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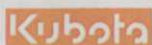


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Video is a first for BIGGA and industry



The launch of BIGGA's first turf management training video, wholly sponsored by companies contributing to the Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund, took place at the Open Championship in July.

This video, the first in a planned series, focuses on the spray application of pesticides, fertilisers and the other chemicals within a golf course environment. Entitled "Setting the Standard in Spray Application", topics include the integration of chemicals with mechanical and cultural practices, the matching of power units with sprayers and defining the standard of equipment and course requirements.

The film details the progress of a typical sprayer operation from start to finish demonstrating the essential Health and Safety requirements and the current Codes of Practice. The complete calibration procedures for a boom sprayer is featured, together with the correct methods for handling, measuring and mixing chemicals prior to application.

The video has already been acclaimed as a major training aid for all those involved in turf management.

Filming of the video took place at the Belfry Golf Course, venue for the 1993 Ryder Cup.

More than 1,500 free copies have already been sent to course managers and head greenkeepers, who are BIGGA members, at golf clubs throughout the UK.

Additional copies of this most informative video – which would help both golf course members and committee members to understand the skills involved in maintaining golf courses – are available at a cost of £18.75 (BIGGA members) or £23.75 (non-BIGGA members), inclusive of VAT, postage and packing. Send your cheque or postal order made payable to BIGGA to: British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF.

■ The Toro/PGA Student Greenkeeper Award regional finals have now been scheduled. The Welsh final has already taken place and the five other regional finals will take place from 9–13 September at various college locations throughout the country. The eight finalists to include two from Ireland will be featured in the next issue of Greenkeeper International and the winner being chosen at the National final at BIGGA Headquarters on 10/11 October. Good luck to all the finalists.

■ If you have not yet attended one of BIGGA's Management Courses, please consider doing so this year and getting booked in Year 1 now!

Years 2, 3 and 4 are filling up rapidly as these delegates have already gained the benefit from attending one of these courses and want to come back for more! It's not too late to book so complete the green registration card in this issue of the magazine and send to HQ to reserve your place.

■ Last month members were advised of changes taking place regarding the provision of financial services and that details would appear in this issue of the magazine. At present details are not yet finalised but should be so for the October issue of Greenkeeper International. Meanwhile, members who need further information or advice should contact either Neil Thomas or John Pemberton at BIGGA HQ on 0347 838581.