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Education Update

Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, is into the busy part of the training and education year, including making arrangements for the new conference.

Turf Managers Conference - speakers announced

Things are getting even more hectic in the Education and Training Department as Sami and I strive to present education and training opportunities for all members of BIGGA.

The Regional Conference season has begun. Regional/Section Courses are in full swing, BTME & ClubHouse is just around the corner and the British and International Turf Managers Conference is ready to launch.

The British and International Turf Managers Conference

With so much happening at Harrogate during BTME & ClubHouse, the BIGGA Board of Management decided to move the Education Conference from Harrogate in 2005.

They also decided that we should concentrate on Golf Course Management and the title of The British and International Turf Grass Managers Conference (BITMC) was chosen.

Therefore BITMC, which is supported by Syngenta Professional and by the John Deere Team Championship and endorsed by the R&A, the Scottish Golf Union, the English Golf Union, the Welsh Golfing Union, the STRI, the GTC and the IOG, will take place over the weekend of 19 and 20 March 2005 at the Staverton Park Conference Centre, nr Daventry.

The draft programme is:

Friday 18 March

Arrival and informal Dinner

Saturday 19 March

Session One

Dr James Murphy, Specialist in Soil Physics, Rutgers University

Session Two

Mr Brin Bendon, Management Trainer

Session Three

Mr Peter Jones MSc, Greenkeeping Consultant

Session Four

Darin Bevard, USGA Green Section Consultant

Session Five

Dr Ruth Mann, STRI Scientist

Session Six

Mr David-Bancroft Turner, Management Trainer

Sunday 20 March

Session Seven

Mr Steve Jones MG, Greenkeeping Consultant

Session Eight

Dr Alan Gange, Biological Scientist, London University

Session Nine

Mr Roger Greenwood, Broadcaster, Film Maker, Journalist

Session Ten

Mr Richard Hayden, Environmentalist

Session Eleven

Dr James Murphy

All the speakers have confirmed their attendance and subjects include: Research into Soil Biology, Current USGA Research, An Holistic Approach to Disease Management, The Use of Modern Technology in Golf Course

Management, Obligations to the Environment, People Management on the Golf Course, Maintaining Personal Relationships and Dealing with the Media.

Staverton Park is a purpose-built Conference and Training Centre that has four star accommodation, excellent food and full leisure facilities including its own golf course.

The intensive two-day learning programme will cost less than £400, including VAT, that includes two nights accommodation in a single room, all meals, including the Conference Dinner, two days of top level education and full use of the leisure facilities (except golf).

Full details of BITMC, together with a booking form, will appear in the December Edition of Greenkeeper International.

Continue to Learn at Harrogate

Some people seem to think that Continue to Learn week at Harrogate has been diluted, but the opposite is true.

As you should have seen from the Continue to Learn Brochure in last month's edition of GI, the number of opportunities for education and training has increased, with more Workshops than ever before, three days of Seminars, instead of two days, plus a full day of presentations by the Association of Golf Club Secretaries.

Places on the Workshops are limited and we have received a large number of bookings already, so make sure of your place by booking early.

For further information, contact Sami at BIGGA House on 01347 833833.

Regional/Section Courses

Some of this Autumn's courses are fully booked, whereas some are in danger of being cancelled. Remember, use them or lose them. Places are available on:

Essential Management Skills

Ross on Wye Golf Club 9 & 10 November

Communication Skills

Cleethorpes Golf Club 17 & 18 November

Management Skills for Head Greenkeepers and Course Managers

Old Fold Manor Golf Club 22 & 23 November

Next Steps in Management Skills

Dunham Forest Golf Club 25 & 26 November

Negotiating Skills

Exeter Golf Club 30 November

Each two day course costs £99 + VAT (£116.33) and the one day course costs £49 + VAT (£57.58) thanks to a massive subsidy from the BIGGA Education and Development Fund.

Regional Conferences

Education Conferences are being held at:

Midlands

Warwickshire College 10 November

South West & South Wales

Cannington College 17 November

North

Penrith Golf Club 25 November

Contact your Regional Administrator for details of how to book your place.