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Education Update

Ken Richardson, Education and Training Manager, wonders where the time has gone as the Education Department gear up for an exciting 2005.

It seems to be true that time flies ever faster, the older you get, as it does not seem very long since Christmas 2004 and we are only three weeks away from Christmas 2005.

More importantly, that means that we are only six weeks away from Continue to Learn 2005 with BITMC rapidly moving over the horizon.

Continue to Learn 2005

Bookings for Continue to Learn 2005 are still arriving in large numbers and the five Workshops, sponsored by the John Deere Team Championship, are filling up.

There are still a few places left but you need to get your application in as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

The two-day Workshops are: Sunday 16 and Monday 17 January

Grass Roots Level

Presented by Dennis and Adrian Mortram

Effective Communication and Negotiation

Presented by David Bancroft-Turner

Golf Course Design

Presented by Jonathan Tucker and David Hemstock.

The one-day Workshops are: Monday 17 January

The Principles of Irrigation

Presented by representatives from BTLIA

Course Preparation Techniques

Presented by Jon Scott and Richard Stillwell

All Workshops will be held in the Majestic Hotel and cost £65 for members attending a one-day Workshop and £130 for members attending two days.

These prices include lunch on each day but do not include accommodation.

Seminar Programme

The much extended Seminar Programme begins on Monday 17 January when the Association of Golf Club Secretaries will be holding a full day of seminars aimed at golf club secretaries and golf club officials.

For information on these seminars, please contact the AGCS on 01934 641166.

Tuesday 18 January sees the start of the Continue to Learn Seminars, followed by ClubHouse seminars in the afternoon.

Wednesday 19 January begins with the Presentation of Awards to three new Master Greenkeepers and to the winners of the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2004, sponsored by WRAP, Scotts UK and Syngenta.

The main presentation of 2005 is to our President,

Sir Michael Bonallack, who will receive the BIGGA Lifetime Achievement Award.

The presentations will be followed by the 2005 Keynote Speaker, Lesley Everett.

Lesley is the UK's leading speaker on personal branding and should give us all food for thought on how we see ourselves and how others see us.

Seminars continue on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday.

Many of the Seminars are free of charge and you can book onto them, on the day, at our Seminar registration desk Hall Q8. All seminars will be held in Hall D. The entrance is via Hall Q.

A special free seminar for all those budding Master Greenkeepers will be held in the Restaurant area of Hall D on Tuesday 18 January between 10 am and 12 noon.

Thanks to sponsorship from TORO, we can, once again, present the Careers Fair at BTME & ClubHouse.

It will feature the well established Careers Clinic with Brin and Frank plus the highly acclaimed Job Wall and full details of careers in greenkeeping.

Anyone thinking about purchasing the OnCourse software package should visit BTME & ClubHouse, as one of the software programmers will be attending the show.

BITMC 2005

You should have received your brochure for the British and International Turf Managers' Conference in this magazine.

I am sure that you will agree that we have put together a varied first class programme at a superb location.

Staverton Park is situated near to Daventry and is easily reached from the M1, the M42, the M40 and the M6.

Birmingham International Airport is 25 minutes away, as is Birmingham International Railway Station. Many low cost airlines fly into Birmingham from around the UK and Europe.

The Centre has excellent accommodation and superb food plus a fully equipped leisure centre and it even has an 18-hole golf course.

We have negotiated a special rate for partners and we can arrange an outing to Blenheim Palace or recommend shopping centres if there is the demand.

Places for delegates are limited and you need to book early to be sure of your place.

The cost for delegates, that includes all meals and two-nights accommodation in a single room, is £376 including VAT for BIGGA members and £480 for non-members.

The cost for partners is £104 for dinner, bed and breakfast for two days.