

TOO MUCH WATER OR TOO LITTLE? THE NTC'S 4th RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR COULD PROVIDE THE ANSWER

The National Turfgrass Council has established a tradition of topical and successful conferences, which draw together the industry's leaders. The fourth conference, a residential seminar at the Post House Hotel, Allesley, near Coventry, maintains this tradition. The subject - *Water Management For Turfgrasses* - will be covered in three sessions over one and a half days on Wednesday and Thursday October 21-22.

Good drainage is essential on the golf course and, yet, an STRI survey in 1981 showed four out of five courses had a drainage problem on at least one green. Research work has been under-

taken at Aberystwyth and Bingley to investigate the best construction methods and the right sands to use in different situations, to give the benefit of extra play throughout the year. This work will be reviewed in two papers, one by Steve Baker from Bingley and the other by Bill Adams and Richard Gibbs from Aberystwyth. There will, no doubt, be plenty of attention to the use of sand for golf greens.

Against all this research background, Geoffrey Davison of Cambridge Associates will describe the kinds of turfgrass drainage system that can be installed today and how to keep them effective, in spite of surface

capping and compaction. The various bypass systems (sand-slitting, surface-banding, etc) are particularly important in this respect. In the fourth paper of the first session, Bob Fry of the Land Drainage Contractors' Association will review the drainage industry, the cost benefits it can offer and likely future developments.

The second session looks at water management from the opposite point of view, making sure turfgrasses have sufficient water, especially on the free-draining constructions considered earlier in the day. Of all the technologies the greenkeeper has to master, irrigation is probably the most



Join Dr. Peter Hayes, DIRECTOR - STRI, James Kidd, ESTATE MANAGER - GLENEAGLES, Howard Swan CHAIRMAN - NTC and many more experts from the UK and International Turfgrass Industry, to discuss the subjects essential to the success of your job.

The Workshops will be of particular value to those delegates with responsibility for the planning and purchasing of products and the day to day management of all turfgrass situations.

Also of considerable interest to delegates will be the exhibition of a wide range of products and services, and the outdoor demonstrations of turf maintenance machinery.

WORKSHOP DATES AND VENUES

- Tuesday 6th October**
STIRLING UNIVERSITY - SCOTLAND
- Wednesday 7th October**
HOUGHALL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE - DURHAM
- Thursday 8th October**
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTRE - STONELEIGH, WARWICKSHIRE
- Tuesday 13th October**
BRITISH STEEL COMPLEX - EBBW VALE, GWENT, SOUTH WALES
- Wednesday 14th October**
OAKLANDS HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE - ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
- Thursday 15th October**
MERRIST WOOD AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE - WORPLESDON, SURREY

Attendance at the Workshops will be by ticket only and these are available from the organisers on receipt of the attached application form and a cheque or postal order for £7.50 (incl. VAT) for each delegate made payable to **Turf Care Workshops**. This small charge covers luncheon, refreshments and a publication containing full details of all the speakers' presentations.

Numbers may have to be limited - early application is recommended.

EDUCATION CORNER...

SISIS, in association with May & Baker and their distributors E.T. Breakwell and Cameron Irrigation, have announced an autumn series of seminar/demonstrations.

At each, turf management techniques and machinery for bowling greens will be shown, followed by lectures with slides covering disease recognition and necessary chemical applications. There will also be advice and information from irrigation specialists.

Dates and venues are Tuesday September 29, Hatfield Lawn Tennis and Bowls Club, Herts; Monday October 5, Blaby Bowls Club, Leicester; October 6, City and County Bowls Club, Oxford; October 7, Potterton International Sports Club, Warwick; October 8, West Midlands Travel Sports and Social Club, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

Admission by invitation only from SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield), Hulley Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Tel: 0625 26363.

Youth Training Scheme For Golf Greenkeepers



Dominic received an engraved tankard from J. Hargreaves of SISIS.

A scheme was set up in June 1986 to provide specialist training for 16 and 17-year-olds seeking a career in golf greenkeeping.

Close liaison between the De Vere Hotel group, managing agents and owners of The Belfry, and the Warwickshire College of Agriculture, who provide job training on a residential basis, has provided the basis of a successful first year's training.

The initial year of the scheme has been spent following the City and Guilds phase one course in horticulture and, during this time, a strong basis has been placed on greenkeeping and mechanisation. The second year will follow the City and Guilds phase two course in greenkeeping.

On a recent visit to SISIS, top trainee Dominic Moore-Corey (Worcester GC) received an engraved tankard.

Full details of the course can be obtained from the Warwickshire College of Agriculture, Moreton Morrell, near Warwick, Warwickshire.

THE DRIVING RANGE

The ICI range of turf care products has been developed for professionals. Whether your target is turf weeds, insect pests or turf diseases — whether the location is fine turf or outfield, look to the driving range.

SUPER VERDONE* The effective selective herbicide which controls major broad-leaved weeds in any established turf. Three powerful weedkillers give broad spectrum cover, even to speedwell and yellow suckling clover.

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