

Seminars: from wildlife to The Way Forward

SOUTH WEST AND WALES SEMINAR

November 6th is the date for the South West and Wales Region Seminar at Cannington College, the scene set fair for a highly entertaining and informative programme. Alan Mitchell will begin the proceedings with a paper on the wildlife found on a golf course, followed by Eric Shiel, Chairman of the Joint Golf Course Committee, who will discuss the implications of this new committee and their future plans in the light of 'The Way Forward' document.

Jim Arthur needs no introduction to Greenkeeper International readers and is sure to provide judicious words for both greenkeepers and educationalists alike, his address being followed by that of the equally renowned Jon Allbutt, who will present his research paper on 'The Safe Use of Pesticides'. Ample question time is promised and the whole event is sponsored by Modus T Systems. Call Gordon Child on 0803 844056 for further details.

MIDLANDS SEMINAR

The 4th Annual Regional Seminar is to be held on Wednesday November 20th at the Warwickshire College of Agriculture, Moreton Morell, Warwick. Midlands members are urged to make careful note of this date and make every effort to support the venture and thus make it a huge success. Speakers include:

- Neil Thomas, Executive Director of BIGGA, on 'BIGGA - Approaching the Crossroads?'
- David Senior, Technical Development Manager of Vitax Ltd, on 'Turf Diseases'.
- Barry F Cooper, Golf Course Drainage Consultant, on 'The Surveying and Drainage of a Golf Course'.
- Graeme Francis, Sales Manager for Turf Irrigation Services Ltd., on 'Irrigation'.
- Michael Boddy, Arboricultural and Forestry Consultant for George Walker and Sons of Leicester on 'The Care and Maintenance of Trees'.

Application forms and programmes have already been sent out to all members but if for some reason you may not have received yours - or if you are a non-member interested in attending - please contact Roger Willars on 0455 283053

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SOUTH EAST SEMINAR

The South East Region will hold their Seminar at Merrist Wood College on Wednesday November 6th, with speakers including:

- Dr David Riley, ICI Ecologist, on 'The Development of Modern Pesticides'.
- Philip Baldock, Assistant Course Manager, Hankley Common GC, on 'Practical Conservation Within Golf Courses'.

- Dr Rob McGibbon, Heathlands Wildlife Project, on 'The Importance of Golf Courses on Surrey Heathland'.
- A talk by an Ecology Consultant.
- Jack McMillan, Golf Course Management Consultant, on 'European Golf Development'.
- Neil Thomas, Executive Director of BIGGA, on 'BIGGA - Approaching The Crossroads?'

Also in attendance will be BIGGA Chairman, George Malcolm.

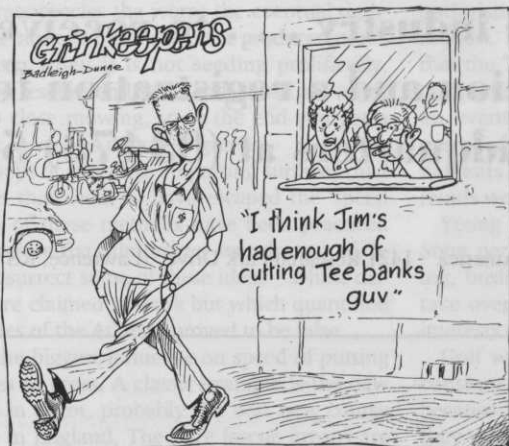
The cost of the seminar is £17.50 which includes morning coffee, conference luncheon and afternoon tea. Tickets may be obtained from Phil Baldock, The Bungalow, Hankley Common GC, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey GU10 2DD., or from Clive Osgood, c/o Walton Heath GC, Tadworth; Surrey.

Further detailed information may also be obtained from Norman Exley, the S E Regional Administrator (telephone: 09274 24737) or from all section secretaries.

First meeting for Joint Golf Course Committee

The first meeting of the new Joint Golf Course Committee Greenkeeper Training and Recruitment Panel took place on September 16th in Manchester, the full panel consisting of the following elected officers:

- Bob McLaren - Past President of the Scottish Golf Union, member of the Scottish Golf Course Committee, Chairman of the Greenkeeper Training Committee, Chairman of the JGCC Greenkeeper Training and Recruitment Panel, member of the R&A Committee of Four on 'The Way Forward'.
- Ray Burniston - Secretary of The Association of Golf Club Secretaries.
- Peter Dutton - Past President of The English Golf Union, member English Golf Union Golf Course Committee.
- Joe Furlong - Golfing Union of Ireland, President of Royal Tara Golf Club, member Greenkeeper Training Committee.
- David Golding - Education Officer, BIGGA, member Greenkeeper Training Committee. Ex-working greenkeeper.
- John Harris - Chairman of Green for seven years at Hankley Common Golf Club. Contributor to The Way Forward'.
- Bruce Jamieson - Director of Agronomy, PGA European Tour. Ex working greenkeeper.
- John Millen - Ex Head Greenkeeper, Canterbury Golf Club, now developer and Golf Course Manager, Weald of Kent Golf Club. Member BIGGA Board of Management and member of BIGGA master greenkeeper Advisory Board.
- Chris Nolan - Secretary Irish Greenkeepers Association, member of Greenkeeper Training Committee.
- Neil Thomas - Executive Director, BIGGA. General Administrator to Greenkeeper Training Committee.



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