

# Kubota event gets a new look

Kubota, is sponsoring a new knockout golf tournament for teams of two players representing golf clubs from throughout the United Kingdom. Known as the Kubota Golf Club Challenge, the event succeeds the Kubota Golf Challenge which had been sponsored by the Thame based company over the past 15 years.

Organised by Sporting Concepts Ltd, the Kubota Golf Club Challenge is open to the first 500 clubs to accept the entry invitation by the closing date of 31 March 1998.

Ideally, the team representing the

invited golf clubs will comprise the Secretary and the Head Greenkeeper to provide continuity to Kubota's long-term relationship with the Association of Golf Club Secretaries and BIGGA.

The Kubota Golf Club Challenge is to be staged in two parts. First will be a series of carded match play rounds played between pairs of randomly drawn clubs on a knockout basis from April through to August. Following the knockout stage, the 15 remaining clubs will contest a Grand Final at Woodhall Spa Golf Club in Lincolnshire.

The winning club will be decided on the aggregate scores of the two team members over 36 holes, on October 5 and 6.

"Kubota recognises the close association being forged between golf club Secretaries and Head Greenkeepers and is delighted to be sponsoring a tournament which brings the two together to represent their club," commented Rene Orban, Kubota's Director of Agricultural and Grass Machinery Sales.

"Instead of competing against each other as previously in the Kubota Golf Challenge, they will now be

playing as a team, better reflecting their day to day relationship at their own golf course."

Director of the Kubota Golf Club Challenge, Peter McEvoy, pointed out that the event's predecessor had proved tremendously successful over 15 years. "However, we felt that the time was right to move to a new format where secretaries and greenkeepers played together as a club team," he said.

"The final at Woodhall Spa, the home of the EGU, promises to be a memorable occasion for all those taking part."

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The Building Fund Needs You! BIGGA is looking for volunteers to build on the magnificent launch given to the "Buy a Brick" raffle in aid of the Association's new Headquarters and Training facility at BTME.

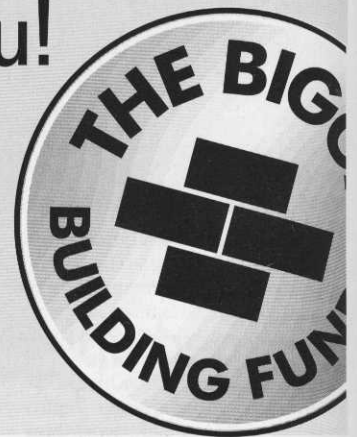
During Harrogate week Board of Management Members proved themselves to be superb salesmen when it came to selling raffle tickets and the number of Gold Brick Badges on lapels showed just how

many people had bought £50 worth of tickets. Silver and bronze badges, at £25 and £5 respectively, also found their way on to various items of clothing and the money raised during this one event alone reached many thousands.

Since then Regional Administrators and Section Secretaries have been issued with packs of tickets and badges to sell at various events throughout the next few months but if anyone would wish to lend

his or her support to the Building Fund by selling tickets and badges we would be delighted to hear from you.

The campaign will end at BIGGA's annual golf day in June with the drawing of the raffle prizes. Please contact Tony Cocker at BIGGA Headquarters Tel: 01347 838581.



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