



BIGGA Chairman George Malcolm and, centre, Roger Mossop, Marketing Manager of ICI Professional Products, with the five ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year finalists: Tim McCreddie, Laurence Pithie, Richard Barker, Arne van Amerongen and David Whitaker

Plot your progress with ICI -BIGGA Wall Planner

For the second consecutive year, as part of their sponsorship programme, ICI Professional Products have produced for all course manager/head greenkeeper members of BIGGA, the official Association 1992 Wall Planner.

This colourful Wall Planner, measuring 28x20", illustrates the year at a glance, highlighting all the major BIGGA events. In addition, a valuable seasonal guide to the use of pesticides and fertilisers is featured together with details on products, their timing of use and chemical active ingredients.

Announcing the 1992 official Work Planner, Neil Thomas, BIGGA's Executive Director, said: "This exciting introduction by ICI Professional Products comes on top of their sponsorship of the ICI Premier Greenkeeper Award, BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition Seminar Programme and the BIGGA National Golf Tournament. ICI Professional Products are investing a substantial amount of money, expertise and enthusiasm into BIGGA, in particular into the key Association areas of Education, Training and Industry Development. In consequence they deserve our support in return."

All BIGGA course manager/head greenkeeper members have been mailed direct with their free Work Planner in time for the New Year. Planners are available for any BIGGA member upon request from BIGGA HQ.

Now it's over to you

The opportunity is yours! ICI are giving you, the BIGGA member, the chance to nominate a fellow course manager or head greenkeeper to represent your section in this prestigious competition.

The person you nominate should be a colleague who, in your opinion, manages and maintains his/her golf course as a model to other members of the profession.

Everyone should be considered, be they involved in managing nine holes with limited resources or the multi-million pound complex, for each faces different challenges deserving of recognition.

The winner of this highly esteemed competition will receive an all expenses paid trip to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Exhibition and Conference in Anaheim California during February 1993. Runners up prizes will also be

awarded.

What's more, at all three stages of the ICI Premier Greenkeeper Award, there are credits to be collected towards the Master Greenkeeper Certificate:

● In Stage 1, nominations at Section level, the nominee earns one credit for 50 marks or more out of a possible 100, for course assessment. 60 marks or more gains two credits, 75 marks or more, three credits.

● Stage 2, five regional nominations to final stage, following further course assessment and a written presentation, the nominee earns one credit for 50 marks or more out of a possible 100. 60 marks or more gains two credits, 75 marks or more, three credits.

● Stage 3, at a panel interview the overall winner gains three credits, runner-up, two credits and a credit for the third place.

ICI PREMIER GREENKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARD 1992

The 1992 ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award comprises of three stages:

Stage 1

Criteria:

1. Member of BIGGA.
2. Course Managers/Head Greenkeepers only.
3. Agreeable to complete all stages of the competition including having his/her course assessed by a BIGGA Regional Education Chairman and ICI Sales Manager.
4. The nomination should be a person who manages/maintains his/her golf course as a model to other members of the profession.

Section nominations

Each section committee of BIGGA to receive (via BIGGA headquarters) nominations from fellow members of the Association from their own section by 30 April 1992. The section committee of BIGGA will then discuss the nominations and by no later than 31 May 1992 send their nomination to the BIGGA Education Officer.

Stage 2

Each region of BIGGA will receive five section nominations as follows:

- Scotland – Ayrshire, Central, East, North and West
- Northern – North-East, North-West, Northern, Cleveland, Sheffield
- Midland – East Midland, Midland, East of England, Berks/Bucks/Oxon, Mid-Anglia
- South East – Surrey, Kent, Sussex, London, East Anglia

South West and Wales – South-West, South Coast, Devon and Cornwall, South Wales, North Wales* (North Wales Section allocated to South West and Wales Region for the award only).

During June/July/August, the section nominations will have a course assessment carried out by the BIGGA Regional Education Chairman and the local ICI Area Sales Manager on a regional basis. Following the course assessments, the two assessors will forward their markings to the BIGGA Education Officer.

NB: the course assessment will include the following areas: "Presentation of the Golf Course", "Staff Organisation", "Organisation of Sheds", "Budget Management", "Record and Stock Control", "Management Participation", "Course Development Programme", "Machinery and Irrigation", "Golfing Knowledge".

Stage 3

The five regional winners will have their course inspected during the last two weeks of September 1992 by representatives of BIGGA and ICI.

The five regional winners will also attend BIGGA Headquarters near York for a panel interview comprising of representatives from BIGGA and ICI.

One month before panel interview, the finalists will forward a 1,000 word submission on a proposed autumn/winter maintenance programme for their course for consideration in conjunction with interviews which will take place in early December 1992.

Send in your nomination today – complete the pre-paid card opposite Page 4