



## Lifeblood Of The Industry In The Heart of England

Following EIGGA's successful participation in *Golf Course '84* and with the association firmly established as a strong voice in greenkeeping, it has been decided that EIGGA will host its own conference in 1985. The venue will be the University of Warwick, near Coventry, and the dates will be March 22-24.

This prestigious seat of learning is an ideal venue, set in The Heart of England, close to Shakespeare country. As it is so central, it will be equally accessible to all who wish to take part in what promises to be the best seminar yet held in Britain, organised by greenkeepers for greenkeepers.

The university itself is very modern and within easy reach of several historic places of interest and beauty. It offers a high standard of accommodation and boasts facilities including banks, a sub post office, supermarket, bars and sports centre, all of which will be open to conference delegates. There's even a miniature putting course for those who like a busman's holiday!

Medical services are available on the campus and car parking is free and plentiful.

The weekend's activities will start early on the Friday afternoon, when delegates will sign in before lectures commence. The entire package will comprise two nights accommodation and full board, with a banquet dinner on the Saturday evening. All day Saturday and the morning of Sunday will be taken up with lectures and discussions and the EIGGA AGM will be held on Sunday afternoon.

The cost to each delegate will be kept as low as possible, while providing the highest standard of accommodation and educational facilities. The programme and the speakers are yet to be finalised, but full details of these and the cost will be publicised at the earliest opportunity.

EIGGA will, of course, encourage participation from all sections of the golf and greenkeeping industry,

## News From Headquarters

EIGGA's statement of accounts, as at December 31, 1983, showed a total income of £13,719 over a total expenditure of £10,910—leaving a £2,809 surplus of income over expenditure.

Balance Sheet  
As at December 31, 1983

General Reserve Account. Surplus for year	£2,809
Sundry Creditors	£58
	£2,867

Assets	
Sundry equipment, at cost	£377
Stock of clothing, etc	£1,006
Cash at bank—Current Account	£764
Deposit Account	£52
Sundry debtors	£668
	£2,867

We certify that we have prepared the above balance sheet dated December 31, 1983 from the books and from the information and explanations given to us. We believe it to be correct.

Holland-On-Sea, Essex.  
June 1984.

R.H. Brown & Co  
Chartered Accountants

though the conference will be geared primarily towards greenkeeping and its place in the golf world. However, anyone who has a genuine interest in the care and maintenance of fine turf will be made welcome.

Further information can be obtained, or reservations made, by contacting The Administrator, EIGGA National Headquarters, 2 Golf Cottage, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8UG.

## North West

The diary of events includes an autumn tournament at Wrexham GC on September 17 and a one-day seminar at Myerscough College in October (date to be announced).

Dates for the series of winter lectures will appear shortly. Let's hope we have a good attendance this time round. If you have any constructive ideas on the lecture programme, please let me know.

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed an educational visit to Royal Birkdale and our mid-summer

dance. For those of you who didn't attend, we hope to see you at future events—you really can have a good time!

Will members who have not received a copy of the latest newsletter, please contact me and I will do my best to correct the situation.

*A. Campbell.*

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## In·My·Opinion Continued...

chants: "Spike and sand. Slit and sand."

In turn, their cries were drowned by the appearance of a vast procession lead by the throbbing beat of a brass band, American style. The tumbling clowns with painted, smiling faces slapped the onlookers on the shoulder and pressed upon them glossy brochures illustrated prolifically with pictures of vast, expensive machines. Dancing girls, scantily clad, bewitched the watching crowd and offered sample packets, brightly coloured, of seeds and fertilisers, while jugglers and acrobats cavorted in front of displays of chemicals.

As quickly as it had appeared, it passed on leaving the ranks of onlookers silent, bewildered and puzzled until from among them a hesitant figure came forward and stood at the front of the stage. He paused, mopped his brow, and stammered inarticulately. "My friends," he croaked, "we all seek the answer. We all want simplicity. We all search for the better way. Yet we remain confused by the voices that call us to follow each and every wave of doctrine.

### No magic cure

"Perhaps today we have learned that there is no single way, no magic cure. We must each seek the blend of wisdom, experience, knowledge and materials that have been shown to us in the light of our own particular problems. They are there for us to use. Let us not be afraid to enquire, examine and test them all and then we shall find our way ahead."

I listened. Surely the voice was familiar? I looked. The person was strangely like the face I saw in the

mirror each morning. I woke, brow bathed in perspiration, hands twitching with excitement, aware of someone shaking my shoulder gently.

"Do you want another drink, dear? Lunch will be in ten minutes," my wife said.

Now, about this article! Where was I?

(Author's note: Any similarity between the characters depicted and persons recognising themselves is wholly deliberate and not to be taken lightly!)

## EIGGA News & Views—Continued...

### London

The branch's first evening match of the season was held courtesy of Northwood GC. As expected, Michael and his staff had the course in exceptional condition. Many thanks go to Parkers for continued support. The winners were: 1st—C.Slater, 2nd—T.Low and 3rd—D.Stenton.

A one-day seminar will be held at Moor Park GC on Wednesday, November 28. Letters will be sent to all head greenkeepers and greens chairmen. Please ensure that all forms are returned as soon as possible.

The cost for the day will be about £8, which will include morning coffee, buffet lunch and afternoon tea.

If this seminar is a success, as expected, a further one-day event will be held in February.

Tickets for the annual dinner-dance at the Post House Hotel, Heathrow will also be available shortly. Contact Tom McDonald on 01-950 7469 for tickets.

The autumn meeting has been arranged at Porters Park GC on Monday, September 24.

David MacIndoe.

### EIGGA Increases

New prices for association clothing are: ties—£3.75 (from £3.50), pullovers—£15 (from £14) and blazers—£43.50 (from £40).

### East Anglia

There was a nice, quiet gathering at Bishop's Stortford recently. My apprentice informs me that all was well on the course. My assistant agreed—having received the booby prize, I guess he saw most of the course! Twenty-six attended and four indicated a desire to play, but did not arrive. We may have to ask for money with entry forms if it happens too often.

Prizes went to: 1st—Steve Thresher with 38 points on the Home Course. Steve won the new Kings Shield and a replica donated by Kings of Coggeshall; 2nd—Larry Coytie (on countback), 38 pts and 3rd—Steve Noye, 37 pts.

Graham Brighton won a ¼lb tea with the suggestion that he should stick to that sort of tea! Our thanks to Bishop's Stortford for a super day. I'm only sorry I wasn't there.

Future dates include Bury St Edmunds on September 6 and the greenkeepers versus the captains match at Frinton on October 23.

Mick Lathrope.

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