

NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Royal Agricultural College,
Cirencester, 27-29 March 1992



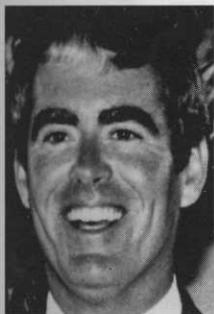
Members and golf Club officials will have received a copy of our 1992 National Education Conference programme and this will probably have whetted the appetite for attending the Cirencester event in March. Interest and participation in the conference has grown substantially since the first conference was held at Queens College, Cambridge in 1989, and now the fourth conference promises another rewarding experience, learning both from within the lecture room and in subsequent conversation and discussion. In both this issue of *Greenkeeper International* and in March, we profile some of the key speakers. If you have not already done so, reserve a place now by sending your booking form to Samantha Flint at HQ.

We look forward to seeing you in Cirencester.



Neil Baldwin graduated from Liverpool Polytechnic in 1985 with a first class honours degree in Applied Biology and a PhD research degree in Plant Pathology. After brief appointments with ADAS and the Scottish Agricultural College, Neil joined the STRI in 1986 to undertake research, advisory and consultancy activities in turfgrass diseases. Over the past six years he has published over 25 scientific papers and 39 general

articles on this subject. His current research interests are the dry patch condition of golf greens and the development of integrated pest and disease management practices for golf courses. Neil will be speaking on "Green Pest and Disease Control".



Patrick O'Brien is Director of the South Eastern Region, USGA Green Section, having held this position for some five years and visited Clubs in the region since 1985. His responsibilities include turfgrass advisory service visits, as well as writing articles for publication in the USGA Green Section Record. In addition, he speaks at conferences on both state and national levels.

A native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Pat graduated from Marietta College in Ohio with a Bachelor's degree in Biology in 1976, earning his Masters degree in Agronomy from West Virginia University in 1979.

Joining the USGA staff in May 1989 in the Mid-Atlantic region, Pat is a member of the American Society of Agronomy and of Beta Beta Beta, a biological honour society. A former semi-professional baseball player for the Morgantown Cardinals in West Virginia during 1976-78, he also participates in basketball and bowling during the winter months. He is an avid golfer with a handicap of eleven. Pat's two presentations will be 'Bent Grass Management in the South Eastern USA', and 'The Ten Best All-Time Tips of the USGA Green Section Staff'.



Tom Cook is a native of Washington, growing up in the eastern part of the state and working on golf courses whilst going through school and college. His degrees come from Washington State University and the University of Rhode Island, with work experience commencing with two years as a research associate at Washington State (alongside Dr Roy Goss) and currently with Oregon

State University, where he is Associate Professor. Tom is married with an eleven year old son and his interests include gardening, golf and photography. Professionally he has worked increasingly on weed control, golf turf culture and sportsfield maintenance programmes and his primary responsibilities at Oregon State University involve teaching undergraduates and handling turf extension statewide. Tom will present two papers - 'Maintaining bent grass greens: is it possible in cool temperate climates?' and 'Characteristics and performance of sand based tees and greens in the Pacific North West of the USA'.



Carol Borthwick, currently Senior Lecturer in Greenkeeping at Elmwood College; where she has worked for almost ten years, will present an intriguing address entitled 'Where do we go from here?'. She moved into greenkeeper education in 1986 before being appointed to her present position in April 1990. Carol has a diploma in Horticulture from the West of Scotland Agricultural College and holds the IOG's Intermediate Diploma in Horticulture, having previously gained the National Technical Certificate. At present she is undertaking an HNC in Management.

Carol is a keen six handicap golfer, hovering on making the Perth and Kinross County Golf Team. Only the fact that she commits herself fully to her career and greenkeeping education keeps from this honour, but as she herself says "I love my job and am what you might call a workaholic".



● For a copy of the National Education Conference programme and booking form, contact BIGGA HQ on 03473 581/2