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## BTME 2013

### The Review

Sunday 20 to Thursday 24 January 2013  
at the Harrogate International Centre



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Lisa Sayers, Course Manager at Mid Kent Golf Club



### Third BIGGA Turf Managers' Conference a huge success

An increasingly important focus of BTME is the varied Continue to Learn programme and it's no exaggeration to say 2013 boasted one of the finest ever line-ups beginning with the Third Turf Managers' Conference.

We attracted some of the leading experts and most informative and knowledgeable presenters from the turf industry and beyond to make this Conference accessible for sports turf managers keen to advance their education.

The Conference made its first appearance outside the halls of the Harrogate International Centre,

holding place at the nearby Crown Hotel. We attracted some terrific presenters with the renowned Dr Thom Hitchin taking charge of his presentation and highly interesting presentation on 'The Top 10 Bunker to Lightweight Ball'. A worldwide industry on turf cutters, Thom's Turfgrass Academic Specialist at Michigan State University and in author of the book 'The Superintendents Guide to Converting Putting Green Speed'.

Adam McColl, Head Greenkeeper at Crews Hill Golf Club said, "Thom was very informative and engaging, I never fail to be impressed at

BIGGA's efforts in securing the best speakers from around the world and this presentation was no exception."

As for Thom, Hitchin, he simply said, "I have never enjoyed myself more at a conference. I have never been in a happier place in my life".

He was followed by Lorna Sayers, a qualified public speaker, who has coached thousands of people across the world in the art of presenting with confidence and credibility. Included in the line-up were also presentations on 'The

Top 10 Bunker to Lightweight Ball' and 'The Superintendents Guide to Converting Putting Green Speed'.

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Branding of an unparalleled day of advanced education, Kate Entwistle, Turf Pathologist at The Turf

Disease Centre, gave the afternoon keynote on 'The New Disease Update'. She's worked on turfgrass disease since 1990 and this presentation looked at the conference and off-the-beat path of new turf diseases and results of the Turf Disease Centre's research. Curiously, each presentation was concluded with an interactive question and answer session giving delegates the chance to ask questions and to get the opinions of managers.

The whole day was summed up well by David Entwistle from Lynet Golf Club who commented, "This Conference gives all turf managers the opportunity to improve their knowledge which will undoubtedly help you to be a better manager."

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**PROFILE**  
Name: Angus Elish  
Role: Clubmaker  
Event: 23 March 2013

**Medical state**  
Married with a five-year-old daughter, Angus is a professional golfer and a keen golfer himself. He is a member of the Eastingswood Golf Club and has been playing since he was 10. He is a member of the club and has been playing since he was 10. He is a member of the club and has been playing since he was 10.

**Favorite Sports**  
Tennis, Soccer, Golf

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