



# BIGGA

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Board of Management has now given further consideration to the membership categories within BIGGA. There will be two other membership categories in addition to the Full Greenkeeping member category. Details are as follows:-

(1) **TRADE MEMBERSHIP.** Initially, membership will run for a 15 month period from 1st October 1987 - 31st December 1988. Membership will be on an individual and not a group basis. The cost of membership for the period indicated will be £50 per member plus VAT = £57.50. This fee will include the cost of subscription to the Association's official magazine, 'the Golf Course' throughout the period.

(2) **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.** This membership is available to those whose circumstances are such that they do not qualify for membership in either the Full or Trade categories. Membership will be on an individual and not a group basis and the initial membership period will be the 15 months from 1st October - 31st December 1988. The cost of membership for this period will be £35 per member plus VAT = £40.25. The fee will include the cost of subscription to the Association's official magazine, 'the Golf Course' throughout the period.

**N.B.** A number of prospective applicants for Trade and Associate membership have already, in registering their interest, submitted payment in the sum of £17.25 inclusive of VAT. In such cases, Trade and Associate members should now submit the appropriate balance of payment, i.e. £40.25 for Trade Membership or £23 for Associate Membership, and confirm their previous registration and payment.

**NEIL THOMAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

### BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### TRADE MEMBER

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#### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

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# Exciting new plans announced by the National Turfgrass Council

AT a cocktail reception held during the IOG Windsor show, at which almost 200 invited guests were in attendance, Howard Swan, Chairman of the National Turfgrass Council, made public a substantial three year strategic plan for the Council.

In his welcoming address he said he was the first to admit that in the past the Council had been seen to be nothing more than talking shop and this weakened its attempts to represent the industry effectively. However he said that this was a time for change in formulating its plan to become much more active in its representation as the umbrella body. He stressed the importance of the growing industry in which all at Windsor were involved and this was underlined by a highly supportive statement from the Minister of Sport Colin Moynihan. It was certain that a continued growth in the participation in outdoor and indoor sports would be seen and that facilities, either new or upgraded, both public and private, would be funded in time. The government initiative on the diversification of farmland into recreation and amenity use would mean more golf courses, and more sports pitches in the next ten years.

Swan looked back at the original formation of the NTC in 1980, and discussed briefly its aims and objectives, namely the dissemination of information, education and training, and on the subject of encouraging research, he said that he felt that the NTC had only been partially successful to date, but by the establishment of national conferences and regional workshops and the development of the B. Tech. Diploma in Turf Management, that a limited amount had been accomplished. However the NTC needed to do more so that it represented the industry much more effectively and efficiently.

The establishment of a permanent secretary in June of 1988 was the first important step and detailed plans for this post had already been formulated. This would allow the NTC to develop away from its voluntary base as at present when more could be done and be seen to be done. This function would be supported by secretarial assistance and there would be a professional marketing and PR consultant retained to



Howard Swan and Keith Cleverly

develop the image of the Council. Besides running its annual conference, the 1987 version of which is being held in late October on the subject of Water Management for Turfgrasses, the NTC has already planned an intensive series of regional workshops on wild flora, fertiliser uses in fine turf, diversification of farmland to recreation and workshops on pesticides legislation which will be held in November. To coincide with this the NTC is publishing a code of practice for pesticide usage for the industry in association with the NAAC and the Ministry of Agriculture.

This increased activity which will

be made possible by the establishment of the permanent secretariat, obviously requires funding and Swan detailed at the reception the launch of the Premier Patrons Scheme, which unites support on an annual basis from the industry. Three levels of patronage are envisaged; Gold, Silver and Bronze, to commence in 1988 at £800, £400 and £200 respectively. The founding Golf Patron was ICI Professional Products. The Toro Company, Supaturf Products Ltd., Vitax Ltd., Rolawn Ltd., and Ransomes Simms and Jefferies plc joined them in pledging their support as Gold Patrons. Brian D. Pierson (Contractors) Ltd., the specialist golf course constructor became the founding Silver Patron, and *the Golf Course*, the Official Publication of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, became the founding Bronze Patron, Hawtree & Son Golf Course Architects and British Seed Houses Ltd., Maxicrop International Ltd., and Walkover Sprayers were the other Bronze Patrons.

