

BIGGA's Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, gives some health and safety advice and highlights the 2002 BIGGA Golf Environment Competition

Education and Training Feedback

Advice and information on health and safety continues to arrive on my desk and two recent articles may well have relevance to greenkeepers and golf clubs.

Anyone using trichloroethylene as a cleaning/degreasing agent in their workshops should be aware that trichloroethylene has been reclassified. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published an Information Sheet following the announcement that trichloroethylene is to be reclassified as carcinogenic under the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 1994. The Information Sheet gives advice on what the reclassification means for users of the solvent, and what action they should take to comply with the change.

Copies of 'Surface cleaning: Solvent update including the reclassification of trichloroethylene', Engineering Information Sheet No.34, are available free from HSE Books on Tel: 01787 881165.

Although not in greenkeeping, the

story, below illustrates the consequences of inadequate training and/or supervision. Are all of your staff trained to operate golf course machinery?

A warehouse worker has received almost £2.4 million in an out-of-court settlement following a lift truck accident. Greg Arde was working for stationery company Duel Limited in Cwmbran, South Wales, when the accident happened on 11 April 1995. Arde was driving a lift truck around a sharp corner when it overturned, crushing him underneath it. Arde's spine was broken in three places, and he is now paralysed from the waist down. Arde claimed that he had not received any training on how to drive lift trucks, and was left unsupervised at the time of the accident. Duel Limited accepted 90 per cent liability for the accident.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition

Thanks to sponsorship from the R&A and the continued involvement

of STRI, the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition will run again in 2002. Invitations to enter have been sent to all golf clubs in Great Britain and we require entry forms to be returned by 21 June 2002.

All entries will be reviewed by STRI ecologists, who will select the clubs to progress to the next stage of judging. Selected clubs will receive a visit to assess their level of environmental management before the judges select a winner from each area ie. Scotland, the North, the South East, the South West and Wales. The judges will then select an overall winner. Each area winner will receive a cheque for £500 and a plaque to hang in their clubhouse and the National Winner will receive a cheque for £2000, the BIGGA Golf Environment Trophy and a plaque to hang in their clubhouse.



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EDUCATION KEY SKILLS CORNER

Having looked at Capital Letters and Full Stops, this month's Key Skills Corner looks at commas.

Commas:

indicate a natural pause; separate items in a list; 'bracket' information that could be omitted; are used before quotations.

For Example.

When you read a sentence aloud, a comma should be placed where you pause.

When he saw that the green was clear, he decided to cut the fairway.

Three greenkeepers attended the course, although John missed the first morning.

Separate items in a list

You will need a pen, paper and scale ruler.

The large, green, fairway mower is unserviceable.

'Bracket' information that could be omitted.

You will need to bring all of the equipment, including a turf iron, when you come.

Players must wear appropriate clothing, including golf shoes, on this course.

Before quotations.

The Chairman of Green said, "We must rebuild the ninth tee".

There is also a comma after quotations if the sentence carries on.

"Income from green fees has increased by 20%", said the Treasurer.

Beware, you can change the meaning of a sentence by using commas.

Jack cut the green. (Fact)

Jack, cut the green (Order)

Here is an example for you to try, which includes capital letters, full stops and commas.

btme is held in harrogate north yorkshire each january run by bigga the exhibition includes something for everyone exhibits include sand seed machinery and course furniture a spokesman for bigga said that 2003 was the best year yet

Last month's solution

Thank you for attending the recent Annual General Meeting of the North East Section. I have enclosed a copy of the minutes for your information. Please contact Sid Jones if you wish to attend the next golf day. Do you wish to attend BTME this year?