

Ken Richardson gives a last minute run down of the courses and educational opportunities still available to you.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

There do not seem to be enough hours in the day to do all that is necessary to ensure that our move to the new offices goes smoothly, that arrangements have been made for the Finals of the TORO Student of the Year and Excellence in Greenkeeping Competitions, that arrangements have been finalised for the Aldwark Manor and Regional Training Courses and that the Learning Experience brochure, sponsored by Textron Turfcare and Speciality Products, is printed and ready for distribution. Additionally, we have, recently, published two new field guides and a new poster is in production. How I am finding time for a holiday is a mystery to me, perhaps I manage my time without realising.

Managing time is a theme which appears in several of the training courses both at Aldwark Manor and in the Regions and it must be a subject that is of interest to all greenkeepers. I know that making time for non-essential matters must be difficult when you have to manage a golf course in difficult conditions. However, what you may learn on a BIGGA course could help to make your job easier. Places are still available on several of our Autumn 98 and Spring 99 courses which I have listed below and, thanks to a reminder from Jim Arthur, I have remembered to include the name(s) of the presenter(s). Contact BIGGA HQ today to check the latest availability for you and your staff, and make sure that you are prepared for the management demands of 1999 and beyond.

Golf Course Design, Construction and Establishment

Presented by Howard Swan and Simon Gidman

This two day workshop is based on the highly successful workshop at Harrogate and includes some theory but is largely 'hands on' with delegates producing a detailed design of greens, tees, irrigation and drainage.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £80 +VAT (£94) at:
 Inchyra Grange, Falkirk on 13 & 14 October 1998

Lakeside Moat House, Grays, Essex on 10 & 11 November 1998
 Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, Co Down on 24 & 25 November 1998, not 24/25 October as printed in the August Edition of Greenkeeper International.
 Borringdon Hall Hotel Plymouth on 8 & 9 November 1998
 Swansea Marriot on 10 & 11 December 1998

Project Management

Presented by Brin Bendon from Vector Training

This two day course is a must for all greenkeeper involved in planning and controlling an on course project. The course includes information to help you plan, monitor, cost and control projects large or small.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £80 +VAT (£94) at:
 Weston Hotel, Weston Flavell, Northampton on 8 & 9 December 1998

Pesticide Management

Presented by Douglas Shearer

Do you know how to select and specify the best pesticide for a particular task? Do you understand the requirements for storage, application and disposal? Are you a competent person? Find out by attending this two day course.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £80 +VAT (£94) at:

Inchyra Grange Hotel on 23 & 24 February 1998.

Irrigation Workshop

Presented by David Halford and members of the British Turf and Landscape Irrigation Association.

The workshop at Walsall on 24/25 November 1998 is now FULL. This workshop will be presented again in the Majestic Hotel at Harrogate on 18/19 January 1999. See the 'Learning Experience' brochure for full details.

Essential Supervisory Management Skills

Presented by Brin Bendon from Vector Training.

This two day workshop, which gives essential skills and knowledge for all greenkeepers who are or are about to become supervisors, has proved to be so popular that we have had to arrange a second course. Be sure to apply today if you want to make sure of your place.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £30 +VAT (£35.75) at:
 Queens Hotel, Chester on 1 & 2 December 1998.

Interviewing Skills

Presented by Brin Bendon

This one day course will give you hints and techniques that you can use when interviewing new staff and prepare you to be interviewed for your next job.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £30 +VAT (£35.75) at:

Inchyra Grange Hotel Falkirk on 16 February 1999.

Report Writing 1 and 2

Presented by Frank Newberry or Brin Bendon.

Learn the techniques of business English, preparation and presentation methods on Report Writing 1 then return to see how to put the techniques into practice on Report Writing 2.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £30 +VAT (£35.75) per day at:
 Aldwark Manor on 29 October 1998 and 10 February 1999 - Brin Bendon
 Forte Posthouse Maidstone on 18 November 1998 and 23 February 1999 - Frank Newberry
 Watermill Hotel, Hemel Hempstead on 3 December 1998 - Frank Newberry

Employment Contracts

Presented by Frank Newberry

Do you or your staff have contracts? Do you know what should be included? Do you know what your rights are? Find out by attending this one day course.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £30 +VAT (£35.25) per day at:
 Castle Hotel Taunton on 11 November 1998

Health and Safety 1 and 2

Presented by Tony Rees

Find out how to assess hazards, conduct risk assessments, understand the Health and Safety at Work Act and how to stay within the Law on Health and Safety 1 then return and see how to produce the relevant documentation on Health and Safety 2.

Places are still available for the incredibly low price of £30 +VAT (£35.25) per day at:
 Castle Hotel Taunton on 3 November 1998 and 23 February 1999
 Nottingham Moat House on 10 November 1998 and 10 February 1999
 Swallow Highcliff, Bournemouth on 24 November 1998 and 16 February 1999
 Aldwark Manor on 8 December 1998 and 11 February 1999

Presented by Douglas Shearer at Inchyra Grange Hotel, Falkirk on 1 December 1998 and 9 February 1999.

Aldwark Manor Supervisory Management Courses

A limited number of places are still available on this year's Aldwark Manor Supervisory Management Courses. Weeks 1 to 4 introduce you to a wide range of supervisory management skills and Week 5 covers Irrigation and Drainage Management. All courses are linked to N/SVQ Level 3 Sportsturf Maintenance and N/SVQ Level 4 in Sportsturf Management. Presented for the fifth year by Brin Bendon and for the first time by members of the British Turf and Landscape Irrigation Association and Land Drainage Contractors Association. These courses are excellent value for money especially as all training will take place in the Training Room in BIGGA's new headquarters and accommodation will be in the newly refurbished Aldwark Manor Hotel.

The cost for all training accommodation for four nights and all food is £500 +VAT (£587.50)