

On course for a brighter future



Education Update

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This month's article looks at a major BIGGA competition, Supervisory Management Training Courses, a reminder about the special offer on TRIMS to colleges, the special offer available on the Pests and Diseases Compact Disk, reviewed in last month's magazine and Health and Safety Training.

The TORO Award for Excellence in Greenkeeping

BIGGA Sections are beginning to nominate their choice for the Regional Finals of this competition. Judging to select Regional Winners will commence in early July and each Regional winner will have their golf course reinspected by Walter Woods, prior to the National Final, which will be held in Harrogate on 27 October. Despite some initial problems, judging seems to be running fairly smoothly and my thanks to all those greenkeepers, especially Section Secretaries, who have helped with the judging. The names of those selected for the National Final should appear in the next edition of this magazine.

Supervisory Management Training Courses

Applications for both the Aldwark Manor and Regional Courses have to be received at BIGGA HQ by 29 August 1997. Places are available on most courses and several courses have not attracted any applications.

Make sure that you reserve a place on the course of your choice by sending a completed application form to BIGGA HQ as soon as possible. Remember, you do not need to be in a supervisory or management role to attend one of these courses. Congratulations to Jeff Bailey, of Newbridge, Midlothian, who is the winner of the Competition to win a free place on a two day Supervisory Management Course.

See panel for details of courses.

TRIMS 97/Compact Disk special offer

I have written, recently, to colleges informing them of a special

SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSES

ALDWARK MANOR

Week 1, 6 – 10 October 1997

Managing People Module 1

Week 2, 13 – 17 October 1997

Managing People Module 2

Week 3, 20 – 24 October 1997

Managing Operations and Resources

Week 4, 3 – 7 November 1997

Managing Information

Week 5, 10 – 14 November 1997

Managing Golf Course Development

REGIONAL COURSES

Scottish Region

■ Airth Castle Hotel, Airth by Falkirk – Monday

27 and Tuesday 28 October 1997

Golf Course Design, Construction and Establishment

Howard Swan and Simon Gidman

■ Airth Castle Hotel, Airth by Falkirk –

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 October 1997

Recruitment, Selection and Interviewing

Brin Bendon, Vector Training

Northern Region

■ Aldwark Manor Hotel – Monday 24 and

Tuesday 25 November 1997

Golf Course Design, Construction and Establishment

Howard Swan and Simon Gidman

■ The Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Accrington,

Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 November

1997

Recruitment, Selection and Interviewing

Brin Bendon, Vector Training

■ Leeds Bradford Court Yard Hotel, Bradford,

Monday 16, and Tuesday 17 February 1998

Essential Supervisory Management Skills for Greenkeepers

Brin Bendon, Vector Training

Midlands Region

■ Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby,

Northampton – Monday 10 and Tuesday 11

November 1997

Recruitment, Selection and Interviewing

Frank Newberry

■ West Retford Hotel, Retford – Wednesday 26

and Thursday 27 November 1997

Golf Course Design, Construction and Establishment

Howard Swan and Simon Gidman

■ The Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth –

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 December 1997

Essential Supervisory Management Skills

Brin Bendon, Vector Training

South East Region

■ The Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, Essex –

Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October 1997

Essential Supervisory Management Skills for Greenkeepers

Frank Newberry

■ Old Ship Hotel, Brighton – Thursday 16 and

Friday 17 October 1997

Leadership, Team Briefings Motivation

Frank Newberry

■ The George Hotel, Crawley, Surrey – Tuesday

21 and Wednesday 22 October 1997

Recruitment, Selection and Interviewing

Frank Newberry

South West Region

■ The Bournemouth Moat House Hotel,

Bournemouth – Monday 13 and Tuesday 14

October 1997

Golf Course Design, Construction and Establishment

Howard Swan and Simon Gidman

■ The Cheltenham and Gloucester Moat House

Hotel, Cheltenham – Thursday 23 and Friday 24

October 1997

Essential Supervisory Management Skills for Greenkeepers

Frank Newberry

Recruitment, Selection and Interviewing

Frank Newberry

■ Marriott Hotel, Swansea – Wednesday 5 and

Thursday 6 November 1997

Essential Supervisory Management Skills for Greenkeepers

Frank Newberry

Republic of Ireland

■ Finnstown Hotel, Dublin – Tuesday 18 and

Wednesday 19 November 1997

Golf Course Health and Safety Management

ATB Training

■ Finnstown Hotel, Dublin – Tuesday 18 and

Wednesday 19 November 1997

Recruitment, Selection and Interviewing

Brin Bendon, Vector Training

Northern Ireland

■ The Country House Hotel, Ballymena –

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 November 1997

Essential Supervisory Management Skills for Greenkeepers

Brin Bendon, Vector Training

offer on the latest version of TRIMS ie TRIMS 97. If ten or more colleges are interested in buying the latest version of this grounds management software, we can provide it for £200 instead of the usual price of £1500. Last month's edition of *Greenkeeper International* reviewed a very useful compact disk that could be used to identify a large

number of pests and diseases that could affect turf grasses. This disk normally costs \$300 (£180 approx) but if ten or more people wish to purchase a copy then BIGGA can supply it at £120 (approx). Contact me at BIGGA HQ for more details.

Health and Safety Training

Did you know that the Health

and Safety at Work Act requires that operators of machines must be trained in their use and be certified competent?

How many of your staff are trained in pesticide application, chain saw operation, off road driving etc?

Training is available in a range of subjects through BIGGA. Contact HQ before it is too late.