

BIGGA Education & Training Manager, Ken Richardson looks at the educational opportunities available to members, and also gives details of the BIGGA Essay Competition.

EDUCATION UPDATE

BIGGA House Supervisory Management Courses and Regional Training Courses

The deadline for applications to attend the BIGGA HOUSE and/or Regional Supervisory Management Courses is fast approaching. With a total of 33 courses, covering 14 different subjects in 17 locations, these courses have something for everyone.

Thanks to contributors to the BIGGA Education and Development Fund we keep costs to a minimum with prices from £30 for a two day residential course. Two day Essential Supervisory Management Courses, covering the same subject matter as the BIGGA course are regularly advertised at £750. These prices do not include accommodation or food.

The message is simple. Use these courses or lose them. The BIGGA HOUSE Supervisory Management Courses are recognised for their high quality and value. All five weekly courses will be held in the new BIGGA HQ offering vastly improved training facilities, which, coupled with the improved facilities at Aldwark Manor, offer even better value for money. No wonder that delegates to previous courses keep returning, expressing amazement that more golf clubs do not send their staff. Full details of all courses are available from BIGGA HOUSE and were included in the June edition of this magazine. A full list of local train-

ing courses, together with an application form is included with this magazine and further copies are available from BIGGA HOUSE.

Details of both BIGGA HOUSE and Regional Courses are also available on the BIGGA Internet site (<http://www.bigga.org.uk>)

The Learning Experience 2000

The Learning Experience 2000, in association with Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products, is less than 160 days, and final adjustments are being made to the National Education Conference, Workshop and Seminar Programme. The full programme together with a booking form will be included in the September edition of this magazine. Make sure that you return your application form as soon as possible. Places have been booked already for the BTME Banquet, for the National Education Conference and for the Seminar programme.

The BIGGA Essay Competition

I am sure that the winning essay from the 1913 Greenkeepers Essay Competition must have given many of ideas for the 1999 BIGGA Essay Competition. Remember that your entry should reach BIGGA HOUSE by 29 October so you do not have much time left to plan and write your 2000 word entry. Full rules are available from BIGGA HOUSE.

Pesticide Safety

The British Agrochemicals Association (BAA), the trade association for companies engaged in the production, formulation and manufacture of pesticide products aims to:

Represent the industry.

Explain its role and the benefits of its products.

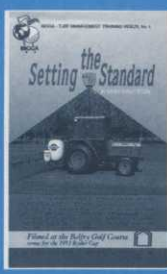
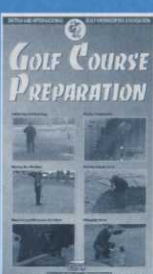
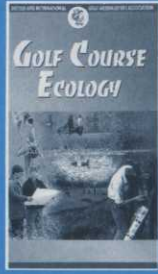
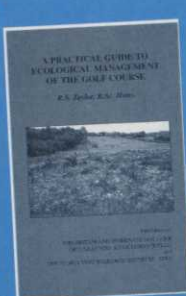
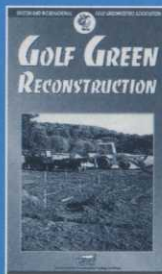
Encourage high professional standards, within the industry.

Place the Industry's views before Government, associated industries and the general public.

Feedback views of others to its members.

The BAA also produces a wide range of publications, including leaflets on sprayer cleaning, How to avoid spray drift, hand protection, disposal, training, protective clothing etc, the BAA Amenity Handbook and COSHH Assessments to name but a few. All of the publications, mentioned, are available free of charge from: British Agrochemicals Association, 4 Lincoln Court, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2RP.

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Golf Course Preparation Video
 £14.95 to BIGGA members
 £29.95 to non-members

Golf Course Reconstruction Video
 £14.95 to BIGGA members
 £29.95 to non-members

Ecology Book
 £3.00 to BIGGA members
 £7.00 to non-members

Ecology Video
 £14.95 to BIGGA members
 £29.95 to non-members

Raising the Standards of Mowing Management Video
 £14.95 to BIGGA members
 £29.95 to non-members

Setting the Standard in Spraying Application Video
 £14.95 to BIGGA members
 £29.95 to non-members