

BIGGA and the GCSAA Join Forces



BIGGA and the GCSAA have forged an alliance, which will benefit golf course managers on both sides of the Atlantic and beyond.

The formal agreement sees the two largest Associations in the industry working in collaboration to continue to raise standards in course management, demonstrate a global commitment to sustainability and to enhance the professional image and status of Golf Course Managers and Superintendents.

Signed in Las Vegas during The Golf Industry Show, the agreement will see the two bodies promoting and

supporting each other's services and programmes; sharing information and knowledge and providing opportunities for both Associations to learn from each other.

The collaboration will cover education conferences and trade shows; support from industry sponsors and partners; professional development and education and membership products, services and information. All will be carried out with a genuine commitment to sustainability in all areas.

"BIGGA is delighted to have formalised its already excellent relationship with the

GCSAA. We firmly believe that Course Managers around the world face similar challenges so sharing good practice, recognising each others skills and working together jointly to promote sustainability and the fine work done by all of our members will undoubtedly lead to better playing conditions on golf courses around the world.

We are grateful to the Board of Directors of the GCSAA for their progressive approach to this collaboration and I personally look forward to working closely with them in the years to come," said BIGGA Chairman, Andrew Mellon.

GREEN GOLF IN THE KINGDOM OF FIFE AND TAYSIDE

Special one-day seminar at The Scores Hotel, St Andrews April 26, 2012 9.30am-2.45pm

A special one-day seminar, looking at how golf clubs can achieve success in sustainably managing their courses and facilities, is to be held in St Andrews later this month.

The free seminar will feature presentations about the sustainability strategies at world famous golf venues, St Andrews Links, and Loch Lomond Golf Club.

There will be presentations about Waste Management from Zero Waste Scotland, energy usage from the Scottish Energy Efficiency Office, and an introduction to the Golf Environment Organisation OnCourse programme and its ecolabel certification.

Fife Council will also outline the support available for clubs and courses implementing sustainability measures.

The seminar will conclude with a discussion session where a panel of experts in the field will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

It will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about this increasingly important aspect of golf club management.

The event is being organised by St Andrews Links Trust and is supported by the Scottish Golf Union, the R&A, the Golf Environment Organisation and Fife Council.

To book a free place at the seminar please visit:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sustainable_fife

John Farrell of Bailey's

Bailey's of Norfolk Technical Director, John Farrell, has died following a long battle with illness.

John had been with Bailey's for 15 years during which time he had taken a great deal of interest and worked unceasingly to help and impart sound

advice to his friends and customers within the turf care industry.

"His input into the success of our business and the friendship he bestowed on us is so special.

"We will never forget our John Farrell," said Alan Bailey.

