

THIS year's IOG Sports and Leisure World Trade Exhibition at The Royal Windsor Racecourse from September 16-18 promises to be bigger and better than ever. There's a second covered pavilion and a much greater educational and training presence, housed in the parade ring where there will also be practical demonstrations.

As before, a charity stand will be run by the

Windsor Lions. A number of charities will benefit, including the Royal Gardeners' Orphan Fund, whose patron is the Queen Mother.

Stand merit awards are to be judged at 5pm on the Monday prior to the opening day and the results of these awards, together with those for the best literature, will be announced the following day, Tuesday September 16, at 6pm during a reception in the exhibitors' club.

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The Groundsman Of The Year and Young Groundsman Of The Year competitions have reached their final stages, with five finalists in each section. Among the 'seniors' is Laurence Pithie, golf course manager at Minchinhampton Golf Club, Stroud, an EIGGA member and previous winner.

In the junior division, Trevor Dennis, an apprentice greenkeeper at King's Lynn GC, and

Wayne Roberts, an assistant greenkeeper at Poulton Park GC, Warrington, carry our best wishes

The competitions are sponsored by SAI and the £3,000 worth of prizes include winners' tickets to the GCSAA conference and show in Phoenix, Arizona next January. The results are to be announced at a reception in London on October 31.