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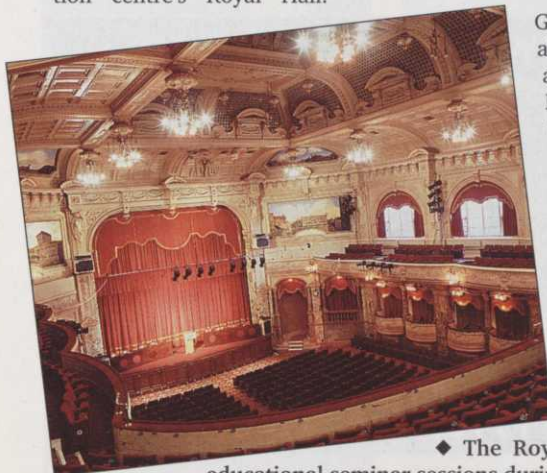
A RECORD number of exhibitors will be at the 1995 BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition in Harrogate, January 25-27. More than 140 companies and golfing bodies have taken all the available space at the Harrogate International Centre. This is the first time in the seven-year history of the event that it has been a complete sellout.

Every aspect of golf course maintenance is catered for at Europe's premier fine turf show. If you're looking for seeds or strimmers, turf or tractors, mowers or mats, pop-ups or pipes, electric greens machines or expert advice, you'll find it all at BTME. All the major companies and many smaller ones will be there.

The '95 show will open at 9am on January 25 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the main entrance performed by BIGGA's chairman, accompanied by other Board of Management colleagues.

As well as the exhibition there is also a series of educational seminars. Subjects covered include 'Budgeting for Golf Course Management' by Colin Hegarty of the Golf Research Group, 'Rabbit and Vermin Control' by Dr IG McKillop of the Central Science Laboratory, 'Plant and Grass Breeding' by Dr David Patterson, a turfgrass breeder, 'Health and Safety' by Douglas Shearer, a health and safety consultant, and 'International Turfgrass Trends' by the world renowned Dr James Beard.

Some of Britain's top course managers will also be talking in the exhibition centre's Royal Hall.



◆ The Royal Hall – venue for educational seminar sessions during the BTME '95.

George Brown will talk about this year's Open at Turnberry, Iain MacLeod of Tain will talk about Golf Course Management in the Highlands, Jim Cassidy will talk about Ashridge – the last five years.

On BIGGA's stand there will be a legal expert offering free advice to anyone having trouble at work.



Popular comedian Tom O'Connor and ex-New Seekers singer Lyn Paul head the all-star cabaret at The Majestic Hotel on Thursday January 26. Entertainment for the National Education Conference dinner on Monday January 23 will be provided by the Rainbow Jazz Band. Greenkeepers will be providing their own entertainment on January 26 as Wednesday night is karaoke night. Is Harrogate ready for this, we wonder?

“Every year the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition gets bigger and better. This year's event looks set to be the best yet – the magnificent seventh. A record number of exhibitors will be at the show with many major companies using it to launch new products. A record attendance is expected from all categories of visitor. They will be seeking knowledge from the technical experts speaking at the educational seminars, coming to see the latest machinery and other products, and coming to spend time and learn from old friends. If you haven't been before, you don't know what you're missing. It's the most useful and informative week in the greenkeeping calendar. See you there!”

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They may not have won the National Lottery, but they've won the next best thing – our popular BTME competition, worth £750 in prizes.

And the lucky winners are... **Nigel Buxton**, first assistant,

Cavendish Golf Club; **Andrew Young**, Otley College student and first assistant; and **Stuart Hogg**, deputy course manager at Fontrosse and Rosemarkie Golf Club.

First prize winner, Nigel Bux-

ton, wins return rail travel, three nights' accommodation at a top hotel in Harrogate and entry to all educational seminar sessions.

Second prize winner Andrew Young will receive return rail fare, two nights' accommodation

and entry to all seminars. Third prize winner Stuart Hogg will be given one night's accommodation in Harrogate and entry to all the seminar sessions.

