

BIGGA TURF MANAGEMENT EXHIBITION
BTME 2001
 & EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR PROGRAMME

BEING THERE MEANT EVERYTHING

The thirteenth BTME proved to be the best ever with record attendances, talented speakers, and busy stands. The occasion reinforced Harrogate week as a must for all greenkeepers and fineturf industry figures, and also attracted a large number of overseas delegates.



Above: The registration team was kept busier than ever before

Right: Packed to bursting

EVERYONE'S A WINNER AT BTME!



Above: Essay category winner David Roy receives his cheque from Sir Michael Bonallack and Elliott Small



Above: Richard Whyman accepts his place on the Bernhard's Canadian Scholarship from Stephen Bernhard



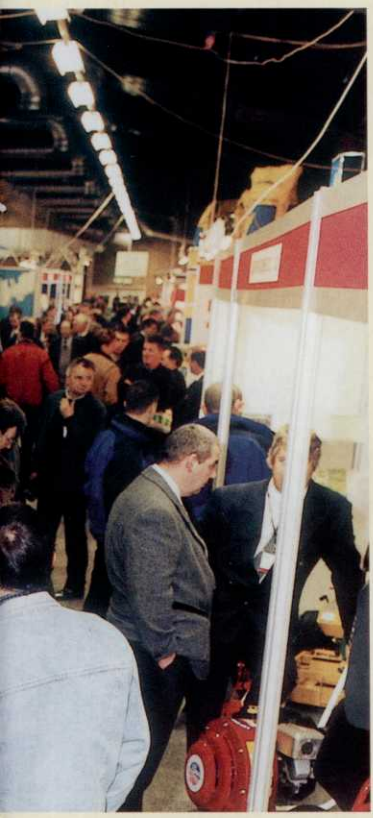
Above: New FEGGA Chairman Joe Bedford presents outgoing Claus Detlef Ratjen with a framed print

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The insatiable thirst for learning displayed by visitors to Harrogate was well and truly quenched throughout the week with a huge variety of workshops, conference topics and seminar sessions.



Above and right: A packed auditorium applauds Keynote speaker Richard Nobel as he recounts his motivational experiences behind his record-breaking landspeed attempt



Above: The plants and soil science workshop in full swing



Above: Delegates get to grips with the latest technology in the computer workshop



Above: A delegate talks through his finished design in the Golf Course Design 2 workshop



Above: Delegates get put through their paces in the Machinery Maintenance workshop



Above: Hayter's top dealer of the year award announced at their annual dinner in the St George Hotel went to Karl Green and Mark Lowe of K&M Mowers of East Yorks. Presenting the award was Lynne Fearis, wife of GCSAA Past President, Dave.



Above: A packed conference session listens intently to Jonathan Smith during the Environmental Management section of the programme

THE KEY TO GREENKEEPER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

BTME gives BIGGA the opportunity of thanking those companies who have supported the Association over the previous year. The Chairman's Lunch on the Wednesday of the show is an enjoyable occasion and one at which Golden and Silver Key supporters are presented with plaques or badges. BIGGA President, Sir Michael Bonallack graced the occasion and presented the awards.



Above: Sir Michael Bonallack and Elliott Small with the Association's Golden and Silver Key supporters;



Left: Golden Key members with 10 years continuous support to the BIGGA Education and Development Fund receive a silver plate in recognition of their commitment to BIGGA's education and training initiatives.

BTME BANQUET THRILLS AUDIENCE AGAIN

The Searchers took the audience on a trip down memory lane with a scintillating set incorporating many of their hits including, 'Needles and Pins', 'Sweets for My Sweet', 'Don't Throw Your Love Away', 'Love Potion Number Nine', 'Sugar and Spice', 'Some Day We're Gonna Love Again', and 'When You Walk in the Room'.



Above: Party goes getting into their groove

Right: Johnny 'Rotten' Pemberton sends his 'Pembets' into raptures

