

National Education Conference promises a wealth of knowledge

There are few events that create more enthusiasm than the well established and much admired National Education Conference, traditionally held in March and now in its third year. But what, you may ask, is there in it for the greenkeeper? Take just one moment to look at the programme offered over three days, see just how many subjects there are that are important to you, ask yourself if you wouldn't like to learn much more about this thriving industry – your profession – and I might guess your answer will have to be a resounding 'yes'.

That you will benefit enormously there is no doubt, for there is such a wealth of knowledge, experience and good old-fashioned know-how in which you may tap. This will come not only from the various lecture sessions but also at leisure during the many lunches, dinners, informal gatherings and the banquet.

Those who would care to make this event a pleasant break, one which wives will enjoy sharing, will find the City of York has much to commend it, with its famous Minster, elegant houses, wonderful museums, fine theatre and modern shops.

Success breeds success and this year, with yet more speakers and the promise of an even more significant learning experience, the cost to delegates has actually been reduced!

Thus you should make provision NOW for March 22nd – 24th, to attend the BIGGA National Education Conference at Langwith College, University of York.

A full programme and booking form may be obtained from Samantha Flint at BIGGA Headquarters. Telephone her on 03473 581 or fax 03473 8864.

FRIDAY 22 March

9.30 am REGISTRATION in Langwith College

12.00 pm LUNCH - Langwith College

CONFERENCE COMMENCES

Chairman: Mr Gordon Child, Regional Administrator, BIGGA South West and South Wales Region

1.20 pm Introduction - George Malcolm, Vice-Chairman, BIGGA

1.30 pm **'THE INFLUENCE OF SOILS AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON ANAEROBIC ROOTZONES'**

Roy L Goss, Extension Agronomist-Emeritus, Washington State University

2.10 pm **'SOIL SCIENCE AND THE GREENKEEPER'**

Dr Richard Gibbs, Senior Lecturer, Lancashire College of Agriculture and Horticulture

2.50 pm **'SANDS AND BUNKERS'**

David Stansfield, Agronomist to the R & A, Sports Turf Research Institute

3.30 pm Coffee

3.50 pm **'THE ROLE OF THE GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT'**

Donald Steel, International Golf Course Architect

4.30 pm **'THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY OF GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT'**

Larry W Gilhuly, Director Western Region, USGA Green Section

5.10 pm **QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL**

5.40 pm Close

Transport to Centre of York for Ladies

- Depart College 1.15 pm

- Return to College by 6.30 pm

SATURDAY 23 March

9.00 am **'THATCH'**

Dr Bill Adams, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth

9.40 am **'GOLF DEVELOPMENT AT THE GLENEAGLES HOTEL'**

James Kidd, Estates and Golf Courses Manager, The Gleneagles Hotel

10.20 am **'PREPARING GOLF FOR THE 21st CENTURY'**

George Shiels, Vice-Principal, Merrist Wood College of Agriculture and Horticulture

11.00 am Coffee

11.20 am **'THE GOLF COURSE - FROM CONCEPTION TO COMPLETION'**

Mr G Hodson, Lindum Turf and associates.

12.30 pm **QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL**

1.00 pm LUNCH

2.00 pm **'THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT - HIS STATUS, ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES'**

Steve Cadenelli, President, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

2.40 pm **'GREENKEEPING IN NORWAY'**

Tor Senstad, Secretary, Norwegian Greenkeepers Association

3.20 pm Coffee

3.40 pm **'THE WAY FORWARD' DOCUMENT AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS'**

Nick Park, as Chairman of the R & A / Unions Sub-Committee chairs a Question and Answer Session.

Other members of the Committee will also participate.

4.20 pm **'GREENKEEPING IN THE YEAR 2010 - WHO ARE WE TRAINING AND FOR WHAT?'**

Dr Hugh Nunn, Head of Horticulture, Warwickshire College of Agriculture

5.00 pm **QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL**

5.30 pm Close

Transport to Centre of York for Ladies

- Depart College 9.30 am

- Return to College by 5.00 pm

SUNDAY 24 March

9.20 am **'IT'S A MATTER OF QUALITY'**

Larry Gilhuly, Director, Western Region, USGA Green Section

10.00 am **'BENT GRASS IN THE UK'**

Ken Siems, Course Manager, East Sussex National

10.40 am Coffee

11.00 am **'PURE SAND GREENS AND PENCROSS AT COLLINGTREE PARK'**

Peter Jones, Course Manager, Collingtree Park, Northampton

11.40 am **'ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES TO ANNUAL MEADOWGRASS?'**

Roy L Goss, Extension Agronomist-Emeritus, Washington State University

12.20 pm **QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL**

12.50 pm **'SUMMING UP'**

Ivor Scoones, Chairman, BIGGA

Lunch and Depart

Transport to Centre of York for Ladies

- Depart College 9.00 am

- Return to College by 1.00 pm

THE 1991 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE IS ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH LINDUM TURF AND ASSOCIATES.

Sparsholt's education partnership

Following the successful launch of the new National Diploma in Golf Course and Sportsground Management, Sparsholt College, Hampshire are seeking the co-operation of employers who can offer employment to students in their middle year industrial placement.

