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With Christmas just around the corner and Continue to Learn alongside BTME & ClubHouse in January, Ken and Sami are very busy making sure that they have got everything in place to ensure the smooth running of the National Education Conference, Workshops and Seminar programme.

National Education Conference

Please note that the National Education Conference will be held on 19 and 20 January in Hall D of the Harrogate International Centre (HIC) and not in the Majestic Hotel. Registration will be in the Main Entrance to the HIC, opposite the Moat House Hotel. Registration will commence at 8 a.m. on Monday 19 January.

Workshop Programme

The three one-day workshops will be held on Monday 19 January in the Harrogate Moat House Hotel. Registration will be in the Main entrance to the HIC, opposite the Moat House Hotel. Registration will commence at 8 a.m. on Monday 19 January.

Seminar Programme

All Seminars, including the Key Note Seminar will be held in Hall D of the HIC. The Presentation of Master Greenkeeper jackets and the Presentation of prizes for the 2003 BIGGA Golf Environment Competition will be held in Hall D, commencing at 10.30, on Wednesday 21 January.

Extra Seminar Sessions

As was announced in this column last month, we have arranged some extra sessions to add to the advertised Seminar Programme. Delegates will be able to discover what the Futures sub Committee is all about by attending the Seminar at 4 p.m. on Wednesday 21 January in Hall D. This Seminar will be followed at 5.15 p.m. by the BIGGA Annual General Meeting. Members will need to show membership cards to gain entry to the AGM.

I am pleased to be able to announce that a series of Seminars will be held on Tuesday 20 January, also in Hall D, on the subject of Golf Club House Design, Development and Re-development.

The programme will be:

Tuesday 21 January 2004 Harrogate International Centre Hall D

- 1.30 p.m. Financial Potential of Existing and Proposed Golf Facilities
- 1.55 p.m. Food and Beverage Operations
- 2.15 p.m. Refurbishing Locker Rooms and Changing Facilities
- 2.40 p.m. Extending an Existing Clubhouse
- 3.05 p.m. New Projects and Redevelopment – Where to Start
- 3.30 p.m. Questions to the Panel

Entrance to the Seminar Hall will be through Hall Q of the Harrogate International Centre. These Seminars are free of charge.

There are still places left at Continue to Learn 2004. However, remember, that the deadline for Conference, Workshop and Seminar Bookings is 9 January 2004. Call Sami on 01347 833833 to check for availability.

Regional Training

The Regional Training Courses for Spring 2004 have been organised. The following courses have places available:

Fire Safety & Manual Handling	18 February	Lingdale Golf Club, Leicester
Next Steps in Management Skills	24 & 25 February	Wokefield Executive Centre, Reading
Communicating with Committees	16 & 17 March	Shirley Golf Club, Warwickshire
The Influential Manager	25 & 26 March	De Vere Carden Park, Chester
Integrated Pest Management	14 April	De Vere Carden Park, Chester

Other courses requested by Regions and Sections have been arranged, however, they are already fully booked. Call Sami on 01347 833800 to check for availability.

Careers' Fair

Sponsored once again by TORO, the 2004 Careers Fair will be situated in Hall D of the HIC. Visitors will be able to gather information about jobs in Greenkeeping and Golf Course Management, in Golf Course Machinery Sales and Support, in Agronomy, in Further and Higher Education, in Professional Golf, and in Golf Club Administration and Management. Delegates will also be able to refine their CVs, learn how to write the all important letter of application and gather some interviewing tips. The Careers Fair will run alongside BTME & ClubHouse on Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January.

Golf Environment Competition

The BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2004 will be launched at BTME & ClubHouse. Sponsored again by Scotts UK Professional Products and Syngenta Professional Products and supported by the R&A, this Competition allows you to test your progress in Environmental Management and also gives you the chance to win a weather station plus a cash prize of £2000. Pick up a leaflet from the BIGGA Education and Training Stand Q8 during BTME & ClubHouse.