

Feature listing from March 2004

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

June 2004; Fairy Rings; Biologicals;
The Grove; Kubota Profile; Turf;
Sand and Rootzone

July 2004; Royal Troon Open Preview,
Mowing, Disease Analysis

August 2004; Neil Thomas Memorial Golf Day;
Open review; Royal Cinque Ports; Irrigation;
Mowers (2); Saltex Preview;
Best Practice; Top Dressing

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

November 2004; Toro Student Greenkeeper
of the Year Final; The BIGGA National
Championship; Comrie GC; CV Advice;
Drainage; Construction; Fences

December 2004; BTME & ClubHouse Preview;
Henley GC; Grass Identification; Trees;
Environmental Winner; BIGGA Delegation;
Interview Advice; College Listings

January 2005; Sir Michael Bonallack;
Parkstone GC; Machinery Servicing; Ransomes
Jacobsen Scholarship; Recycled Products;
John Deere Team Championship; Tees;
Negotiation Advice

February 2005; Harrogate 2005 Review;
Meet the Chairman; Environmental
Competition; Tyres; Coombe Hill GC

March 2005; Alwoodley GC; Difficult Areas;
Drainage; Irrigation; Greens

April 2005; Augusta Syndrome; Thornhill GC;
Difficult Areas Part 2; Turf Tonics;
BIGGA Delegation; Fescue Grass

May 2005; Hellidon Lakes; Power Mowers;
Pest Control; Cutting Heights Survey; Nozzles

June 2005; Minchinhampton GC; Aeration;
Rigby Taylor Profile; Chemical Usage;
Top Dressing; Jim Arthur Tribute

July 2005; Loch Lomond GC; St. Andrews;
Mini Excavators; Disease; Finance; Scholarship

August 2005; Ramsey GC; Open Review;
Quad Bikes; Top Dressing; BIGGA Golf Day;
Anthracnose; National Championship Preview

September 2005; John O'Gaunt GC;
Drainage Special; Security; Student of the Year;
Massey Ferguson Profile

October 2005; Laleham GC; Dollar Spot;
Utility Vehicles; Bio Oil; Pneumatic Fracturing;
Best Practice

November 2005; Chipping Norton GC;
National Championship; Course Construction;
Fertilisers; Servicing

December 2005; Harrogate Week Preview;
BIGGA Delegation; Environmental Competition;
Fescue Debate; Irrigation

January 2006; Bearwood Lakes GC;
Course Furniture; Nicklaus Design; Seed;
Alternative Fuel; Disease Survey

February 2006; Cold Ashby GC; Netting;
Chemical Fertilisers; Turf Construction

Looking to Youth



One of my first duties as Chairman was to represent our Association at the recent world summit in Atlanta with our Chief Executive, John Pemberton, and Deputy Chief Executive and Training Manager, Ken Richardson. The world summit has representatives from the following Associations; Asian Golf Course Owner, Canadian Superintendents, Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers, Superintendents Association of America, Superintendents of Ireland, Swedish Greenkeepers Association, Australian Superintendents, and German Golf Greenkeepers.

This annual event was held in Harrogate in 2005 and will be held in Sweden next year. The purpose of the summit is to share information and ideas between Associations globally. This has led to a collective agreement on global environmental guidelines and efforts. The working draft has identified that all golf courses worldwide must protect and enhance their environmental resources to protect the wonderful game of golf.

Course Managers globally have a major role to play as Course Managers are at the centre of all the necessary efforts to protect the environment: Water management, turf and pest management, energy and waste management, design and construction and wildlife and habitat management.

Also the summit agreed a worldwide draft job description for course managers that can be adapted to each country. If you would like more information please contact Ken Richardson at BIGGA HOUSE.

During my first two months of chairmanship many people have asked me what are my goals for the Association in 2006. First and foremost I intend to Chair our Association with dignity and pride, like all the Chairmen have done before me. Also I intend to support our staff who, like many greenkeepers from time to time, come under unfair criticism. Where actions do need to be taken I can ensure you that the Chief Executive will take the necessary action. So come on lads and lassies lets get behind our team.

As many of you will be aware I have been involved in our Association from the start serving on Section Committee as Chairman and Secretary and on the regional board as Chairman, before having two years out after moving to Burnham & Berrow GC. Looking back I wondered how I got involved as a then young man and came to the following conclusion that I was always proud to be a member of an Association promoting greenkeepers as professionals. With this I was prepared to offer my free time to help propel the Association forward like many of you reading this article.

I then realised that my involvement didn't just happen as I received encouragement and support from many of my peers within the Devon and Cornwall Section their support and drive was infectious. With all the pressures placed on our profession today we seem not to have time today to encourage young greenkeepers to get involved at Section level. We must find a way to encourage our industry's future to be involved creating a balanced blend, where senior members can encourage and support our young guys and girls to develop their careers both at work and within our Association. Many of these young guys and girls will then overtime filter though to serve on region and national boards.

Talking about blends, I was lucky to meet up with the BIGGA Delegation, sponsored by Bernhard, to Atlanta. Yet again credit to the selection process (never easy), as this was a true blend of greenkeepers from all over the country. All the delegation had a common aim to gather information on greenkeeping methods on the other side of the pond.

I would like to personally thank Steven Bernhard for his sponsorship over the last six years, which has allowed 60 greenkeepers to further their greenkeeping education. Also to the Bernhard team who have organised and looked after all the delegations so well.

Champions of BIGGA

Robert Hogarth, East Scotland, is my choice for this month. Robert has recently moved to Remedy Oak Golf Club from Cardrona Hotel & Country Club. He has been in greenkeeping for 19 years.

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Chairman