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September 2004; Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Preview; Ravensworth Golf Club; Turf Disease; Royal Holloway College; Tractors; The Greener Approach to Greenkeeping

October 2004; STRI 75th Anniversary; Kenwick Park GC; Ecology; John Deere National Team Championship; Best Practice; Top Dressing; Saltex Review; Aeration

Chairman's Column



Here, there, everywhere

As I again incur the wrath of our Editor and push the magazine deadline to its absolute limit, I can look back on a period that has possibly been the busiest yet in my time as Chairman.

On returning from the trip to Sweden and the SGA Conference in Helsingborg, a quick re-pack of the cases and it was back up to BIGGA House for the TORO Student Greenkeeper of the Year Finals. Both of these events proved inspiring. Sweden in the sense that some old friends like Stig Person and Rolf Lowgren, among others, have succeeded in their efforts in forming a strong Association. As ever their enthusiasm and the time they took out of their busy schedules was much appreciated.



The TOROS for me always gives a great boost with the enthusiasm and professionalism of the participants reaching ever higher levels each year. All of this year's finalists are to be congratulated on making the judges' job a very difficult one. I am sure Alex Shore will enjoy his time in the States and I know all at Woburn are very proud of his achievement.

Following the TOROS came a meeting of the BTME Steering Committee. With much talk continuing with regards to the number, location and frequency of exhibitions it is vitally important that we continue to work with our Trade partners in giving them best value for pounds spent, while at the same time securing sustainable levels of income for the Association.

Every member should be aware that BTME is absolutely vital to the future of BIGGA and our educational programmes. In these challenging times the Trade question every pound spent through their marketing.

You can help by attending BTME 2005 and bringing along the other key decision makers from your club. The staff at HQ are certainly doing their bit, with visitor analysis and the needs of those visitors being integral to future planning of Harrogate week.

A quick dash back down the M62 for a club committee meeting that night and I just about managed to stay awake - no reflection I assure you on the quality of the meeting!

The following week sees the old truck back on autopilot and heading North for the National Championship, sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen at The Alwoodley Golf Club, near Leeds.

Phil Taylor easily succeeded in maintaining the course's reputation as one of the toughest in the UK. Several of our category one players received a severe bruising to their reputations in the 50 mph wind. Again congratulations to all the participants and winners.

The very next day and it's off to our Section autumn meeting and AGM. No surprises sadly, with good numbers playing golf and poor numbers attending the AGM. In a meeting that lasted 30 minutes there were no new volunteers for the committee and so the burden continues to fall on too few.

Surely this apathy cannot continue across the Sections if we want to see all levels of the Association flourish. Contrary to opinion, and despite the popular sport of HQ bashing, the problem lies with members at Section level and not at national level.

If you lose your Section and its activities through apathy you may well be grateful for HQ and its staff, for they will be the only voice you have left. I am amazed that a time investment of 30 minutes is beyond people who wish to be considered as professionals.

The STRI celebrated 75 years of work in our industry and I was delighted to be asked to contribute to their Turf Bulletin, which marked the occasion, as well as attending the open day at Bingley and the dinner that followed.

Many congratulations to Gordon McKillop and his team on a job well done, and I am sure that BIGGA and the STRI will continue to enjoy a strong relationship in the future.

The following day and the journey North continues, this time to Middlesbrough GC to address an EGU Seminar. It was good to see past Chairman George Malcolm again and enjoy some time on his course.

The attendance figures were respectable, and again the EGU proved how much they are behind BIGGA and its aims. If you haven't already attended one of these Road shows please make the time to do so, and take your Secretary, Green Chairman, etc with you. It WILL help you and your Golf Club.

After a great few days at Carden, spent with Bill Fach and Merlin Affleck, of the Canadian Superintendents Association, and Laurence and Sandra Pithie it was off North again for a Board of Management meeting, followed by the Futures Committee, and then a day and a half with Brin Bendon for advanced presentation skills training - a very enjoyable but tough few days.

It might appear that I am becoming like Michael Palin in terms of travel but there has been some time for my day job, which becomes increasingly busy, and I'm grateful to my team for all their efforts.

The important thing for me is that my time investment will pay off for me, my employer and the Association. Time is precious and we only come this way once - what are you doing with your time?

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