



BIGGA Membership

The membership team reflect on current news and affairs affecting you, the BIGGA member

BTME 2013 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – AVOID THE QUEUES!

BTME (The BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition) is back for its 24th year at the Harrogate International Centre on 22-24 January 2013. You can now apply for your free entry pass to BTME 2013 by visiting the BIGGA website www.bigga.org.uk click on the BTME banner at the top of the page and select REGISTER NOW!

BTME 2013 is shaping up to be another must-attend event, with many exhibitors having already booked their space months in advance. The countdown starts here with the opening of registration.

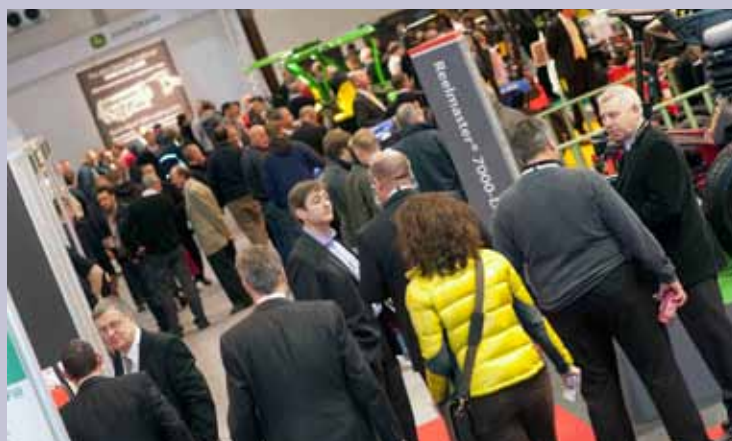
Widely regarded as Europe's leading showcase for turf and grounds care professionals and buyers, BTME offers a fantastic opportunity to browse, buy and seek advice from over a hundred of the top manufacturers and service providers across the world, so don't miss out!

CONTINUE TO LEARN – Discount for BIGGA Members

BTME also incorporates Continue to Learn - a host of seminars and workshops, coming to you courtesy of BIGGA, from 20-23 January 2013. Whether you want to learn about management, basic budgeting and golf course finance, health and safety or putting green maintenance, it's all here at Continue to Learn. See the brochure enclosed with this month's copy of GI.

TURF MANAGERS' CONFERENCE

Back for a third year, the Turf Managers' Conference will be held on Monday 21 January 2013 at The Crown Hotel, Harrogate. Dr Thomas Nikolai - 'The Doctor of Green Speed' from Michigan State University will head up a fantastic programme to include David Bancroft-Turner from 3D Training and Development, a specialist in organisational politics - a very popular subject!



Also Dr Kate Entwistle from the Turf Disease Centre and Lorna Sheldon from CWI International, a specialist in communication and presentation skills will be discussing very topical issues.

Prices are held from 2012 so book early to ensure you reserve a place.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Calling all members in the Northern, South East and South West/South Wales Regions, a Regional Conference will be held in your region during November. Details are:-

Northern Region, November 7th, Phoenix Golf Club, Rotherham, (easily accessed on the A631 from both Rotherham and Sheffield and is within 1 mile of M1 junctions 33 and 34).

Contact Sandra Raper Tel: 07866 366966

Midland Region, November 6th Forest Hill Golf Club, Leicester (With easy access from Markfield Lane, Forest Hill Golf & Country Club is less than 3 miles from the A50, 5 miles from M1 J22 south bound and only 4 miles from M1 J21a north bound. For Sat Nav purposes please use LE9 9FH)

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South East Region, November 14th, Thorpeness Hotel & Golf Club, (From London & the South East - From the M25, exit at junction 28 onto the A12. Follow to

north of Ipswich and then take the A1094. Local signposting will take you into Thorpeness. Post code for SAT NAV IP16 4N)

Contact Clive Osgood Tel: 01737 819343 or Mobile: 07841 948410

South West/South Wales Region, November 15th, Oaktree Arena, Highbridge, Somerset

(Getting to the OTA Conference Centre from M5 Junction 22 - At the roundabout take the first exit, following brown tourist signs to Speedway Arena. Approximately 50 yards past Greenacres campsite on the right, you will see The Oaktree signposted to your left).



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For more information contact the Regional Administrators.

The Regional Conferences are a great opportunity of meeting other greenkeepers, exchanging information and learning something in the process, many people, mostly volunteers have gone to a lot of time and trouble to make sure these Regional Conferences happen, please, if you can, support them.

Section AGM's

It's getting to that time of year again when Section AGM's and Section Education and Golf Events are happening. In order to keep up to date with all the dates of the Section Events visit the Events Section on the BIGGA Website (www.bigga.org.uk) or see them listed on the 'Diary of Events' page.





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