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Simon Gidman, one of the young tigers of golf course architecture, is well qualified to discuss **The**

benefits of engaging a golf course architect, having been involved in the business for some ten years and more recently gaining full membership of the British Institute of Golf Course Architects. Simon first entered golf as an assistant professional at Gerrards Cross GC, retaining his 'pro' status until 1979, when he attended Leeds Polytechnic until 1982 to study Landscape Architecture. From 1983 he worked as a self employed consultant at Hawtree & Co and during that time worked on many golf courses both private and public in Britain and abroad.

Courses for which he has had primary responsibility, both in terms of planning, design and contract supervision include the Seedy Mill GC, Sandford Springs GC, West Hove GC, Salisbury & S Wilts (extension), and the prestigious Puckrup Hall Hotel course at Tewkesbury.



Richard Barker is well known to readers of **Greenkeeper International**, playing a multi-faceted role in the develop-

ment of the Association through his chairmanship of the East Midland section, his just announced appointment to the committee of the Midland region and his launch into greenkeeping 'stardom' as an award winner in the 1991 ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year awards.

Apart from his 'serious' work,

Richard has achieved high honours in the game of golf and has on numerous occasions been seen taking the giant's share of silverware at BIGGA tournaments.

Since 1988 he has been head greenkeeper at Kirby Muxloe GC, near Leicester, and it is from his experiences at Kirby Muxloe that he presents his talk on **Grass cutting to cost cutting**, a paper that will outline several important aspects in the preparing and monitoring of a golf course budget and its subsequent presentation to the club treasurer – valuable ammunition.



David MacIndoe began his career under the expert guidance of Jack McMillan, cutting his metaphorical golfing teeth on

the fine turf of Cardross, Scotland. At the age of just 20 he won recognition by becoming the head greenkeeper at Kingshorpe GC, Northampton, following this with similar posts at Kingsdown GC and the West Herts GC. Throughout all this time David was the most active of committee men, serving on the executive committee of BGGGA, on the board of management of EIGGA and chairing the London branch for both BGGGA and EIGGA.

Ireland beckoned in 1984 and he became course manager at the exquisite 36 hole Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, a club that has played host to the Carrolls Irish Open in both 1991 and 1992. We know David as a man with essentially practical views and we are sure that seminar participants will enjoy listening to his discourse on **Greens management – back to reality**, a thoroughly intriguing title.

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a wealth of experience

Kerran Daly is the course manager at Salisbury and South Wilts GC., as well as being one of the select handful who has achieved Master Greenkeeper status. He's a Scot by birth and breeding but with the unusual distinction of having only ever worked on golf courses in the south of England – rare indeed!

Always an active member of BIGGA, Kerran has held various positions within the committee structure, including chairmanship of the Sussex section. More recently he has been elected as the regional board representative for the South Coast section, expressing his main interest as that of advancing greenkeeper education. On that front, Kerran will address the Harrogate audience on the subject of **Computers in golf course management**, with a vow that he will refrain from mentioning *Poa annua*, *Pennecross*, 'The Way Forward', *Fusarium*, Take all patch or any other such taxing subjects, this for a full thirty minutes!



John Millen is the envy of many of his colleagues, a course manager who has achieved a lifelong ambition, that of designing and constructing a golf course from scratch. His course, however, is not one of the umpteen million pound wonders that swallow profit and bruise credibility, rather it is an essentially practical play-every-day layout that will

take heavy traffic, despite its clay based soil. This has been achieved at a cost of just £700,000 and from the very beginning has shown a healthy profit and attracted great acclaim – creditable indeed.

John practices what he preaches and will pose for discussion the premise that **Golf – 365 days a year!** is no pipe dream, rather an eminently achievable target for those who seek to provide year round play on a full course at reasonable cost, coupled with true, firm greens and mud free fairways.



George Barr has much to be proud of, managing as he does the delightful Ham Manor course, undoubtedly one of Harry Colt's finest. At the back of George's mind, however, there had long been a nagging feeling that the eighteenth green at 'The Ham' had somehow not survived in quite the same way as Harry's seventeen other gems, often playing in an uncharacteristic manner. With unbounded enthusiasm and a modicum of guidance from the experts, George photographed the green, took meticulous measurements of every contour and idiosyncrasy and then proceeded to lift the turf and rebuild the entire green to USGA specifications. His talk, **The layman's view on building a USGA spec green** will make fascinating lis-

tening, with the ghost of Harry Colt, I fancy, nodding approval.



Martin Jones started in greenkeeping as a result of summer work whilst studying maths and engineering. During a period spent on the Southend Parks Department course, he decided that his future lay in golf course management. Positions at Saffron Waldon GC and Tadmerton Heath GC followed and he is currently responsible for growing in the prestigious Rees Jones designed Oxfordshire course near Thame.

His paper, **Setting up an American style development in Britain**, will highlight the differences between managing old and new courses and outline the techniques used during the establishment of an American style course.



Jane Ryan is secretary of the BIGGA Sheffield section and the glamorous half of Yorkshire's only husband and wife greenkeeping team, working alongside husband Paul at Abbeydale GC. She is rare in many respects in being not only a player of great merit, having competed at national level against the likes of Laura Davis and Alison Nicholas, but also a qualified greenkeeper with over seventeen years solid

experience and, above all, being foremost amongst the most dedicated of those whose cause it is to further the proud profession of greenkeeping. Speaking for the first time to a nationally assembled group, Jane's subject is one dear to our hearts – **Hold your head up high** – a *cri de coeur* that should not be ignored.



Bob Lupton worked at the STRI for four years before becoming a head greenkeeper, at the tender age of 19, at Baildon GC. After six years he moved to a second head greenkeeping post, this time at West Bradford GC, and eight years later moved to his current job, that of course manager at Cleckheaton, where he has been in charge for some five years. Bob is a high profile BIGGA personality – a lifelong member, currently the Northern region administrator, a committee member of the Northern section and a former chairman, secretary and treasurer. In addition he has also worked on the Turfgrass Advisory Committee and the Askham Bryan College Liaison Committee.

There can be none in the profession who doubt the value of aeration, though his subject for discussion, **Aeration and the golf club member**, will no doubt open up a whole new vista on the thorny problem of keeping the customers satisfied by keeping them informed.