

Head Office

Golden Key membership for Farmura and Milliken

With work on the new Training Video "Setting the Standard - in Spray Application" nearly complete, BIGGA is delighted to welcome both Farmura and Milliken as Golden Key members following their support for the new video.

"It's great news for the Education and Development Fund that Farmura and Milliken have become Golden Key members," said Executive Director, Neil Thomas. "They have been two of the major sponsors of the new video which has been warmly welcomed both by BIGGA members and within the industry."

Jonathan Harmer, Managing Director of Farmura commented: "We are pleased to be part of the first BIGGA Training Video which emphasises quality and professionalism. It will, I hope, be of value not only to greenkeepers but also

to Green Committees and club members in helping their understanding of the variety of skills required to produce top class results."

Commenting on the launch of the video a spokesman for Greenlink Products, the national distributor for Blazon, the spray pattern indicator featured throughout the film, said: "The support provided by Milliken Chemical, a BIGGA Golden Key member and manufacturer of Blazon, has been tremendous. Their sponsorship of this video emphasises how much importance they place on greenkeeper education and training. This video will prove to be an excellent vehicle for improving greenkeeping practices and will show to all who watch it how much care, attention and skill is given to the management of golf courses and their surrounding environment."

Education and training update

- The Toro/PGA Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award Regional Finals are being scheduled to take place at college centres at the beginning of September. The National Final will take place at Aldwark Manor on 11-12 October.
- Nominations for the ICI premier Greenkeeper Award were due into headquarters by 31 July. Each section nomination will be visited by a BIGGA Educational Convenor and an ICI representative. Subsequently there will be a further course assessment for each of the Regional finalists followed by the National Final at Aldwark Manor on 6-7 December.
- Very few places remain on the Pesticide Course at Aldwark Manor for the week commencing 27 September. If you wish to

obtain your PA1 and PA2A book now - to date there has been a 100% pass rate.

● The fifth year of Management Courses are now being booked. Early bookings are advised and don't forget the dates:

Year One courses - 18-22 and 25-29 October; Year Two - 1-5 November; Year Three - 8-12 November and Year Four - 15-19 November.

To reserve your place, complete the postcard in this magazine and return to BIGGA together with a deposit of £100 plus VAT (total: £117.50). The balance will be due for payment no later than 1 October 1993. If you have any queries or need more information, call Debbie Savage on 0347 838581.

greenkeepers get up every morning rain, snow or sun to tend their golf courses. He loved his work and was excited by each new project."

It was typical of Sam to be the first Greenkeeper to achieve the new qualification for assessing National Vocational Qualifications.

Sam was only 35 years old and leaves behind a wife and three children to whom we send our sincere condolences.

Sam Hagen

It is with great sadness that we inform members of the sudden death of Sam Hagen, Course Manager at The Vale Golf and Country Club, near Pershore and formerly Head Greenkeeper at The Belfry.

Richard Harrison, the general manager at Aldwark Golf Hotel, employed Sam at The Vale: "Having worked within the leisure industry for over 20 years, I believe Sam exemplified why

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