Congratulations to all our winners – enjoy the show!

World class speakers line up for educational event

ENVIRONMENTAL issues, agronomy and irrigation are the main themes for the 1995 BIGGA National Education Conference at The Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, January 23 and 24.

'Green' issues will be covered by David Stubbs, executive director of the European Golf Association Ecology Unit, Neil Sinden of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Wally Grice of the Forestry Authority, Bob Taylor of the STRI, James Moore of the USGA and Dr James Beard of Texas A&M University.

Agronomy will be covered by several course managers, including Andy Campbell.

Irrigation will be covered by

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Charlie Barebo of Otterbine Barebo, RA Murray of the Leeds Weather Centre, George Bell of NRA Thames Region, consultant Philip York and head greenkeeper Martin Smith of Ramsdale Park Golf Centre.

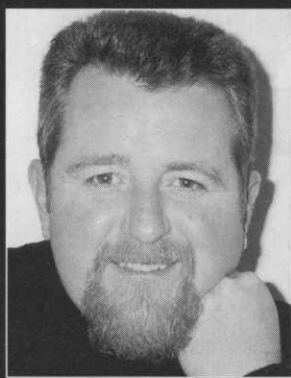
Other greenkeepers giving talks at the National Education Conference include Billy McMillan of the Wildwood Golf Club, Duncan McGilvray of Letchworth Golf Club, Joe Paulin of the London Golf Club and Geoff Allinson of Patsull Park Golf Club.

The National Education Conference is followed by the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition at the nearby Harrogate International Centre, January 25-27. Running alongside the show is a series of education seminars with a similarly high calibre of speakers.

The quality of this line-up of speakers means Harrogate will be hosting the most informative and comprehensive fine turf education programme outside San Francisco in 1995.

"It's a week few greenkeepers, club secretaries and chairmen of green can afford to miss," says BIGGA's education officer Ken Richardson.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS...



Jim Cassidy, pictured, is course manager at Ashridge Golf Club and his talk in the Royal Hall on Wednesday January 25 will be about his course – the geology and wildlife, the management structure, improvements brought about by investment in modern machinery, the irrigation system and future plans.

◆ The Institute of Agricultural Engineers' amenity and ecological engineering group will hold a special seminar in the George Hotel from 2-5pm on Thursday January 26. The subject will be Engineering Progress in Sports Turf Maintenance. Speakers will include Marvin Jaques of Ransomes, Bill Oliver of Hardi and David Jenkins of Charterhouse. Entrance is free.



The Majestic Hotel will be the base for the '95 National Education Conference. If you are going to the conference, you'll find it much more convenient if you are booked into this 156-bedroom hotel. You will also find it more relaxing as it has a heated indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, gymnasium, squash court, tennis court, golf driving net and snooker/pool room.



BTME opening times

Wednesday January 25:

9am-5.30pm

Thursday January 26:

9am-5.30pm

Friday January 27:

9am-1.30pm

◆ BIGGA's president, Viscount Whitelaw, who missed last year's show because he had some important speeches to make in the House of Lords, intends to be there this year to see how much BTME has grown since his last visit.

LATE BOOKINGS

Accommodation is still available but it's being booked fast. Call Sami Collins at BIGGA HQ today to reserve your hotel room. Telephone 0347 838581.

◆ The third European Forum will take place in the Royal Hall on Thursday January 26 from 1.30-3pm. Speakers include Tommy Lindelof, chief executive of the Swedish Greenkeepers Association; Peter Shaw, international member and course manager at Munchen-Riedhof in Germany; Dennis Mortram of Reaseheath College and Joe Baidy, president of the GCSAA.

◆ The BIGGA Annual General Meeting will take place at The Majestic Hotel at 5.45pm on Wednesday January 25. All members are urged to attend – but please produce your membership cards to get in.

