



# National Education Conference

26-28 March 1993

University of Keele, Staffordshire

For the fifth consecutive year, BIGGA's National Education conference in the spring will feature a programme of international speakers. The Conference Programme will be available on the BIGGA Stand, C15, at the BTME.

### *The speakers and their topics are:*

Professor Noel Jackson, The University of Rhode Island, USA:  
**Cool Season Turf Diseases in the USA and the UK**

Ian Tomlinson, Course Manager, Lausanne Golf Club:  
**The Problems Associated with Maintaining a Golf Course at 2,800ft Altitude in Switzerland**

Antony Mears, Course Manager, Dinsdale Spa Golf Club:  
**The Wild Side of Golf**

Dr Peter Hayes, Director, The Sports Turf Research Institute:  
**The Role of the Agronomist and Supporting Scientific Services**

Robert Brame, Agronomist, Mid-Atlantic Region, USGA Green Section:  
**Poa Annua: Wherever Did It Come From and How We Manage It**

Andy Cole, Advisory Agronomist, The Sports Turf Research Institute:  
**Greenkeeping Qualifications - Are We On The Right Lines?**

Patrick Murphy, BIGGA Northern Section Secretary and Course Manager at Shipley Golf Club:  
**The Lifting, Excavating and Re-Building of a Golf Green with a Drainage Carpet Layer and Having it Back in Play in 17 Days**

Arthur King/Edward McCabe, Green Committee Chairman and Course Manager respectively, Brockenhurst Manor Golf Club Ltd:  
**Course Management - Communication with Members**

Gary Grigg, Board of Directors, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America:  
**Current and Future Issues in Golf Course Management**

Severin Schmitz, Course Manager, Golf Club Schloss Myllendonk:  
**How a Personal Computer Can Aid a Course Manager**

Ian Thompson, Course Manager, Wetherby Golf Club:  
**Trees and Tree-Planting for Golf Courses**

Anthony Davies, Course Manager, Prestbury Golf Club:  
**Right or Wrong - I Did It My Way**

George Brown, Course Manager, Turnberry Golf Course:  
**Being Open-Minded**

Professor Noel Jackson, The University of Rhode Island, USA:  
**Patch Diseases in Cool Season Turf Grasses**

Gordon Child, BIGGA South West Regional Administrator and Course Manager at Churston Golf Club:  
**Greenkeeping - Past, Present and Future**

Iain Ritchie, Course Manager, Portmarnock Golf Club:  
**Three Years at Portmarnock**

Robert Brame, Agronomist, Mid-Atlantic Region, USGA Green Section:  
**The Ten Pitfalls of American Turfgrass Management.**

Copies of the Programme and Application Form are also available from BIGGA HQ, Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF. Tel: 03473 581 • Fax: 03473 8864.



■ Elmwood College recently held its annual awards ceremony, with the greenkeepers pictured having much to smile about. Norman Wood (left), head greenkeeper at Burntisland GC, gained the prize for the best Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) portfolio. Robert Rees (centre), presently working at the college golf course, achieved the award for the best student in the first year of the full-time SCOTVEC National Certificate in Greenkeeping. Michael Clark (right), head greenkeeper at Aberdour GC, achieved first place on the Supervisory Management Course.

All three are now continuing their education by attending the first HNC course in Golf Course Management. This is currently a day release option, though from September '93 it will be available as a distance learning course. An HND course is also planned.

■ The vision of three times Open Champion, Sir Henry Cotton to make golf courses of simpler proportion and open to all members of the family will soon be realised when Bridlington Bay opens for play in May. Course architect Howard Swan, who had the great privilege of working with the late Sir Henry throughout the 1980s, has created two golf courses at Bridlington Bay on the cliff tops, together with a driving range and golf academy.

Both Swan and Cotton shared the same belief that golf is a sport for everyone, and to this end a complex of courses at Bridlington have been created, designed simply and with nature fully in mind. The Sir Henry Cotton Foundation Course - for beginners - has wide open fairways and no bunkers.



■ Congratulations to Jonathan Gaunt on his admission to Associate membership of the regulatory body for golf course architecture, the British Institute of Golf Course Architects. Jonathan, an exceptionally talented young architect, joins colleagues Steve Marnoch and Ken Moodie in having successfully completed the BIGGA Students Education Programme - a highly technical course which takes a minimum of two years to complete.

The course covers key aspects of civil engineering, landscape architecture, golf course design, planning and specification and also the game of golf at beginner, intermediate and expert levels. It also entails practical training under strict supervision in one of BIGGA's members' practices.

Founded in 1970, the aim of the Institute is to bring together the very best golf course architects in order to provide a safe, professional service to clients who have traditionally suffered at the hands of a wide range of untrained designers.

