Questions	
5.50 pm	Close	

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Session Chairman, Paddy McCarron, Chairman, BIGGA Education Sub-Committee

9.00 am	'Similarities and Differences in Golf Course Maintenance Between Great Britain and the United States'	Dr. William Dest, Associate Extension Professor, Department of Plant Science, University of Connecticut
9.40 am	'Constructing a Golf Course on Sussex Flint'	Raymond Hunt, Course Manager, Goodwood Park Hotel Golf Course
10.20 am	Coffee	
10.40 am	'Greenkeeper or Superintendent?'	Dennis Mortram, Reaseheath College, Cheshire
11.20 am	'Golf Development and Course Management in Sweden'	Rolf Lowgren, Chief Consultant, Swedish Golf Federation
12.00 pm	Panel Questions	
12.30 pm	Buffet Lunch - Queens' College	
1.50 pm	'Education and Training for Professional Bodies involved in Golf'	Malcolm Hulley, Association Secretary, The Professional Golfers Association
2.30 pm	Tournament Preparation	Kevin Munt, Course Manager, West Germany
3.10 pm	'Raising Distributor Standards Through Education'	Richard Fry, Director, Supaturf Products Limited
3.40 pm	Coffee	
4.00 pm	'Fertiliser Use, Theory and Practice'	Dr. William Adams, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth
4.40 pm	'The Biggest Problem of Golf Course Turf in the USA'	Jim Snow, Director, North Eastern Region, Green Section, United States Golf Association
5.20 pm	Panel Questions	
5.50 pm	Close	

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Thursday, 6th April

Session Chairman, Bill Lawson, Vice-Chairman, BIGGA

9.00 am	'The Role of the Golf Unions in the 90's'	Keith Wright, Secretary, English Golf Union
9.40 am	'The Role of Phosphorus and Potassium in Maintaining Bentgrass Putting Greens'	Dr. William Dest, Associate Extension Professor, Department of Plant Science, University of Connecticut
10.20 am	Coffee	
10.50 am	'The Educational Minefield'	Tony Gentil, Reaseheath College, Cheshire
11.30 am	'My Experience of Green-keeping in Portugal'	Peter Wisbey, Course Manager, Sas Lourence/Penina, Portugal
12.10 pm	'Modern Nutritional Strategies for Golf Course Turfs'	J.B. Beard, Professor of Turfgrass Physiology and Ecology, Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences, Texas A & M University
12.50 pm	Panel Questions	
1.20 pm	Summing up	Jack McMillan, Chairman, BIGGA
1.30 pm	Buffet Lunch - The River Suite, The Garden House Hotel	

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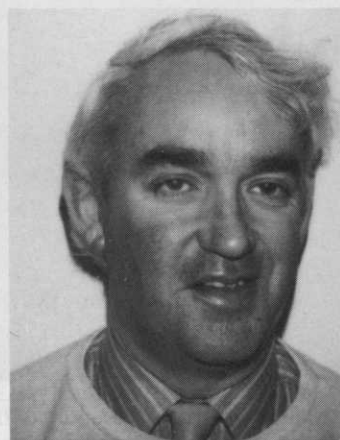
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In this third profile on speakers to be heard at the conference, *THE GOLF COURSE* this month features Tony Gentil of the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath. For Conference details, please contact Neil Thomas, Executive Director, BIGGA, Sports Turf Research Institute, BINGLEY, West Yorkshire, BD16 1AU. Tel: 0274-560556

TONY GENTIL

Tony Gentil is Deputy Head of Horticulture at the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath - one of the approved Greenkeeper Training Colleges. Tony has extensive experience of further education within the sphere of horticulture and management. He is also involved with the writing and editing of educational texts and has been particularly active in open learning. Tony will be elaborating on different aspects of the educational minefield and explaining the complexities of current educational opportunities. His lecture will explain the changes in philosophy and attitude towards education being developed in conjunction with the industry rather than in the traditional way of educational bodies telling the industry what it should need, and his lecture will be of particular value as the Association moves forward with its education and training plans for greenkeepers.

Tony promises to offer some encouraging and controversial insights and delegates should thereafter have a much better understanding of terms like BTEC, NCVQ, CPVE, TVEI, 'Open Learning', and Distance Learning! Conference attendees can look forward to an informative lecture.



NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1989

Members should note that this will be held at The Lyme Regis Golf Club, Lyme Regis, Dorset from 14th-16th August 1989.

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G.C.S.A.A. CONFERENCE AND SHOW, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 6th-13th FEBRUARY, 1989

A BIGGA party of thirty persons attended the recent G.C.S.A.A. Conference and Show. A full report with photographs on this major greenkeeping event will appear in the next issue.