◆ The British Association of Golf Course Constructors will be holding a reception in the Swan Hotel from 6-7.30pm on Wednesday January 25. Admission is by invitation only.

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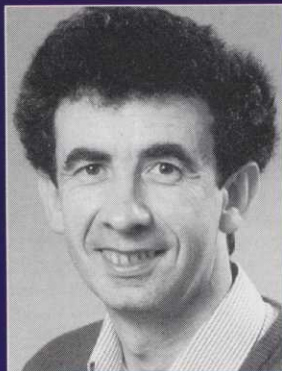
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The welfare of wildlife is a growing public concern and therefore there is increasing pressure on greenkeepers to manage the problem species on their course in a humane manner. In most cases there is also legislation in place which prescribes the way in which animals can be managed, particularly, for example, badgers. Dr Gordon McKillop of the Central Science Laboratory will give details of management techniques – so greenkeepers can adopt a balanced, ecological approach to this sensitive subject – in a seminar at the BTME on Thursday January 26.

With one swipe, the queues are cut and you're in

THERE should be no long queues to get in this time. BIGGA has invested in a new pre-registration system and is employing the latest technology to ensure that visitors can walk more or less straight into the show.

For the first time, people who pre-register will get their badges mailed to them prior to the event. These badges contain a barcode. When the pre-registered visitor turns up at the Harrogate International Centre, this barcode will be 'swiped' by a light pen as you enter the hall.

A light pen will also be given free to most of the exhibitors so they can make a note of who they've been talking to (name, job title, course, address) by simply scanning your badge. Your details will then be recorded automatically for the exhibitor, so you won't have to hand out busi-

ness cards left, right and centre or hang around while someone writes down all your details in a book.

Coventry Data Services, specialists in this field since the '60s, have been commissioned by BIGGA to operate this convenient system.

Of course the key to getting in faster is to pre-register by completing the black and white folded BTME card inserted in this magazine. Pre-registrations from recent issues are already flooding in to BIGGA HQ.

FINDING YOUR WAY TO HARROGATE IS EASY
 BY RAIL: The comprehensive rail network means you can get to Harrogate very easily; for example 25 trains run daily from London King's Cross to Harrogate and there are some 15 trains from Edinburgh, 16 from Glasgow and 30 from Manchester

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◆ The three qualities every greenkeeper should possess are perseverance, pride and professionalism. At the National Education Conference Geoff Allinson, the 27-year-old course manager at Patshull Park, will explain how he used these qualities to overcome problems at this 18-hole parkland course. Problems such as breaking down age barriers between him and his staff, improving greens with insufficient machinery, and overcoming problems caused by moles and buggies.



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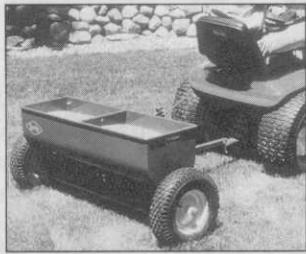


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Massey Ferguson Grass Equipment

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Supaturf Products

Two brand new water management products for fine turf are to be launched at BTME '95 and Supaturf are preparing for a grand presentation at Harrogate. To promote the launch of these new greenkeeper products, Supaturf are running a competition with the chance to win a free trip to the GCSAA show in San Francisco with the BIGGA party. If you haven't already entered, please see the advertisement in this edition of Greenkeeper International for details.

To add to their existing range of line markers and marking liquids for both grass and hard surfaces, Supaturf have introduced a new range of line marking aerosols, called Supa Mark, ideal for use around the golf course.

BLEC

BLEC will be exhibiting some new prod-

ucts on their show stand to complement their range of construction and maintenance equipment. New machinery for 1995 includes a pedestrian overseeder, a range of attachments for Honda 2 Wheel tractors, including turf cutters, aerators, brushes, flail mowers, rotary mowers, renovators, also a new hydroseeder model has been developed for transporting on light trucks and trailers, ideal for golf course construction and renovation works.