The outstandingly successful response to the National Turfgrass Council's future plans and the Premier Patron Scheme prompted Chairman Swan to conclude.

"I am absolutely delighted with the way that we have begun this campaign and can see that in future months shall build upon this excellent base and be able to meet the projected budgetary requirements for the secretariat so that all our plans can be implemented.

"At last the NTC seems to be getting off the ground and with the continued support of all sides in the industry, associations, companies and individuals, I can see the Council truly representing, as it should, all facets of the business to the outside world and government".

**NATIONAL TURFGRASS COUNCIL AND  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTORS  
WORKSHOP ON "AMENITY PESTICIDES '87"  
STONELEIGH, THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1987**

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Since the last amenity pesticides workshop a year ago, the National Turfgrass Council and the National Association of Agricultural Contractors have been working, with the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to prepare a code of practice specifically for the amenity sector.

This workshop at Stoneleigh on Thursday 12 November 1987 is mainly to introduce the new code. Speakers will explain how it would be applied in various situations, what is included, and what is not.

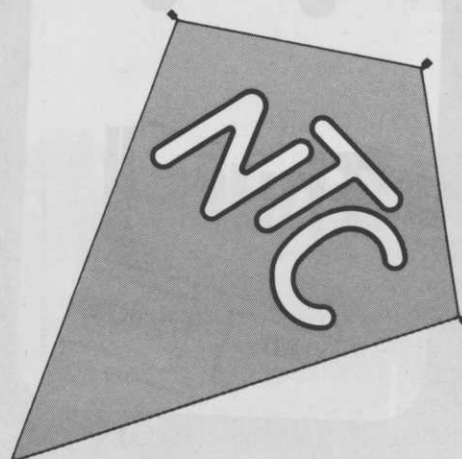
There will also be a chance to get up-to-date on operator training and certificates of competence, with a speaker from the ATB, and Phillip Sheppy of the NPTC to review and explain the pesticides application tests.

The price is £37.00 per person, including a copy of the code available at the workshop, lunch and other refreshments, and the workshop report afterwards.

Enquires to:-

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**OUTLINE PROGRAMME**

- 9.00 onwards Registration
- 9.45 - 10.15 Coffee available

**SESSION 1. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PESTICIDES IN AMENITY AREAS**

- 10.15 - 10.30 Chairman's welcome and introduction
- 10.30 - 10.50 The Local Authority's view - Jon Bauer, City of Sheffield
- 10.50 - 11.10 The Contractor's view - Speaker from the National Association of Agricultural Contractors
- 11.10 - 11.30 The HSE view - Jim McIntyre, Health & Safety Executive
- 11.30 - 11.50 The Water Authority's view - Mrs Katherine Bryan, Severn-Trent Water
- 11.50 - 12.45 Group discussions on the Code of Practice
- 12.45 Buffet lunch
- 1.45 - 2.15 Comments and queries from groups

**SESSION 2. UPDATE ON OPERATOR TRAINING AND PROFICIENCY TESTING**

- 2.15 - 2.20 Chairman's introduction
- 2.20 - 2.40 Training courses - Speaker from the Agricultural Training Board
- 2.40 - 3.00 Proficiency testing - Phillip Sheppy, National Proficiency Tests Council
- 3.00 - 4.00 Final discussion
- 4.00 approx Tea and disperse.

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**Thurs** J

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# BIGGA ANNUAL TOURNEY A GREAT SUCCESS



Some of the competitors and their wives enjoying the sunshine in front of Verulam's clubhouse.

THIS year's BIGGA annual tournament was held at Verulam Golf Club, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and was a resounding success.

More than seventy greenkeepers turned out over three days to take part over a course kept in fine mettle by head greenkeeper Geoff Smith and his staff.

The prize table was laden with a host of trophies, which were presented by the chairman of the greens committee, Mr. Cooper, who showed a keen interest in the day's events.

