



Feature listing from June 2002

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

July 2002; Open preview; Turf; Steve Isaccs; Emissions; Grinding; Rotary Mowers; BTME preview; Sandy McDivot

August 2002; BIGGA Golf Day; Open review; Talking Heads - Education & training; Trees; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pwllheli GC; Weather; Compact Tractors; Saltex preview

September 2002; National Championship Preview; Irrigation; Non Grass Cutters; Hawkstone Park; Careers in Greenkeeping

October 2002; Saltex Review; Golden and Silver Key Supporters; Environment Awards; Health & Safety; Sustainable Use of Pesticides

November 2002; Toro Student of the Year; National Championship; Drainage; St Andrew's Bay; Autumn Problems

December 2002; BTME & ClubHouse Preview; R&A Golf Course committee; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pennard GC

January 2003; Beedles Lake Profile; Talking Heads - Chemical Application; Rebuilding Golf Greens; Constructive Advice

February 2003; BTME/ClubHouse Review; Royal Liverpool Profile; Irrigation; Nematodes

March 2003; The Berkshire Profile; Meloidogyne; Overseeding Golf Greens; Talking Heads - Health & Safety

April 2003; Oakmere Park GC; Spraying; Golf Course Security; Bernhards Delegation; Ransomes Jacobsen Profile

May 2003; Cardrona Golf & Country Club; Poa Annua; Rough Mowers; Mole Control; Rootzone; Green Construction

June 2003; Irrigation; Ransomes Jacobsen Scholarships; Fertiliser; Fairway Mowers

July 2003; Irrigation Water; Greens Mowers; Bent Grasses; Course Management; Rakes

August 2003; Aeration; Open Review; Saltex Preview; Waste Water; Toro Student of the Year

September 2003; Hanbury Manor; Irrigation; Disease; Integrated Pest Management; Communication

October 2003; Construction Machinery; Pay Recommendations; Saltex Review; Pesticide Legislation; Finance

November 2003; Temple GC; Trees; Environment Competition Results; Sandy McDivot; Drainage

December 2003; BTME & ClubHouse Preview; Downfield GC; Compact Tractors; Architecture; Bio-tech

January 2004; Ipswich GC Profile; Grass Seed; Environment Competition Awards; Utility Vehicles (sit in)

February 2004; Harrogate Review 2004; Tyneside GC; Utility Vehicles (sit on); Irrigation

March 2004; R&A Best Practice; Trentham Park GC; Drainage; Spraying

April 2004; Know your Rules; Tournament Preparation; Landmarks in Greenkeeping; Security

May 2004; Goodwood Club; Seed or Turf?; Biological Product Survey; Water Features; Recycling; BIGGA Environment Competition

Wallet Lighter But I'm Richer!



Well I hope you all survived the madness this Spring! In this part of the country growth has been as prolific as I can remember. Even with a staff and machine resource like that at Carden it has been a real struggle to keep on top of cutting never mind all the other detailed operations expected of us at this time.

I know many of you are not as fortunate in terms of availability of machines and labour and I can only hope that your club has been supportive of your efforts. While we do have a comparatively large staff at Carden it has been under strength in numbers, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for an extraordinary effort during the last two months.

My Head Greenkeeper on the Cheshire course, Martin Thompson, has moved on to become a Work based trainer with Myerscough and I wish him every success for the future. He had a great input at Carden and I will miss him.

There will, no doubt be some of you out there who have less than understanding committees and members, and, I think we are all in agreement that this is where BIGGA needs to concentrate its efforts - the education of Golf Clubs leadership and the Golfing public. To this end, by the time you read this, I will have made a presentation at the EGU Chair of Green/Owners seminar, on the role of the Course Manager. The EGU have in the last few years been very supportive of BIGGA and its aims and we are grateful for the platform they give us. Of course, a few BIGGA members speaking at events is not going to be enough to change things and you all have a responsibility to communicate effectively with members and colleagues. If this is an area in which you are inexperienced or are anxious about then I encourage you to speak to Ken Richardson about training opportunities in this vital skill.

It hasn't all been pressure and doom and gloom in the last few weeks however. We have had several visitors to Carden and they have given Claire and I the opportunity to see some places we haven't been to in a while, renew old friendships and make some new ones. So, thank you to John and Judith Pemberton, Stan Zontek, Bruce Jamieson and Gordon and Marilyn Witteveen for your company. My waist line has expanded, my wallet's a little lighter but I am richer!

One of the encouraging aspects of the Associations resources at the moment is the increasing use of the forums on the website and, more importantly the content and quality of the threads. As time becomes more difficult to find for all of us, the use of this tool will grow as a means of learning, staying in touch and making new contacts. To all of you who are regulars on the forum congratulations on producing some interesting debates and thank you for your input.

The staff are busy at Headquarters preparing for the first Neil Thomas Memorial Trophy and I hope many of you will take this opportunity not only to remember Neil but also to visit BIGGA HOUSE. You will be made welcome and I am sure be impressed by the staff and their commitment to you. BTME 2005 is looking very good with full support again from our Trade partners and a few new ideas that you will learn about shortly. This year you will also see an updated and expanded directory which I'm sure will prove useful. The new staff have settled in well and its good to see the positive and progressive attitude at HQ considering the difficulties of the last 12 months. Give them time and your support and they will deliver.

In closing I wish you all the best for the Summer, don't forget your families (a reminder to myself as much as anyone!) and remember speed can kill!

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