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Also featured will be the popular greenkeeper pedestrian 21 inch aerator, offering reliability at an affordable price. So if you're looking for an aerator in 1995, don't forget to call in at the Multi-Core stand.

D&E Turf

Exhibiting for the fourth time at the BTME, D&E Turf are becoming well known throughout many sections of the Association for their innovative ideas and forward thinking. Many BIGGA

members have used their modern equipment for their renovation work.

In 1995 D&E launch their machinery education facility at their Bishop Auckland depot. Full details of the practical training courses will be available at BTME.

Dave Stephenson and his staff will be on the stand and look forward to answering any queries and providing competitive quotations for the many services available to the turfcare professional.

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◆ Billy's about! Billy McMillan, course manager at Wildwood Golf Club, Cranleigh, Surrey, is considering using a video for his presentation at the National Education Conference. Billy, 36, has been asked to "Put it all in perspective" by talking about greenkeeping, irrigation, agronomy and ecology – the main themes of the conference. But since he's a man of very few words (his words!), he's been asking BIGGA headquarters about what type of tape he needs to bring.

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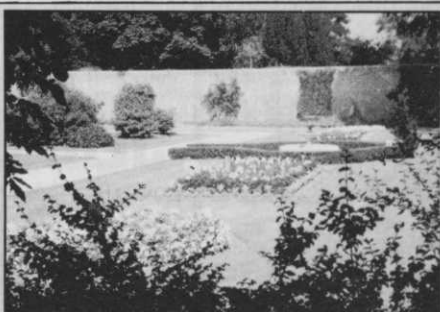
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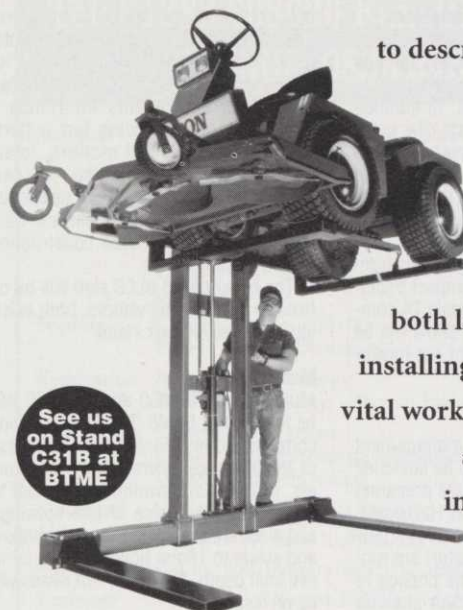
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JD Greasley Ltd

John Greasley established his business ten years ago to specialise in golf course construction. The company prides itself on high standards of work at a reasonable price.

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◆ At least four people will have water on the brain on the morning of Tuesday January 24. Charlie Barebo of Otterbine Barebo will start the drip of information by talking about ponds and lakes. RA Murray of the Leeds Weather Centre will continue the outpouring by talking about Meteorological Effects. Geoff Bell, water quality manager of NRA Thames Region, will explain how to use water wisely and leading irrigation consultant Phillip York will shower you with information about how irrigation operating costs can be reduced with proper system design, installation and good management. These four talks are just part of the education programme lined up for the National Education Conference at Harrogate during BTME Week, January 23-27.

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WHO TO LOOK OUT FOR AT BTME '95

A selection of some of the exhibitors – full catalogue next month

binations popular with modern green-keeping requirements. Supplies are available anywhere, any time, say the company, in conventional rolls, big rolls or, by special arrangement, turf tiles.

Inturf say they have made tremendous advances in the industry, having developed the original and patented Big Roll turfing system and more recently their "Lay 'n' Play Turf Tiles".

Tildenet

Tildenet Ltd, the international netting company, claim to be market leaders in perimeter ballstop netting. They now supply fencing kits for self installation as well as offering a full installation service, including advice or obtaining planning permission.

