

Courses keep us all up to date

After attending your Management Course between 14-18 October, I felt I must put pen to paper and personally congratulate BIGGA on the way the course was organised. I would especially like to thank Brin Bendon on the way he presented the course.

My only disappointment was the fact that there were not more people attending.

I am a Course Manager and have been greenkeeping for 20 years and always willing to learn something new, and I certainly learnt something new on this recent course.

I think that if more people in my position attended these type of courses it would benefit them, and their golf club a great deal.

The golf industry is changing fast and we all have to change with it in order to become more professional in our trade. I feel that people who do not move with the times will be left behind, which is a shame as there are a lot of good managers in the industry who could lose out if they are not careful.

Mick Reece, Course Manager
Kings Norton GC

All this and Kenny Rogers too...

Through your magazine I wish to thank Ransomes UK for my recent trip to Georgia, USA which I won in a free prize draw, for having a demonstration of the E-plex greens machine. I was accompanied by Area Sales Manager, Paul Harling from Burrows, Leyland dealers for Ransomes. The trip involved attending a product training session organised by Ransomes America, similar to the training sessions recently held in Ipswich. I thought your readers would be interested to read how the American sessions compared.

The training sessions were held in the magnificent setting of Kenny Rogers' Beaver Dam Farm (yes Kenny Rogers the country and western singer). At Beaver Dam Farm, Kenny has his own 18 hole championship style golf course in his back garden, which must be one of the most picturesque courses I have ever seen, and with

so few rounds played it must be any superintendent's dream.

The session was held over three days, its content was amazing, classroom sessions were held in Kenny's barn where each machine was described in detail, questions were received and a short test handed out just to make sure all candidates were paying attention. After each machine had been described we were then taken out onto the golf course where we had the opportunity to operate each piece of equipment. The thing I liked about the training session was the chance to operate all of the competitors' machines which were also there for comparisons.

A personal thanks goes to Dave Ferguson, the training coordinator, and all the territory managers particularly Dave Robson.

Paul McGrail, Course Manager
Standish Court GC
Wigan

■ I would like to thank BIGGA, Toro/Lely and the European Tour for their involvement in the Student greenkeeping award held at Aldwark Manor in October.

I hope that I can speak for all the

candidates when I say what a wonderful time we had over the two days. The hospitality was fantastic and the weekend was a tremendous learning experience. Without sponsorship these awards would never be able to

take place, so a big thanks to them.

From a personal point of view I am absolutely thrilled to finish runner-up in this award against such a high level of candidates. Without a push from my Course Manager, Ian Harrison, and my tutor, Huw Parry I would not have made it this far.

John Bachelor
Mendip Spring GC

A great show

I would like to thank BIGGA staff for the great presentation of the BIGGA Roadshow at Sketchley Grange for the Midland Seminar. I am sure greenkeepers who attended are a lot more aware of the benefits available to them and how the Association is run.

I'm sure all those members who attended this day must realise all the hard work that goes into the Association to run all of the events and tournaments that we as BIGGA have to offer the membership – not forgetting the everyday running of the Association. I feel myself that I have had many excellent days involved with BIGGA either educationally, socially or playing golf and the cost of membership really is worth every penny. At the end of the day the saying is the more you put in the more you get out.

Antony Bindley
Midland Regional Chairman



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