



Stanley Zontek

It is with regret that we have been informed of the death of BIGGA member Stanley Zontek, director of the USGA Green Section's Mid-Atlantic region, at the age of 63, after suffering a heart attack.

Stanley was the son of a golf course superintendent – playing his first round aged just five - and graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Agronomy and Turfgrass Management.

He became one of the most respected agronomists within the industry and was a frequent speaker at BTME as well as other seminars in the UK and worldwide where he delighted audiences with his knowledge and enthusiasm. One of his more unusual responsibilities was maintaining the putting green at the White House.

He also received many awards including the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award, the GCBA Don Rossi Humanitarian Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at Penn State – recognising his outstanding lifelong contribution to greenkeeping.

Everyone at BIGGA would like to extend their deepest condolences to Stanley's family and friends at this sad time.



FLOODING HITS THE UK

The Indian Summer was sadly brought to an abrupt end in mid-September by a three-day deluge which swamped courses across the UK.

Nowhere was this more evident than at BIGGA HQ, where the River Ure burst its banks and flooded half of the Aldwark Manor course.

This amazing picture shows the 4th green at the height of the flood.

Norman Fenwick

It is with great regret that we have been informed of the death of Norman Fenwick, Course Manager at Ipswich Golf Club.

Norman, who leaves partner Julie and sons Alan and Jacob, was taken ill while cycling. He was a hugely popular and well-respected member of BIGGA and tributes have poured in.

Neill Ellice, General Manager at Ipswich Golf Club, said: "We have been very fortunate to have benefitted from Norman's passion, skills and knowledge since he joined us 13 years ago from Sandford Springs Golf Club..

"It has been a privilege to work with him. One of Norman's great qualities was that despite having led the team that has produced one of the finest courses in the east of England he was never satisfied with its progress and was always looking for ways to improve the course and its environment yet further.

"He was also determined to develop the next generation of greenkeepers by giving his team ample opportunities to undertake training

and educational courses. His enthusiastic leadership inspired his team to take up the challenge of improving their skills and knowledge, leaving us in a strong position to deal with the aftermath of his tragic and untimely death.

"Norman will be sorely missed but his legacy will live on not only in the form of two fine golf courses but also with a team of greenkeepers dedicated to building on his outstanding achievements".

Mick Lathrope, Head Greenkeeper at Eaton Golf Club, added: "We shall miss him a lot – a true gent and a first class greenkeeper. He would always have a laugh – sometimes a translator would have been handy (that's rich coming from me, but you know what I mean!). I'm sure his skills would have been passed on to the youngsters at Purdis and they will remember them, and him, forever. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family at this sad time."

