

Education and Development Fund tops £50,000 mark

The Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund has reached its first landmark and topped £50,000.

Ransomes and Netlon are the latest companies to support the fund.

At The Open Championship, Ransomes' UK Sales Manager Richard Bishop presented BIGGA Chairman Roy Kates with a cheque for his company's membership to the Gold Key Circle.

Associated

Netlon Advanced Turf Systems joined the Silver Key Circle, wishing to be closely associated with the educational courses and programmes now being developed for the greenkeeping profession.

"Netlon Limited believe that the Education and Development Fund for Greenkeepers is a very important way forward within the golf industry," said Netlon's UK Sales Manager Gordon Rolfe. "We are confident the very high standards



already achieved can be maintained and, in time, improved by this programme."

In welcoming the contributions of both Ransomes and Netlon, Neil Thomas, Executive Director, BIGGA commented, "A further two companies have now joined the Key Circles and the support to date for the new fund from within the industry has been excellent. We hope that it will be ongoing, thereby developing a resource which will contribute greatly to the development of greenkeeper educational programmes in the years ahead."

A donation of £250 by the Mid Anglia section committee has been welcomed as indicative of an increasing trend from

regions, sections and individuals to support the fund. Neil Thomas advises that a plaque will be presented to the section to mark this contribution. "I consider it particularly important that members support their own fund," he said. "In the years ahead I am sure that they will derive tremendous satisfaction from their own contributions to a fund designed to bring them ongoing benefits."

"I am delighted to announce that the fund has now passed the £50,000 mark and this provides a strong base for future development."



Above: **BIGGA Chairman Roy Kates receives a cheque from Ransomes' UK Sales Manager Richard Bishop.**



Right: **Gordon Rolfe**

Large and small companies line up for BTME '93



BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition and Seminar Programme 1993

A preliminary list of exhibitors has been drawn up for the 1993 BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition.

And the message from Exhibitions Officer Debbie Savage is: "If your company's name is not on the list, there's still time to take part - but book your stand space as soon as possible to avoid disappointment."

Companies large and small have confirmed their intention to take part in the 1993 BTME in Harrogate - considered to be the premier event for the fine turf industry.

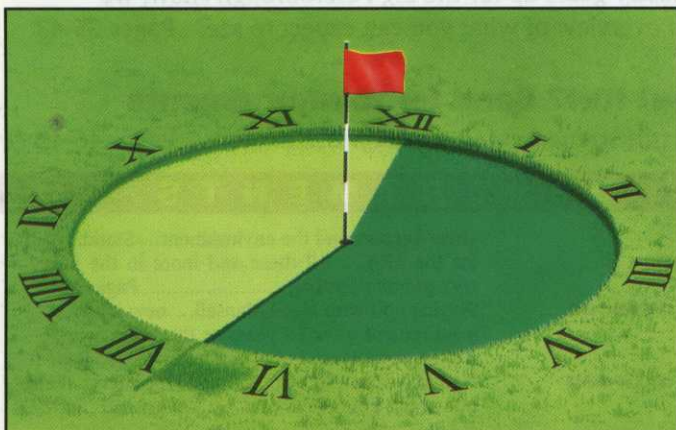
This year's exhibition, opened by BIGGA President Viscount Whitelaw, was reckoned to be the best yet.

Plans are well advanced for the next event, however, with the number of bookings up on this time last year.

● For a comprehensive information pack containing full details about the 1993 BTME, telephone Debbie on 03473 581 or by fax on 03473 8864.

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