

Feature listing from July 2000

July 2000; Open Championship Preview; Dougal Duguid Court Case Report; Pest Control; Aventis profile; Course Conditioning

August 2000; Open Championship review; Water Features; Saltex preview; Charcoal; Malone GC; Royal County Down; Grand Tour Scholarship

September 2000; Blowers and Sweepers; Berkshire College Academy; National Championship roundup; Gordon McKillop interview; Winter health checks

October 2000; Toro Awards Preview; Ronald Fream; Irrigation; Saltex Review; Pest Control; Woburn GC

November 2000; Grass Cutting Machinery; Clandeboyne GC; Drainage; National Championship review; Leatherjacket management

December 2000; Toro Awards; Making the most of your Dealer; Budget Boosters; BTME2001 preview; BIGGA/Bernhards CGSA delegation preview

January 2001; Communication; Tyres; Turf diseases; Kingsbarns Golf Links; Environment Competition Winner - Dyke GC; Talking Heads - Pest Control

February 2001; BTME2001 review; Winter Mowing; Irrigation; Broadstone GC; Hedges; Security

March 2001; York GC; Greens Maintenance; Meland GC, Norway; Greens Mowers; BIGGA Essay Winner; Grass Science profile

April 2001; Lightning detection; Brockett Hall GC; CGSA report; Fairway Mowers; Irrigation; Sward renovation; BIGGA Essay winner; Turf Disease

May 2001; Foot and Mouth Disease Special Report; Maintenance Facility report; Bunker Sand; ATVs; RainBird Profile; Fineturf Genetics; BTME2002 countdown; Electric-powered machines

June 2001; Stoke Park Club profile; Stuart Cagle MG; Tractors; Leaf Spot Disease; Take All Patch; Construction

July 2001; Royal Lytham profile; Tees Mowers; Fertilisers; Green Grasses; John Deere profile; Sandy McDivot; College Listings

August 2001; Aeration Survey; Machrie GC profile; Rough Mowers; Saltex Preview; Dr Alan Gange - environmental research; Hayter Profile; Ponds; Open Championship review; Toro Student of the Year profile;

September 2001; Ryder Cup preview; Chafer Grubs; Drainage; BIGGA National Championship preview; Sandy McDivot; Machinery Maintenance; Soil Analysis; Wild Flowers

October 2001; Major Award for Walter Woods; Royal Portrush GC; Portstewart GC; Irrigation; Soil biodiversity; Leaf collection systems; Scotsturf preview; Saltex review

November 2001; BIGGA National Championship review; Environment Competition winner; Spraying; Toro Awards Preview; Cutting regimes; Dyke GC

December 2001; Toro Award Winners; Southern Gailes GC; BTME preview; Specialty equipment; Thatch removal

January 2002; Walton Heath profile; Greenkeeping in Denmark; Moving materials; A first for Andy Campbell; New products

February 2002; Harrogate 2002 Review; Drainage; Casterlock GC; Trees; Recycling; TurfTrix profile; Barn Owl special report

March 2002; Donnington Valley profile; Utility vehicles; Essay competition winner; Irrigation; Seeds; Sandy McDivot

April 2002; Heyrose GC profile; Bernhardt's Scholarship; De-stress your greens; COSHH assessments; Rootzones and topdressing; Maintenance facilities; Essay competition

May 2002; BIGGA Report; Nematodes; Cady GC profile; Multi-tasking machinery; Bunker Sand; Essay competition; Fijian GC profile; BIGGA Minimum qualification

June 2002; Finding Fungi; Greetnam Valley GC profile; Tyres; Calabria GC profile; Lakes and Ponds; Poa Annua - Jim Arthur



Events ROUNDUP!

BIGGA Chairman, Richard Barker reports on Golf Days and Opens... oh and the World Cup

At the time of reading, all the fuss will be over but I am sure you, like everyone else, will have been watching the World Cup, or, even if you are not interested, will know most of the results.

Fortunately I was given a deadline extension to make a last minute amendment and England have just defeated the Danes 3-0 but I am certainly not going to make any predictions for their continued success because by the time you read this it will be old news. Let's hope though that England's good run continues.

A little closer to home we have not experienced the temperatures that Mr Beckham and his team have had to cope with and have had a lot more rain. Despite the problems this may cause I hope that, at least, it has kept your course nice and green.

On the BIGGA front, it has been a relatively quiet time for me, but things are hotting up. I've just enjoyed the annual BIGGA Golf Day and hotting up is an appropriate phrase as it was the hottest day of the year to date. Touching wood frantically, this event always seems to be blessed with good weather and hopefully that will continue for years to come. It was also pretty windy which says all the more for the winning score from the Lincsgreen team of 14 under par gross. Even given the Texas Scramble format, that is a superb achievement and could only be achieved by some incredible golf. As ever it was a fun day and a great chance to get together with the trade in an informal atmosphere. I'd like to thank everyone at BIGGA HOUSE who worked so hard to make the day such a success and an sure it will continue to be a highlight of the BIGGA calendar.

The following day was the quarterly Board of Management meeting and another opportunity to discuss the news and views coming in from around the Regions.

In the last month you should have received a letter from Headquarters with regard to the minimum qualification.

Providing you will all the relevant information with regard to this was a promise we made at the last AGM, the other element is your consultation so please let Ken Richardson or Neil Thomas know your views as soon as possible so that they can be included in the decision making process. Perhaps, then, we can move forward positively at next year's AGM.

You should also have received an entry form for this year's BIGGA National Golf Championship at Hillside and Hesketh Golf Clubs in late September early October. This was a tremendous success last year so please be sure to return your forms to guarantee your place this year. At present we are also short of a couple of sponsors so if you know of any willing companies please put them in touch with headquarters.

The week following the Board Meeting I am attending the opening of a new golf course in Scotland then going on to the Scottish National Golf Championship at West Linton Golf Club. I have heard many a good comment about this course so I am looking forward to playing it while I am also looking forward to catching up with many old acquaintances, as well as making new ones.

Shortly after this it's the big one.



Yes, The Open Championship at Muirfield. For those of you who applied to join the BIGGA Support Team and were successful I am sure you will be in for an unforgettable experience as the chance to walk the fairways with the greatest players in the world is not one which can be bought. For those who were unsuccessful in making the team this year, sorry but we do hope to see you in the BIGGA marquee anyway where there will be a warm welcome for you and your friends.

I would like to wish Muirfield Course Manager, Colin Irvine, and his team all the best in the run up to the Championship and, of course, for the week itself. I am sure that even with the wet weather we have been experiencing in June the players will find links golf at its finest when they arrive in Gullane.