

Thumbs-up for the BTME

To the Chairman

Many congratulations on a most successful event and my good wish for the continued prosperity of your Association, which means so much not only to greenkeepers but to all golfers.

Hugh Griffiths, captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews

To the Executive Director

Having just spent a most enjoyable week at the BTME, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the time and effort you put into this event to make certain that everything went smoothly and that it was a success.

I appreciate this was a team effort and I would ask you to convey my thanks to everyone at HQ for playing their part, but a team is judged by its leader and the success of the events at Harrogate prove that the Association has the right person in that position to take it forward to further successes and recognition within the golfing world.

John Crawford, BIGGA chairman

To the Executive Director

I thought I should write to thank you, your staff and the Board of Management for running such a successful exhibition in Harrogate. As always, the atmosphere was very good amongst the trade and members. The fact that the show has grown in stature through difficult times is a credit to yourself and your hard-working staff. We now have a show that can compete with all others. I personally believe that our show is now the premier show in this country, and one which all members should be proud to attend.

A lot has happened in the association since it was set up. I can remember you presenting your first ever talk to the Surrey section at Cranleigh on "The new Association" which at that time was only a number of weeks old. Many of our objectives and aspirations for the association discussed then have borne fruit since that time. Although there is still a great deal to be achieved we should be pleased with our progress to date. I am keen that the review about to be undertaken will set the way forward to greater achievements in the future. This will, I am sure, further the respect and recognition for greenkeepers.

One other matter. I would like you to consider in the review not bringing together the National Conference with the BTME. I and others believe that both have their place in our calendar of events. We must remember that education is one of our main objectives.

Ian McMillan, Hankley Common Golf Course, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey

● *Editor's note: The future of the National Education Conference is an important matter for the Association. In many ways it is in the hands of the members who can show their support by booking places for this year's conference at the University of Warwick, April 8-10. I wel-*

come the views of other members as it is essential that a wide consensus of opinion is sought before the Board of Management reaches a decision after this April's conference.

To the Executive Director

I felt I must write formally and congratulate you and all your staff on the success of the BTME. The whole exhibition was run with smooth efficiency and calm authority.

The atmosphere within the exhibition halls throughout the three days was one of professional purpose coupled with an enthusiastic expectancy, an exhibition atmosphere rarely experienced throughout the last few years.

Quality of the visitors was the highlight of the exhibition with delegates coming to the stand to seek out information which may assist them in their work rather than just browsing around collecting leaflets. For our part we had a constant stream of decision-makers to our stand eager to learn how Blazon could improve the uniformity and quality of their spraying operation.

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Richard Fry, Marketing Link Associates, Basildon, Essex

To the Executive Director

Thank you for all your help and support during last week's exhibition in Harrogate. From our viewpoint, it was another success and I appreciate the effort put in by you and your staff in making it so. They are all a great credit to the Association.

Kim Macfie, sales and marketing director, Hayters PLC, Bishops Stortford

To the Executive Director

Just a brief note to thank you and your team for all your efforts in making the BTME a tremendous success.

I have been at HIREX in Wembley and the word is certainly buzzing between those exhibitors who were at Harrogate and those who weren't that BTME and Harrogate was the place to be.

The vibes are definitely that we have a very successful show aimed at the right market, at the right time and at the right location. Whilst we should cooperate with any plans within the industry, at the present time we should concentrate on maintaining the steady growth of BTME.

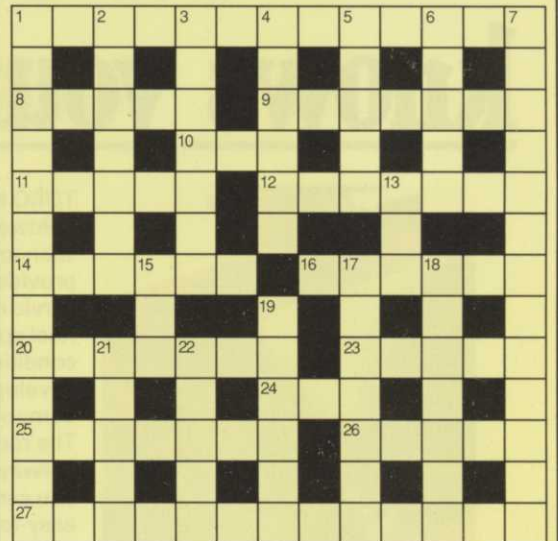
Michael Coleman, Fuchsia Exhibition Services, Great Dunmow, Essex

I write to congratulate the Association on holding an excellent exhibition at Harrogate. I don't think I have ever seen the hall so full and we were very impressed that so many delegates came from so far afield.

Jonathan Franks, Amenity Grass Seed Manager, British Seed Houses, Warrington

GREENKEEPER'S CROSSWORD

Compiled by Mark G Smith, first assistant at Frilford Heath GC



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1(L Picea Abies) (9,4)
- 8 Why a tyre might be flat (2,3)
- 9 Cluster of leaves such as rose petals (7)
- 10 Yearly get together of members to discuss golf club business (1,1,1)
- 11 Apply another dose of Fison's "Turflex" (2-3)
- 12 Systematically watch as part of staff training (9)
- 14 Mowing implement with a large curved blade (6)
- 15 Fail to hole a putt (4,2)
- 20 State in which the 1991 USPGA Championship, Crooked Stick CC, Carmel, was held (7)
- 23 Small shoot or twig (5)
- 24 The grain on a putting green (3)
- 25 One named: the Course Manager's chosen successor perhaps (7)
- 26 Outer membrane of a pollen or spore (5)
- 27 An outsider holing a full two iron for the Championship maybe (4,4,2,3)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 The Country Club, Washington DC, venue of the 1964 US Open (13)
- 2 Hard surfaced area at the rear of the 17th green, The Old Course, St Andrews (4-3)
- 3 A golf handicap of zero (7)
- 4 To which church do former US Open Champions Billy Casper and Johnny Miller voluntarily donate a third of their earnings (6)
- 5 Manufacturer of aerators, mowers and scarifiers, etc. (5)
- 6 The rotating part of a motor or hover mower (5)
- 7 What shares the putting surface with the 7th hole on The Old Course, St Andrews (8,5)
- 13 Ernie, South African tour professional (3)
- 15 The white clover (L. folium Repens) (3)
- 17 What the Course Manager does to his greens every day (7)
- 18 Overlook or survey the whole golf course (7)
- 19 Tony, winner of the 1936 US Open Championship (6)
- 21 An evil spirit, particularly good with a putter (5)
- 22 The Common Alder (L. Glutinosa) (5)

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Despite the absence of clue 11, there was a huge response to our first crossword (solution, right). And the winner is: James Johnstone, first assistant at Turnberry Hotel and Golf Club. He will receive his BIGGA blazer in the post soon. In case you wondered, the clue for 11 across was: Spanish nickname of Jose Maria Olazabal and the answer was "Chema".



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