

HARROGATE WEEK COMPANIES

Advanced Drives & Paths Ltd (Netlon)
Advanta Seeds UK Limited
AFT Trenchers
Air-Eze Ltd
Air-Seal Products Ltd
Aitkens Sportsturf Ltd
Allen Power Equipment Ltd
Allett Mowers Ltd
Amenity Land Services
Indi Flow
Arden Lea (Irrigation) Ltd
Askham Bryan College
Association of Golf Club Secretaries
Avant Tecno UK Ltd
Badcock Services Ltd
Barcham Trees
Barenbrug UK Ltd
Bathgate Silica Sand Limited
Bayer Environmental Science
Bellwood Trees
Bernhard & Co Ltd
Blec Landscaping Equipment Co Ltd
Bioiberica
Border Sports Services Limited
Boughton Turf Management
Bowhayes Trees Ltd
British Seed Houses Ltd
BUPA Cash Plan
Campey Turfcare Systems/ +Turfworks International
Club Car
Complete Weed Control Ltd
Course Care
David Jenkins Turf Care Equipment Ltd
Dennis
DLF Tri-Folium Ltd
Dryspell Irrigation Solutions Ltd
Dunweed Ltd
DW Tomlin
Eagle Promotions Ltd
Ecosolve Ltd
Elmwood College
Environmental Turf Technology Ltd (ETT)
European Turfgrass Laboratories Ltd
Europipes (UK) Ltd
Farmura Ltd
Fairway Credit/ Premium Credit
Fleximas
FMW Distinct Ltd
Gambetti UK Ltd
Garfitts International Ltd
GEM Professional
Golf Course News International
Golf Tee Signs
Graden (R & K Kensett Ltd)
Greenlink International Ltd
Groundsman Industries
Hardi Limited
Headland Amenity Limited
Hunter Grinders Ltd
Huxley Golf
Imants BV
Ingersoll-Rand European Sales Ltd
Inturf
Irri-Supplies (formerly Irrigation supplies)
JB Corrie & Co Limited
John Greasley Ltd
John Shaw (Machinery) Ltd
J.S.M. Distribution
Ken White Signs
Landscape & Amenity Product Update
Lastec UK Ltd
Lindum Seeded Turf
Links Leisure Ltd
Little 3 Creative Solutions
Lloyds & Co (Leitchworth) Ltd
Lowara UK Ltd
Major Equipment Ltd
Massey Ferguson (AGCO)
MJ Abbott
Myerscough College
New Holland UK Limited
North Staffs Irrigation Ltd
Novozymes Biologicals France SA
Ocmis Irrigation (UK) Ltd
OptimizeGolf
Pentagon Amenity Marketing Ltd
Pitchcare.com Ltd
Pro-tine P S Marsden
PSD Agronomy Ltd
Rain Bird Europe S.A.R.L.
Revaho UK Ltd
Rigby Taylor Ltd
Rotary Lift (UK) Ltd
RECO (Ruston's Engineering Co Ltd)
O.R.M. Professional Products Ltd/The Wormcast Company
Scotts Company (UK) Ltd
Shelton Sportsturf Drainage Solutions
Sheppy Humber Palmers
Sherriff Amenity Services
Speedcut Contractors Ltd
Steelmaster Products
STRI
Sub Air Systems
Symbio
Syngenta Crop Protection UK Ltd
Synergy Products Ltd
Tact
Talbot Farm Landscapes
Tarmac TopSport
Technet Engineering Ltd
Tenax UK Ltd
Terrain Aeration Services Ltd
The Greenkeepers Training Committee Ltd
The Readyshine Company Ltd
Tillers Turf Co Ltd
Tower Chemicals
Trilo UK Ltd
True Surface Rollers by Turflife
Turf Care Group Ltd
Turfdry Ltd
Verde Sports Ltd
Vitax
Waste 2 Water
WBB Minerals
White Horse Contractors Ltd
Whitemoss Eco Supplies Ltd
Wiedenmann (UK) Ltd
Writtle College
Yamaha Motor (UK) Ltd

Chairman's Column



Time to stand up and be counted

On returning from the Toro student of the year finals, where once again the professionalism shown by all the candidates was extremely high, my congratulations go to all the finalists whom I am sure will have learnt so much by taking part. Each finalist will sit back and take stock of their performance and identify their strengths and weaknesses, which I am sure we all do on occasions - if not we should do. On the back of our own assessment or appraisal done by others, we will have highlighted areas where improvement can be achieved through further training.

As you look through the Harrogate Week educational programme that is included in this issue, you will find many educational opportunities available to you at very competitive prices. It is up to every one of you to make your employers aware of the savings they can make by you just being a member of BIGGA.

My congratulations go to this year's winner of the Toro Student of the Year - Mike Emptage - who is set for an unbelievable period in his life, meeting fellow greenkeeping students from around the world, as he enrolls on an intensive university programme. Mike will also get the chance to visit the Toro factory and attend the GCSAA show.

Our thanks to Toro who have sponsored the Student Greenkeeper of the Year award for 18 years, giving so many students the chance to better themselves.

As mentioned earlier in my article, the Continue to Learn educational programme is now available. As most of you are aware, the programme is run in conjunction with the BTME trade show, with exhibitors covering the full range of equipment, chemicals and materials required for all sports surfaces. Many of you will be aware that the revenue from the show is a large part of the Association's income, with profits being ploughed back into benefits to you, the members, mainly in the form of subsidised education. As we enter a difficult period with a few of the leading manufacturers not exhibiting in 2007, it is time that we, the members, should stand up and be counted and attend Harrogate week in large numbers, this is the best way to show our industry that we are passionate about our profession and our Association. Many people would say that education should come from the employer and the employer should pay the going rate, I'm afraid that in



the real greenkeeping world this doesn't happen and without the profits from Harrogate your Association wouldn't be able to fill the educational gap. So if you haven't made your mind up yet, think of the big picture and support the week and your association. Recently I attended my Section's committee meeting and was delighted to hear such positive feelings regarding Harrogate week and the need to support it. The Section have decided to provide transport and subsidised accommodation on a first come first served basis, hopefully each Section around the country will be planning something on those lines. On the left of my column you will find all the companies who have already signed up for BTME. You can click online to Harrogate week and view their websites for more information.

Champion of BIGGA

My Champion of BIGGA this month is Ian Willett, Course Manager at Thorpeness GC in Suffolk and currently the East Anglia Section Secretary. Earlier this year Ian received the unsung heroes award in recognition for the enthusiastic help he offers our profession, Ian is very keen on education and successfully administrates a number of educational events within his Section.

Richard Whyman
Chairman