At BTME, Tildenet will be exhibiting their increased range of golf practice nets, to cater for the busiest of professionals and golf clubs, to the keen beginner's back garden.

Target nets, anti-ball plugging nets and germination sheets can also be found on the Tildenet stand.

Sports Ground Irrigation

Sports Ground Irrigation will be showing the latest new products from Hunter Industries, including the new HPV electric valves and the PSC Controller for the bowling greens and residential markets. Hunter's new G750 large turf and valve-in-head sprinkler will also be featured, as well as a special section for the student greenkeeper with a range of technical literature specifically aimed at this important group.

Sports Ground Irrigation will also be offering for the first time the Phairway system of PH control, utilising the "Greenturf" system. Full technical details will be available, together with a working unit.

Lely/Toro

Toro is showing three new turf maintenance products at the BTME.

The Reelmaster 5300-D is a completely reworked model of the Toro 5100-D lightweight fairway mower with added power for cutting in tougher conditions. The new machine has the same technical specification but is fitted with a bigger engine and appropriately updated other components. Other technical changes have resulted in excellent climbing performance.

The Greensmaster 3100-3WD is a new three wheel drive model of Toro's lightweight greens mower.

The Toro HC4000 is a new high-capacity aerator for use with smaller tractors of 25hp to 45hp. It fills the gap between larger fairway and smaller greens aerator.

Sovereign Turf

Sovereign Turf Ltd have been producing high quality turf for professional landscapers, local authorities and sports clubs since 1987. Top rated STRI cultivars, light sandy soil together with what they describe as innovative management techniques ensure that Sovereign Turf is of consistently high quality and available all year round.

Steve Williams and David Waring will

be pleased to welcome you to the Sovereign Turf stand where samples of the recently launched New Century Greens turf will be displayed. Also on show will be fine tees and hard wearing sportsturf grades.

Bourne Amenity

Bourne Amenity, marketing Tilcon products in the south of the country, are exhibiting with Tilcon at BTME '95. Bourne Amenity and Tilcon are jointly representing their complete range of amenity products available nationwide.

What they claim to be market leading products, such as Dunlop Sports Sand, Harden Redtrack pathway material and mixed top dressings and rootzones, will also be on show.

After a busy 1994 Bourne Amenity's contracting division will also be represented. Numerous projects that have been completed for prestigious clients include the London Golf Club.

Eric Hunter

Eric Hunter Grinders will be exhibiting their range of fine mower grinding machinery. The Jupiter and Juno machines are proving tremendously popular with golf clubs who are anxious to save on high outside maintenance costs and also improve cutting standards, says the company. Already used by many leading golf clubs such as Gleneagles, St Andrews and Turnberry, these machines lead the field in accurate "relief" angle grinding. This method of grinding is becoming immensely popular, they claim, due to the superior cut-

ting edge it produces which in turn has many other major benefits.

Barenbrug

Barenbrug will use BTME as a platform to advise visitors of their latest successes in the 1995 STRI Turfgrass Seed Report.

In the golf green sector, Barcrown remains at the top of the Slender Creeping Red Fescue table, where it has been joined at number eight position by newcomer Barlander. In the Chewings Fescue table, Barenbrug has three varieties in the top ten.

Heriot and Bardot perform well in the Agrostis category and dwarf perennial ryegrass Barclay and stable mate Barcredo are among the top six ryegrasses.

All the varieties will be on display in Harrogate and managing director Michel Mulder and his team will be on hand to explain the reasons why Barenbrug consistently scores so well.

British Overhead Irrigation Ltd

BOIL are staging a comprehensive display of tried and tested golf course irrigation systems at BTME. Among the equipment will be conventional and valve-in-head pop-up sprinklers, high efficiency solenoid valves, electronic control systems, associated hardware and Hunter's new PSC controller for small scale projects.

BOIL have 72 years of specialist irrigation design and contracting experience and staff are looking forward to informed discussions with turfcare professionals.

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