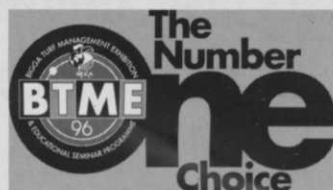


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## THE EXHIBITION

The growth and success of the show had brought about the need for more exhibition space and this year, for the first time Hall D at the Harrogate International Conference Centre has been introduced to cope with the demand. The decision was vindicated immediately with every square metre of floor space being booked.

A total of 162 companies will be exhibiting at BTME '96, many taking much larger stands than in previous years and many exhibiting for the first time.

As with last year exhibitors will be issued with light pens so they can



note to whom they have been talking by simply scanning the barcoded

delegate badges. Coventry Data Services has once again been commis-

## BTME OPENING TIMES

Wednesday January 24 9am-5.30pm  
Thursday January 25 9am-5.30pm  
Friday January 26 9am-1.30pm

## BOOKING SYSTEM

Any delegate wishing to book hotels, seminar sessions or the Banquet should contact Sami Collins at BIGGA Headquarters on 01347 838581.

## AGM

The BIGGA Annual General Meeting will take place at the Majestic Hotel at 5.45pm on Wednesday January 24, 1996. All members are urged to attend but membership cards must be produced.

sioned by BIGGA to operate this scheme.

# Most comprehensive education programme in Europe



The Learning Experience was given a huge boost by a major agreement signed by BIGGA and Ransomes which will ensure that its status as the finest of its type anywhere in Europe is reaffirmed. The agreement, initially for three years but with options beyond that, ensures that considerable opportunities for the development of the Learning Experience in association with Ransomes will be opened up and exploited.

Among the speaker on this year's National Education Conference, Educational Workshop Programme and Educational Seminar Programme is Dr Joe Vargas Jnr.

Dr Vargas has been professor of Botany and Plant Pathology at Michigan State University for the past 25 years where he was involved in teach-



ing and research. He has published over 200 articles on turfgrass diseases and related subjects and spoken at over 1,000 conferences throughout the world.

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## National Education Conference

What you can look forward to:

**TRANSITION ZONE JULY THROUGH**

**DECEMBER:** Stanley Zontek, Director, United States Golf Association Mid Atlantic Region

**GRASS SPECIES FOR GOLF:** Ian McMillan, Course Manager, Hankley Common Golf Club/Dr A J Newall, STRI

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT:** Peter Jones, Peter Jones Associates/Dr C A York, STRI

**AN ALGARVIAN EXPERIENCE:** Peter Wisbey, Technical Director, Sociedade Do Golfe Da Quinta Do Largo

**A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH:** Jonathan Hill, Product Manager, Rhône Poulenc  
**THE BUDGET PROCESS:** David Whitaker, Course Manager, Wisley Golf Club

**GOLF COURSE CONCEPT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT:** Neville Pearson, ADAS

**OVERWINTERING IN CANADA:** Trevor Smith, Past President, Canadian Golf Superintendents Association

**PESTICIDE USAGE SURVEY - PRELIMINARY RESULTS:** Dr Alan Gange, University of London and David Garthwaite, Central Science Laboratory

**FROM SOIL TO SAND:** John Wells, Master Greenkeeper, Course Manager, Bocket Hall

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**MOUNTAIN:** Ian Tomlinson, Course Manager, Lausanne Golf Club  
**ANNUAL BLUEGRASS/BENTGRASS WHICH IS STRONGER?** Joe Vargas, Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology, Michigan State University.

## Workshop 1. Golf Course Design, Construction and Establishment.

Presented jointly by BIGGA and the British Institute of Golf Course Architects and hosted by Howard Swan MSc and Simon Gidman BSc, members of the British Institute of Golf Course Architects.

## Workshop 2. Stress Management Techniques

Presented by Brin Bendon, Vector Training.

## Educational Seminar Programme THE CANADIAN GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION:

Trevor Smith, Past President, Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Association

**WHO ME?** David Walden, Zeneca Premier Greenkeeper 1994

**BACK DOWN TO EARTH:** Euan Grant, Toro/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year 1994

**THE ROLE OF THE UNIONS TODAY:** English Golf Union



**THE EVOLUTION OF GREENKEEPER TRAINING IN IRELAND:** Joe Furlong, Golfing Union of Ireland  
**THE GREENKEEPER, THE GOLFCLUB AND THE SCOTTISH GOLF UNION:** Bob McLaren, Scottish Golf Union  
**ACCURATE MODERN WATER SCHEDULING:** Peter White, P&D Water Management  
**LIFELONG LEARNING - OUR FUTURE:** Lorraine Hatton, Plan-it

**COMPETITION WINNERS**  
 Paul Compton, First Assistant at South Beds GC, is the lucky winner of our BTME competition. Paul wins a trip to Harrogate for three nights, staying in a top hotel, and entry into all educational seminar sessions.

Second, and winner of a trip to Harrogate, two nights' accommodation and entry into the educational seminar sessions, is Stephen Hartshorn, Course Manager at Heyrose GC in Cheshire. Third, winning one night's accommodation and entry to all educational seminar sessions, was Mark Rankin, First Assistant at Portpatrick GC, Dumfries.

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**IN THE WOODS:** Andrew Boyd, Head Greenkeeper, Bridlington Golf Club  
**PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT FOR VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Brin Bendon, Vector Training

**STRESS MANAGEMENT:** Jenny Rolf, Lecturer and Stress Counsellor

**THE EXPANDING ROLE OF THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT:** Gary Grigg, President GCSAA

**LUBRICATION TECHNIQUES:** R J Coleman, Managing Director, Lubrication Engineers

**NEW TRENDS IN TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT IN THE US:** Stanley Zontek, Director, United States Golf Association, Mid Atlantic Region

**SIX SIMPLE TECHNIQUES TO IMPROVE YOUR GOLF COURSE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST:** John Armitage, Chairman of Green, Littlestone Golf Club and Director of Green Eagle Golf Ltd

**AN IPM APPROACH TO THE MANAGEMENT OF TURFGRASS DISEASES:** Joe Vargas, Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology, Michigan State University

There is also a **STRI/BIGGA Chairmen of Green/Secretaries Course** on the Tuesday and Wednesday.



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## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

As ever there is something for everyone in the social calendar for everyone with the Majestic Hotel playing host to the formally organised events.

The Conference Dinner on the Monday night features David Gunson the Air Traffic Controller and winner of the Benedictine After Dinner Speaker of the Year title.

The Karaoke Night on the Wednesday is the occasion when you are the entertainment always bearing in mind that Matthew Kelly might be hiding in the shadows waiting to frog march you on to "Stars in Your Eyes" if you show any potential.

The Exhibition Banquet on the Thursday night is the grand finale of the social programme and this year features comedian Stan Boardman, pictured, a recent victim of Michael Aspel's big red book on "This is Your Life" and Lyn Paul, the former lead singer of the New Seekers. They are joined by the City Lights Show Band to complete the entertainment for the evening.



**WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR AT THE SHOW: SEE PAGES 29-35**

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