

## Feature listing from June '97

**June '97:** Drought Survival;  
Cooden Beach; Monitoring the Weather;  
Slitters

**July '97:** Royal Troon GC; Speed of  
Putting Surfaces; Mowers

**August '97:** Maintenance Facilities;  
Heather Management; Bunker Rakes;  
Workshops; Architecture; Kedleston Park  
GC

**September '97:** Accident Reporting;  
Greens Mowers; Valderrama GC; Links  
Courses

**October '97:** Environment;  
Recruitment; Abbeydale GC;  
Rough Mowers; Soil Analysis

**November '97:** Environment  
Competition; Bank Cutting;  
Risk Assessment; Pumps

**December '97:** Seed Development;  
Longhirst Hall GC; Toro Awards; Fertiliser  
Spreaders; Communication

**January '98:** FEGGA Conference;  
Buying Power Equipment; Elmwood GC;  
Mobile Phones; Traffic Management;  
Spraying; Environment

**February '98:** BTME Review;  
Overseeding; Royal Mid Surrey GC;  
Drainage; Thatch

**March '98:** Trees, Golf Course  
Accessories, News from GCSAA,  
Leamington & County GC, Trevor  
Smith's BTME Talk

**April '98:** Gleneagles Hotel, Compact  
Tractors, Environment, Protective  
clothing, Rain bird, Internet

**May '98:** Greens Mowers, Suspended  
Water Table Greens, Seeds, Letham  
Grange Resort, Charterhouse profile,  
Security and BIGGA's Fund Raising  
Campaign

**June '98:** Interview with Nick Park,  
Earthworm special, ATVs, Royal  
Porthcawl, Grinding

**July '98:** Aeration, Royal Birkdale pre-  
view, The importance of research,  
Architecture

**August '98:** Mill Ride, Fescue,  
Blowers, Textron, Open Review,  
Nematodes, Training

**September '98:** Nine holers –  
Tolladine and Fingle Glen, Turf, Steve  
Clement profile, Drainage, World  
Scientific Congress report

**October '98:** Saltex Review, BIGGA  
Retrospective, Stirling GC, Toro  
Awards Preview, Tree grants

**November '98:** Royal Opening,  
Ramside Hall GC, Gang Mowers,  
Hayter International report,  
Irrigation Systems

**December '98:** Toro Awards,  
Environment Awards, The Appliance of  
Science, Engines, Architects, BTME  
Preview

**January '99:** Pesticide Usage, Life in  
Colorado, Lyshott Heath GC, Worm  
Research, Stylo Matchmaker profile,  
Temporary Greens

**February '99:** Westerham GC;  
R&A questionnaire results; Finland;  
grass cutting; BTME99 Review;  
Bernhard and Co

**March '99:** Loch Lomond, Worm  
update, GrassRoots, Softspikes,  
Maintenance facilities, Environment  
review, Architecture

**April '99:** Carden Park,  
Telecommunications, Water  
Management, Rolawn, Seeds

**May '99:** Security; Bude and North  
Cornwall GC; Spraying Regulations;  
Jim Arthur; The Acid Theory;  
Amenity Technology profile



# GTC update



The GTC held its overdue meeting on 15 April. The main topic for discussion was the Lantra Report which had been commissioned by the R&A and the EGU into the workings and running of the GTC. This all started by the withdrawal of funding by the EGU as from April 1999. At a subsequent meeting with the R&A it was agreed that the EGU would reconsider its position following an independent report being carried out.

The meeting itself was constructive with all parties trying to reach agreement for the good of all greenkeeper training. However, it was decided to rewrite the Constitution and at the same time introduce a Technical Committee, as advised by Lantra. The Technical Committee functions are to assist the Education Director of the GTC and to propose to the Management Committee of activities of the GTC in line with its objectives and to identify the priorities for greenkeeper training.

The make up of the Committee will be as follows:

- Greenkeeper Training Committee Internal Verifier
- Representative from the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association
- Representative from the Golf

Course Superintendents  
Association of Ireland

d) Representative from  
the Sports Turf Research  
Institute

e) One Educationalist,  
eg College Tutor

It was agreed that the new revised draft of the Constitution would be circulated to all member bodies for discussion within their organisations prior to the next GTC meeting which was due to be held on 27 May.

The BIGGA Board was called to a meeting on 13 May, when it was agreed to recommend alterations to the draft constitution which we considered to be in keeping with our position as the main body and representing the end user of greenkeeper training.

The BIGGA proposals will be put before the GTC Committee at their next meeting, along with any others received. Hopefully then the GTC can get on with the job it was first set up to do, that of raising the standards of greenkeeper training.

It was unanimously agreed that David Golding and his staff have worked hard and moved greenkeeper training to a much higher level than ever before. The Board felt genuinely concerned that they have had to suffer all this uncertainty when it could and should have been handled better.

On the 20 April I spent the day at Westurf at its new venue at Westpoint, Exeter. With all the wet weather it proved a wise decision to move the exhibition indoors. Had it remained at Long Ashton, Westurf may well have been cancelled. The attendance was good and most people seemed pleased. Marion and I had a nice time meeting many old friends, traders and greenkeepers alike. It was also a good PR exercise that the South

West and South Wales members could meet with Neil, Ken, Tracey and Cheryl from headquarters staff. I would like to thank Paula and the Regional Board for inviting us along and I hope it was a successful day the Region and its trade supporters to

My next engagement should have been the Cumbria Cup at Penrith Golf Club, but it was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to heavy rain during the night before. The rain was so bad that many of the roads in the area were subjected to flooding and some even closed. It was no surprise that the course also had to be closed. I had already travelled to Aldwark on the Tuesday and was going to continue my journey first thing Wednesday morning, when we received the news of its cancellation. However, all was not lost. I was able to spend time with our staff in preparation for the Board meeting the following day.

I have just been given the sad news of the death of Stephen Noye. Stephen was head man at Purdis Heath Golf Club, Ipswich. He was well respected by all his peers and my sympathy and thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

Gordon Child