



It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association to welcome you to Harrogate International Centre for BTME 96.

We have been delighted with the progress BTME has made since it was first launched in 1989 and feel proud that we have achieved our objective of making it the largest, and we believe best, indoor exhibition for the greenkeeping industry in Europe.

It is an ideal showcase for the products of the manufacturers and the perfect environment for the comprehensive range of educational seminars, lectures and workshops.

My year as Chairman comes to an end at BTME 96, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my term of office, particularly getting an opportunity to meet so many of you at the various functions I have attended.

I hope that whether you are an exhibitor, a greenkeeper, golf club official or a speaker you will have a successful week and will enjoy being a part of the BTME 96 experience.

There is genuinely something for everyone.

BARRY HEANEY
Chairman of BIGGA

GENERAL INFORMATION

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. Last date for acceptance of bookings is January 16.

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.

Andrew Lawrence of Fenchurch and Bob Dudgeon of Peter Hoare and Co will be on the BIGGA Stand for the duration of the Exhibition to give advice to BIGGA members. Andrew can help on matters of general insurance and the Hambro Legal/Stress Helplines while Bob can give pension and general financial advice.

Social Programme

As ever there is something for everyone in the social calendar 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, a recent victim of Michael Aspel's big red book on "This is Your Life" and Lyn Paul, pictured, the former lead singer of the New Seekers.



They are joined by the City Lights Show Band to complete the entertainment for the evening.