

Announcing the winners of Greenkeeper International's BTME competition

They may not have won the National Lottery, but they've won the next best thing – our popular BTME competition, worth £750 in prizes.

And the lucky winners are... **Nigel Buxton**, first assistant,

Cavendish Golf Club; **Andrew Young**, Otley College student and first assistant; and **Stuart Hogg**, deputy course manager at Fontrosse and Rosemarkie Golf Club.

First prize winner, Nigel Bux-

ton, wins return rail travel, three nights' accommodation at a top hotel in Harrogate and entry to all educational seminar sessions.

Second prize winner Andrew Young will receive return rail fare, two nights' accommodation

and entry to all seminars. Third prize winner Stuart Hogg will be given one night's accommodation in Harrogate and entry to all the seminar sessions.

Congratulations to all our winners – enjoy the show!

World class speakers line up for educational event

ENVIRONMENTAL issues, agronomy and irrigation are the main themes for the 1995 BIGGA National Education Conference at The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, January 23 and 24.

'Green' issues will be covered by David Stubbs, executive director of the European Golf Association Ecology Unit, Neil Sinden of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Wally Grice of the Forestry Authority, Bob Taylor of the STRI, James Moore of the USGA and Dr James Beard of Texas A&M University.

Agronomy will be covered by several course managers, including Andy Campbell.

Irrigation will be covered by

the Learning experience

Charlie Barebo of Otterbine Barebo, RA Murray of the Leeds Weather Centre, George Bell of NRA Thames Region, consultant Philip York and head greenkeeper Martin Smith of Ramsdale Park Golf Centre.

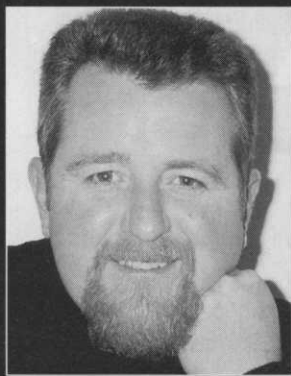
Other greenkeepers giving talks at the National Education Conference include Billy McMillan of the Wildwood Golf Club, Duncan McGilvray of Letchworth Golf Club, Joe Paulin of the London Golf Club and Geoff Allinson of Patsull Park Golf Club.

The National Education Conference is followed by the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition at the nearby Harrogate International Centre, January 25-27. Running alongside the show is a series of education seminars with a similarly high calibre of speakers.

The quality of this line-up of speakers means Harrogate will be hosting the most informative and comprehensive fine turf education programme outside San Francisco in 1995.

"It's a week few greenkeepers, club secretaries and chairmen of green can afford to miss," says BIGGA's education officer Ken Richardson.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS...



Jim Cassidy, pictured, is course manager at Ashridge Golf Club and his talk in the Royal Hall on Wednesday January 25 will be about his course – the geology and wildlife, the management structure, improvements brought about by investment in modern machinery, the irrigation system and future plans.

◆ The Institute of Agricultural Engineers' amenity and ecological engineering group will hold a special seminar in the George Hotel from 2-5pm on Thursday January 26. The subject will be Engineering Progress in Sports Turf Maintenance. Speakers will include Marvin Jaques of Ransomes, Bill Oliver of Hardi and David Jenkins of Charterhouse. Entrance is free.



The Majestic Hotel will be the base for the '95 National Education Conference. If you are going to the conference, you'll find it much more convenient if you are booked into this 156-bedroom hotel. You will also find it more relaxing as it has a heated indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, gymnasium, squash court, tennis court, golf driving net and snooker/pool room.



BTME opening times

Wednesday January 25:
9am-5.30pm
Thursday January 26:
9am-5.30pm
Friday January 27:
9am-1.30pm

◆ BIGGA's president, Viscount Whitelaw, who missed last year's show because he had some important speeches to make in the House of Lords, intends to be there this year to see how much BTME has grown since his last visit.

LATE BOOKINGS

Accommodation is still available but it's being booked fast. Call Sami Collins at BIGGA HQ today to reserve your hotel room. Telephone 0347 838581.

◆ The third European Forum will take place in the Royal Hall on Thursday January 26 from 1.30-3pm. Speakers include Tommy Lindelof, chief executive of the Swedish Greenkeepers Association; Peter Shaw, international member and course manager at Munchen-Riedhof in Germany; Dennis Mortram of Reaseheath College and Joe Baidy, president of the GCSAA.

◆ The BIGGA Annual General Meeting will take place at The Majestic Hotel at 5.45pm on Wednesday January 25. All members are urged to attend – but please produce your membership cards to get in.

◆ The British Association of Golf Course Constructors will be holding a reception in the Swan Hotel from 6-7.30pm on Wednesday January 25. Admission is by invitation only.