



Another record-breaker and a great week ahead

HIGHLIGHTS

BIGGA NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 January, The Majestic Hotel. Delegates arrive and register at The Majestic Hotel between 4.30 and 6.30pm on Sunday 19 January followed by dinner at 7.30 pm (jacket and tie must be worn). The conference is held over the next two days, when 14 speakers from six different countries will present papers on a variety of topics of interest to all greenkeepers.

BIGGA WORKSHOPS

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Workshop 1 will give delegates experience of designing a golf course complex (sorry, sold out), Workshop 2 will give delegates the skills and knowledge to conduct surveying and levelling procedures, Workshop 3 will cover communication with committees and Workshop 4, a one day workshop, on Tuesday 21 January will cover 'The Magic of Greenkeeping'.

BTME SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Wednesday 22, Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January, The Kings Suite. Speakers from the USA, Sweden and the UK with subjects from Golf Course Design, Employment Law and the Rules of Golf indicate the range of speakers and subjects at the BTME Seminar Programme, which runs alongside the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition. The Kings Suite is situated inside the Harrogate International Centre and is approached through Hall D.

STRI CHAIRMAN OF GREEN/SECRETARIES' COURSE

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 January The Crown Hotel. Delegates arrive and register at The

Crown Hotel between 8.30am and 9.00am on Tuesday 21 January. This course, presented by the Sports Turf Research Institute experts in agronomy, turf grass science, fertilisers and pesticides and a BIGGA Course Manager, introduces chairmen of green and golf club secretaries to the practicalities of golf course construction and management, types of soil, seed, pests, diseases, and pesticide legislation. It also includes a visit to the STRI trial grounds and laboratories and the BTME exhibition.

FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATIONS (FEGGA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 23, January, The Majestic Hotel, 12 noon The first FEGGA Annual General Meeting will be held during BTME in the Majestic Hotel.

BIGGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22 January, The Majestic Hotel, 5.45pm The BIGGA Annual General Meeting will be held during BTME. Membership cards must be produced to gain admission.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The Exhibition Banquet on Thursday 23 January, at the Majestic Hotel, will be followed by a spectacular cabaret starring Bobby Davro, ably supported by a fabulous female vocalist, Laine Kennedy. The social programme also includes a conference dinner on 20 January with after dinner speaker Professor David Purdie, Dean of the University of Kingston upon Hull and a Karaoke Night on Wednesday 22 January.

AND TO BOOK...

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

So much to see and so much to learn...

On behalf of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Harrogate International Centre for BTME '97.

As always our aim has been to build on the success of the previous year's show and we feel confident that, whether you are an exhibitor, a greenkeeper, a golf club official or a speaker, your time at BTME '97 will be time well spent.

What pleases us is that news of the success of BTME has reached so far afield that many of our delegates and exhibitors come to Harrogate from outside the United Kingdom.

Our overseas visitors know that when they come to BTME they will enjoy a friendly welcome and learn much to take back home to their own country.

More than ever BTME offers something for everyone.

DEAN CLEAVER
 Chairman of BIGGA

