



This month, Ken and Sami from BIGGA'S Education and Training Department would like to wish all readers a very happy New Year, and outline details of forthcoming Regional Training Courses...

## Education and Training update

### Regional Training

Following some very successful Regional Training Courses, which took place during November and December, we are planning a series of courses for February/March. Several sections have requested courses ranging from Basic Computing to Chain Saw Competence and these will run alongside the very popular Essential Management Skills and a, new, Next Steps in Management Course. Details will be sent to members during January so make sure that you book early to ensure your place.

Remember, each one day course costs members an extremely low £30 thanks to a £60 per delegate subsidy from the BIGGA Education and Development Fund. Golden Key Members of the Fund (see opposite) are also issuing £30 training vouchers to their Greenkeeper customers making one day courses completely free.

The National Education Conference, Workshops, Seminars, all BIGGA courses, Section and Regional Education and Training all count towards BIGGA CPD credits.

### Continue to Learn at Harrogate

The popularity of the Continue to Learn Week is increasing with many delegates booking early. Workshop 1 is now full and only a few places remain on Workshops 2 and 3.

There are still places available on all Seminars, which may be booked 'on the day'. Remember, that bone fide students and all lecturers can gain free entry to all Seminars.

The weeks events are rounded off on Thursday 24 January by the BTME/Golf Club Show Banquet,

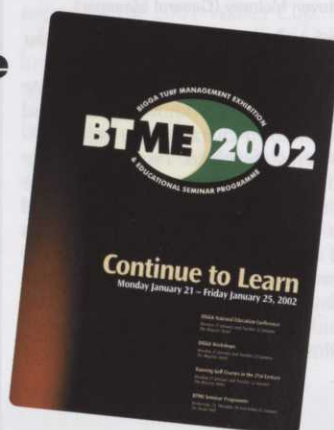
which is open to delegates of both shows. Returning to the Majestic Hotel, the Banquet stars the comedy duo Brahms and Liszt supported by the Nightjars. Banquet tickets are still available but please ensure to book your place before 9 January.

BIGGA has sold all of its reserved accommodation and all those wishing to stay in Harrogate during Continue to Learn/BTME/Golf Club Show should contact Reservations Highway on 01423 525577.

### You've got mail!

If you've got an email account why not send an email to the education department, where we can place you into our exclusive education email address book. We can then keep you up-to-date with education news and events as they happen.

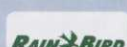
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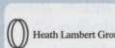


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