

**This month, BIGGA's Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, gives an update on four of BIGGA's premier competitions**

# EDUCATION UPDATE

Applications have been flooding in to BIGGA HOUSE for three of our major competitions, the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition and the TORO Student of the Year and Excellence in Greenkeeping Competitions.



## Golf Environment Competition

This year's competition again sponsored by Amazone Ground Care with the additional support of the R&A has attracted entries from a wide range of golf courses, with almost 150 clubs expressing an interest. Entries have been delivered to Bob Taylor and Jonathan Hart Woods at STRI and they will begin judging during late June. Those clubs progressing to the next round of judging will be contacted individually to arrange site visits which will take place during August and September.



## TORO Student of the Year Competition

The search for the winner of the Millennium TORO Student of the

Year Competition starts towards the end of next month when Pete Mansfield, from TORO; Jim Paton, BIGGA Education sub Committee Chairman, and Ken Richardson, BIGGA Education and Training Manager, will travel the Regions to interview the chosen few. Up to eight students will be selected to progress to the National Final which will be held at BIGGA House on October 30, at BIGGA HOUSE.



## TORO Excellence in Greenkeeping Competition

Judging for this year's competitions will commence in July when our team of judges will tour England Ireland Scotland and Wales and select four National Finalists. The National Final will be held at BIGGA House on October 30, alongside the Student of the Year Final.



## BIGGA Essay Competition

Following a gap of more than 80 years, the Greenkeepers Essay Competition was relaunched by



Above: Last year's Toro winners Tommy Givnan & Brian Turner

BIGGA in 1999 at the behest of the current Chairman of BIGGA, Elliott Small.

The closing date for entries to the Year 2000 Competition is October 27 so you have plenty of time to compose your manuscript.

All you have to do is: Write between 1500 and 2000 words on the subject

## Managing Without Chemicals

Is it possible? What are the consequences? How would you cope?

There are three categories:

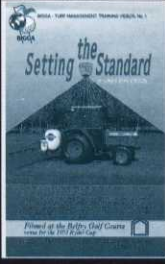
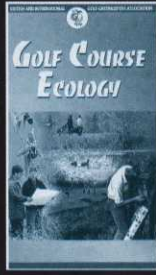
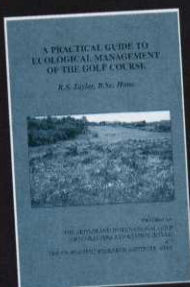
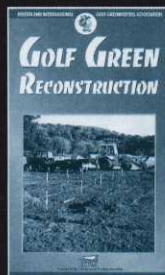
1. Golf Course Managers/Head Greenkeepers and deputies.
2. Assistant Greenkeepers and Students aged 25 and over.
3. Assistant Greenkeepers and Students aged under 25.

## Prizes:

The winner of each category will receive £500 to be presented at BTME 2001 and runners-up will receive £100.

Additionally, each winning entry will be printed in Greenkeeper International.

# ON COURSE WITH BIGGA EDUCATION



**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