The new course is full-time extending over 3 years, with the middle year undertaken within industry as industrial placement. Course Tutor, Bob Young has outlined the following:

Students will be available from late June 1991 for a period of one year. During this year students are treated as employees. Pay is at the employers discretion but following national guidelines. The aim is to provide an opportunity for students to gain further experience within the golf and sports turf industry.

In addition the student will continue to undertake assignment studies and the employer will be asked to monitor a complete work experience programme.

For further details or confirmation of job availability, please contact: BOB YOUNG, SPARSHOLT COLLEGE, WINCHESTER, HANTS, SO21 2NF.

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From left: Mike Henson, Jacobsen's International Administration Manager; Stuart McColm, nominated the Most Outstanding Student by delegates; Tom Carter, VP; Jacobsen International Operations; and Peter Daynes, IOG National Chairman.

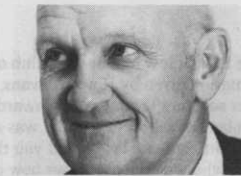
Top Student of the Year

A meteoric career pattern has emerged as a result of Stuart McColm's wisdom in taking the education path to career progression. Following spells as a greenkeeper at Inverness, Invergordon and, more recently, St Andrews, Stuart took time out to attend Oatridge Agricultural College (a G.T.C. approved college) on a full time course in Sportsturf Management. Whilst there he was voted Top Student of The Year.

Following this he was invited to attend the 2nd Jacobsen sponsored IOG Educational Seminar and was nominated the Most Outstanding Student by his fellow delegates.

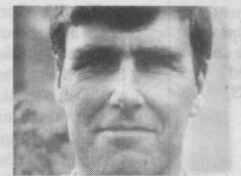
Since leaving college Stuart has worked on a Jack Nicklaus construction site in Hertfordshire and has recently returned from Germany, having successfully completed the construction of an 18 hole course. He is now managing a new division of Tunnel Land Engineering, specialists in the upgrading and reconstruction of established golf courses.

TOP SPEAKERS FOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE

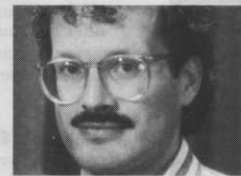


Dr Roy Goss is the first of many experts who will address the gathered ensemble at the BIGGA National Conference.

His subject will be 'The Influence of Soils and Management Practices on Anaerobic Rootzones'. Dr Goss has a degree in Agriculture, a Bachelor of Education Degree and a PhD, all from Washington State University. His field of expertise is most varied, having worked closely with golf course superintendents on problems of construction, specialised soils, drainage, turfgrass nutrition, turfgrass diseases, insects and weed control.



George Shiels is Vice Principal of Merrist Wood College and consultant to the PGA European Tour. His most recent work has focused on the creation of the first externally validated professional qualification for professional golfers with the PGA and he is currently involved in construction of PGA European Tour courses.



There can be none better than Dr Richard Gibbs, Senior Lecturer in Sportsground Management and Turf Science at Myerscough Hall, to address on his chosen subject: 'Soil Science and The Greenkeeper'. Dr Gibbs has a First Class Honours Degree in Agricultural Chemistry and a PhD in Soil Science.



Peter Jones will address us on 'Pure Sand Greens and Pencross at Collingtree Park, Northampton'. This is the exciting new course owned by the British company; International Resort Holdings Plc, where he is now Course Manager. In a golf career spanning sixteen years Peter has travelled extensively and has worked with golf course architects on both sides of the Atlantic.



Pictured at Aldwark Manor, from left: Brian Hurtley, Vice-President-Director, Kubota (UK) Ltd; David Hannam, Course Manager, Wetherby Golf Club; Andrew Boyd, Course Manager, Bridlington Golf Course; David Golding, Education Officer, BIGGA; Neil Thomas, Executive Director, BIGGA.

Kubota continues support for BIGGA

Kubota have contributed £10,000 over the past two years to help BIGGA introduce residential management courses as part of their national drive to enhance the standing of greenkeepers.

The continued support by Kubota and the Greenkeeping Training Committee will ensure that the supply of professional greenkeepers satisfies the growing demand in the ever expanding golf industry.

Attendance on the BIGGA courses allows delegates to gain credits towards completion of the Master Greenkeeper's Certificate.

David Golding, BIGGA's Education Officer, commented, 'It is only through formal training and qualifications that the standard of British and International greenkeeping will continue to improve'.

Conducting the seminars are experts from organisations such as the Sports Turf Research Institute, Time Manager International, The Health and Safety Executive and the Golf Course Wildlife Trust. Subjects covered include; the management of golf greens, tees, fairways and bunkers, together with computing for the course manager, budgeting and accountancy, health and safety, conservation, pesticide management and turf diseases.

Kubota will continue to support BIGGA in their training programmes and Brian Hurtley,

Vice President - Director, Kubota (UK) Ltd, said, 'Head greenkeepers and course managers will have an increasingly important role to play in golf clubs and BIGGA programmes not only provide expert training but also allow delegates from the UK and Europe to exchange knowledge and ideas'.

Proficient proficiency

At a time of rising costs, the Hertfordshire Proficiency Tests Committee have succeeded in maintaining stable prices for tests over the past three years.

Following recent restructuring, registration is now computerised and any previous delays now minimised, enabling them to undertake testing not only those in their own county but also applicants from neighbouring counties, up to a maximum of 50 miles radius. Pesticides and other category based tests are extremely cost competitive, with full details to be found in their current advertisement in this magazine.