■ Bernard Hedley, chairman of Rigby Taylor Ltd, has announced the appointment of Mark Baxendale as their new operations director. Mark brings a wealth of experience from

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industries where efficient supply is of the utmost importance, his appointment seen as a further indication of the company's commitment to the operations side of their business. Mark's position carries responsibility throughout the company for all aspects of supply and distribution.

■ Maxicrop International is redirecting its five technical reps. to support sales in the amenity sector. The move comes as a result of a 21% increase in volume sales (amenity) in 1992. The reps, who also handle the company's sales activities are: Willie Robertson, Scotland (0343 544551); George Attwood-Harris, N England (0782 515679); John Plant, Midlands & Wales (0630 86524); Eric Coley, E Counties & S England (0359 70450) and Peter Light, SW England (0823 251110).

■ Clive Carter, sales manager of Turfmach Machinery Ltd, tells me that the company now have new premises, just a few miles from their old location, situated at the New Road Ind. Estate, Hixon, Staffs. Apart from increased office, workshop and machinery space, they now boast a four acre demo area where customers can see Turfmach's range of mowers, stone buriers, vacuums and debris blowers in action. Their new number is 0889 271503.

■ Lindum Turf have announced the appointment of David Snowden as their new sales manager. David, who hails from Leeds, is finding his feet quickly in the fine turf industry, having a strong horticultural and agricultural background. He has a particular appreciation for turf quality, being a keen golfer as well as a rugby union player for the local club, Otley.



David can be contacted on 065261 329.

■ The John Lindsay Professional Sportsturf Young Greenkeeper of the Year award is a new competition open to all young Irish greenkeepers who have not yet reached head greenkeeping status. This year's winner, BIGGA member Charles Edgar, hails from Portstewart GC, where he is first assistant to Bernard Findlay. Second placed Alan Walsh is Iain Ritchie's star apprentice at Portmarnock and is currently studying at Elmwood, whilst third placed Paul Lappin, Royal Portrush, is being trained by yet another BIGGA man, ex Surrey chairman, Phil Baldock. If all this proves that greenkeeper education and awareness is on the up, it also proves that it is no bad thing to be under the expert guidance of a well qualified BIGGA course manager – our congratulations to them all!

• Picture below shows John Lindsay, left, looking on as Charles Edgar, centre, receives his winning certificate from chairman of Northern Ireland Golf Greenkeepers Association, Joe Millar.

*Picture courtesy of the Belfast Telegraph.*



■ SCATS Amenity Machinery Sales and Hardi (UK) Ltd will be staging a sprayer seminar on 17 February at the new Wildwood Golf Club, Near Horsham, W Sussex. The seminar will be led by Jon Allbútt and will feature spraying in the 1990s – including the new H&SE specifications – together with general guidance and regulations for clubs and CCT contractors. The meeting will start at 10am, followed by a buffet lunch. Contact Robert Joy on 0403 782031 for a free invitation.

■ Can you spare two hours for training in 1993? Rhone-Poulenc would like to help you invest that time in updating your knowledge and expertise in the use of total weed control products. By working with a number of bodies, including water supply companies, they have developed strategies for sustainable vegetation management. Now in the form of a training module, Rhone-Poulenc wish to brief you on these strategies. Training sessions will be held at venues all over the country starting from 18 January. Morning or afternoon sessions will be available based on groups of no more than 20 people. Call Christine on 0277 301117 to reserve a place.

■ Golf Design Partnership, the Oxford-based firm headed by Simon Gidman and Nicholas Blakemore, are currently supervising construction of a new 18 hole course at the long established Frilford Heath GC. The new 6700 yard course, to be known as the 'Blue', is scheduled to open in 1994.

■ Peter de Savary, who owns the original Carnegie Estate of Skibo Castle, has commenced reconstruction of the original Carnegie course, entrusting the construction work to Brian Pierson. The original nine hole links course has been modified and extended to 18 holes by the international golf course architect Donald Steel. Skibo Castle is within the Dornoch Firth Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Construction will be completed early in 1993 with play commencing in 1994.

■ A former open cast mine, now carefully restored as a golf course by Hawtree & Sons, opened recently as the Grassmore Golf Centre, Chesterfield, after four years of growth and nurturing. Though not yet fully open for play, which is scheduled for this summer, the facility has already recruited over 350 members in only two months.

■ Sixty five metres down in the bowels of Shropshire, British Coal are extracting six million cubic metres of material in an open cast mining operation. When the ground is reinstated, a nine hole course, to be operated as a municipal facility, will be created by the Howard Swan Practice, acting as architects for Green Eagle Golf. The course is expected to be in play early in 1996.