Prizes were donated by Maxwell Hart Ltd, Toro UK, Ransomes, Universal Materials Patissons, May & Baker, Chipman Ltd, Hamilton Strutt, Supaturn, VITAX, Fisons, SISI,

Sports Turf Institute, SAI Long Life, T F Parker of Worcester Park, the Golf Course, Golf Landscapes Ltd, Huxleys, Brian D Pierson (Contractors), Rigby Taylor, Farmura Ltd, BASF UK, Lloyds of Letchworth, Synchemicals, CMW Equipment, Kingston House (Mowers) Ltd and A T Oliver & Sons.

The greenkeeper's team for the 1987 Kubota Challenge, being held at The Belfry this month, was announced at the end of the tournament, the qualifiers being the first eight over 54 holes.

The team consists of - P. Wentworth (Handicap 14), I. Toon (9), E. West (9), M. Guy (6), R. Barker (5), N. Whittaker (15), G. Payne (7) and M. Sheehan (7).



Transport was laid on!

## MAJOR PRIZEWINNERS

### 18 HOLES NET (FIRST DAY)

1st I Toon, 65  
2nd P Fitzjohn, 67  
3rd G Payne, 68  
4th D Roberts, 69

### Over 60's

1st R Platn, 73  
2nd E Thompson, 78  
3rd R Gates, 80

### 36 HOLES SCRATCH

R Barker, 149

### 36 HOLES NET (0-11)

1st I Toon, 130  
2nd M Guy, 140  
3rd M Sheehan, 141  
4th M Smith, 142

### 36 HOLES NET (12-18)

1st D Roberts, 138  
2nd P Wentworth, 140  
3rd N Whittaker, 145  
4th I Holoran, 146

### JUBILEE CUP (3-A-SIDE TEAM)

Northern, 422  
- M Guy, D Roberts, J Hannan

### CHIPMAN UNDER "25" CUP

S Goode, 146

### 18 HOLES NET

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# DEVASTATION



EVERYONE will appreciate the tragedy of the hurricane force winds that swept the south east corner of England on that fateful night. Considering the conditions, the loss of life was remarkably low, but the devastation to property and wildlife is incalculable.

The statistics make appalling reading - the damage to buildings running into millions of pounds but somehow no matter how serious one has the feeling that buildings are replaceable. What is clearly not, are the thousands of mature trees that have been lost. The landscape will not be the same for decades and it is said that more trees were lost in twelve hours than in a decade of Dutch Elm disease. All species were affected - not only the bending, snapping poplars, but 100 year

old oaks crashed to the ground. Many trees were literally uprooted as the ground, sodden by the dreadfully wet summer, failed to hold the roots under the stress of winds constantly over a 100mph.

No course in the path of the hurricane could have escaped without some damage, but a special thought went to Kevin Munt at Wentworth in charge of his first World Matchplay Championship and Cameron McMillan one of the youngest head men in the country, in charge at Liphook for the Daily Telegraph South Eastern County finals. Chain-saws not triplexes were the order of the day.

Winter renovation programmes will be thrown out by all the additional work and long hours



# FRIDAY 16TH



will have to be put in by already hard pressed greenstaff to ensure courses are back in play as soon as possible.

Tony Gentil's series on trees could not have been published at a more relevant time and it is certain that this series of articles, which has already been well received, will be a useful guide when it comes to repairing and replacing the damage. Tony will be contributing an article on the after-effects of the hurricane in the New Year.

No doubt there are many horrific tales to tell and pictures to publish - we would like to hear from any of our readers of their experiences on that fateful night. Experiences shared often help to overcome the feeling that "this could only happen to me", as well as offering possible solutions to common problems.



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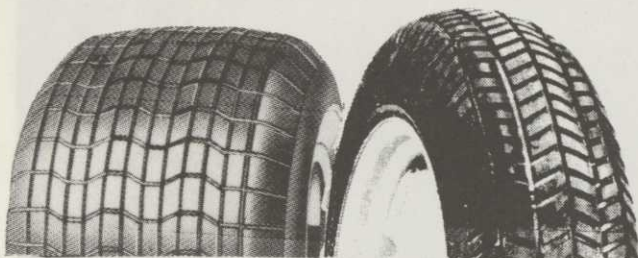
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