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## ANAHEIM 2007

I would like to thank all at Bernhards Grinders and BIGGA for the excellent trip that was provided for the 10 delegates to the GCSAA show in Anaheim, California. This was an incredible experience for all who participated and we were made to feel extremely welcome by all of our American counterparts with whom we had the pleasure of meeting.

I would additionally like to thank all at British Seed Houses, Florantine, the GCSAA and Ransomes Jacobsen for the wonderful hospitality offered towards us while on the visit - it certainly will not be forgotten.

Finally, I would like to thank Kim and the rest of Bernhards staff for making this trip possible and thanks also to the rest of the delegation who made this trip truly memorable.

**Andrew de Wet**

Staverton Park Golf Club



## SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATION

The Nordic course, Turfgrass for golf courses, has now come to an end. The essence of this programme has been three gatherings, at which a different topic was addressed.

- Turfgrass physiology and plant material
  - Morphology and plant physiology – plant morphology, seasonal development, non-structural carbohydrate content
  - Plant material – species, varieties, mixtures
  - Growth components – light, temperature, water, mineral nutrients, soil air
  - Establishment – germination, direct drilling
- Pest management and biological disease control
  - Pest management – fungi, insects, weeds
  - Maintenance techniques for the prevention of pests
  - Integrated pest management (IPM) and biological disease control
  - Weed control without the use of herbicides
  - Soil microbiological activity and soil organic matter
- Winter survival of turf
  - Turfgrass overwintering physiology
  - Causes of winter injuries
  - Management techniques for the prevention of winter injuries

In addition to the above, we had to perform compulsory written assignments, and a compulsory oral and written report of a course project. I was involved with 2 others, and we made a report called “thatch – the worse enemy for the greenkeeper”. We had to perform a 45 min. presentation of the report.

I am very grateful for the scholarship from BIGGA and Ransomes Jacobsen. Thank you very much for the opportunity to achieve new goals. I have been able to get a higher standard for my golf course and most importantly, I feel much more confident in discussions towards the golf course manager and to some extent to the board members. For the moment I am trying to set up my budget for the 2007 season. I do think that my ability to stand up and do a presentation is more solid now than earlier.

Once again – thank you very much for the possibility to achieve a higher level of education.

**Best regards**

**Per-Ove B. Lysvold**

Head Greenkeeper

Voss Golf course - Norway

## THANK YOU

Just a short note to thank all those involved in arranging this year's BIGGA delegation to the Golf Industry Show in Anaheim. The week was crammed full with interesting seminars, innovative ideas, new products and field trips to some great venues including L.A Country Club and the grounds of the L.A. Galaxy “Soccer” team.

During the show and education conferences I was impressed by the levels of enthusiasm, dedication and commitment shown by all our American colleagues. The quality of education available was something for us to aspire to. Amazing levels of interest and hospitality were shown to us and it will be great to reciprocate when the American delegation come to Harrogate next January.

This trip reminded me of how different our approaches to the industry are, the Americans are leading the way with research, science based education, lifting standards and pushing boundaries whilst here at home we are driving forward with ecological, efficient and responsible maintenance practices. We have so much to learn from each other it is important to keep communicating and this delegation is a very important part of that.

What a great week we all had, exchanging ideas, making new friends, visiting excellent venues and learning so much. I thoroughly recommend this to any greenkeepers in the industry - it's a great opportunity to see a different side of the industry. Thank you to John Pemberton, the other greenkeepers in the delegation, Stephen Bernhard, all the Bernhard Company team and especially Kim Furnell for making last week happen.

**Glenn Kirby**

The London Golf Club