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Education

Seminar success

The recent Elmwood College Greenkeeping Conference, which followed on from two days of specialist seminars, proved so popular that further one day seminars are planned for the future. The conference was chaired by Elliott Small, pictured, the BIGGA Scottish Regional Administrator, who skillfully guided the speakers and audience through an enjoyable day. It was announced during the week-end



that Elmwood will be offering a new one year full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping.

Myerscough (Lancashire College of Agriculture) is holding a two day event on May 14th/15th which will specialise exclusively in golf course construction and maintenance. The underlying theme will be to invite manufacturers of construction and maintenance equipment to use the College golf course to demonstrate, not only to clients, but to the many greenkeepers and recreation managers who are expected to attend. As an added feature, the College is also organising seminars relating to current developments in this specialist field. The event is being held at the Myerscough centre of the College, which is situated on the A6, 5 miles from junction 32 on the M6. All those interested in golf course construction- or in sportsturf generally- are welcome to attend. Entry is free, from 10.30am to 4.00pm each day.

Highly successful - that was the opinion of 19 greenkeepers who attended Elmwood's supervisory course for practicing or prospective head greenkeepers and course managers. This intensive course covered a variety of topics including Time Management; Budgeting & Accounts; Health & Safety; COSHH; Public Speaking and Computers- including an introduction to the TRIMS Ground Management Softwear Package.Highlights of the course were the interview sessions where each greenkeeper was 'subjected' to the ordeal of facing a panel of well-known people from the industry for 20-30 minutes. One such session was video recorded to allow further feedback to take place. The course was over subscribed, so another is scheduled for November.

