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2. You can find us under a new heading in the Buyers Guide.
3. The first five digits of our fax number are 01788.

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Turftime Teaser, Greenkeeper International, BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Aline, York YO61 1UF. Entries to reach us no later than Monday 16th December. The first correct entry drawn will receive an Autumn warmer duck-down jacket.

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Where Has all the Sun Gone?

Following last month's article you must think I've lost my mind and that I've put the kiss of death on the weather, for after six weeks sunshine we've had four weeks of rain. Instead of going into winter fairly dry it is now wet and courses around me have already been closed as I know they are in other areas of the country.

Unfortunately, on my travels, the majority of greenkeepers I speak to are experiencing difficulties explaining to committees the problems and a general lack of understanding of greenkeeping on those committees is not helping. With what could be a long winter it could be a difficult time, but keep your heads up! (certainly above the water).

Well, following on from last month in mid October, I was invited by the Institute of Horticulture to attend a Round Table meeting in London on the "Banishing Molecules of the Amenity Sector". Around 30 delegates from all aspects of the amenity sector attended and various papers were presented. These ranged from registration problems for niche markets for pesticides to problems facing contractors and large enterprises with a need to control pests and diseases.

I was also pleased to see one of our own Board members, David Walden, presented a paper on controlling casting worms in turf and his views of future practices. Well done David. But, despite all these discussions, I believe we are all aware that it is becoming increasingly difficult to reach for the bottle and have to start adopting more cultural practices whether the club members like it or not as products are becoming less available.

Moving on from London, it was down to the South West Section for their AGM and golf day at Tracey Park. Fortunately for all who attended it was a dry and super day, but like many other Sections I have visited, the numbers were a little low for the AGM. Believe me this was not through lack of enthusiasm from committee members in organising events.

From there it was to Denmark where I had been invited to present a paper about the Association at their conference in Viborg. Although the vast majority speak and understand English I had to speak through an interpreter which was quite an experience and one that I believe worked well!

We have many members in Denmark and I look forward to meeting them at BTME/ClubHouse in January where they will receive a warm welcome - something they will appreciate as it was beginning to get cold even in October. I also believe they will welcome a cheap pint of beer because in Denmark it was costing between £4-£5 for a pint.

Back on these shores once again, I was soon on my way North up to Edinburgh and the Scotsturf Exhibition. This was the first time that I had visited this show and was extremely surprised at the size and the amount of

visitors on the BIGGA stand. I was accompanied by Pauline and Gemma, as well as Peter Boyd, Scottish Regional Administrator. The stand was extremely busy over the two days and it was nice to meet up with many of you who I don't see too often. It was also a great opportunity to visit all the Scottish Region Patrons' stands with Peter Boyd and thank them all for their support.

After a hectic two days it was back home again for a change of clothes and off again to our own headquarters for the Section Secretaries and Regional Administrators meeting. This could be best described as a briefing session of headquarters activities. Over the two days there were presentations from the Management Team and General Legal Protection. We also split into groups to allow discussions on the way forward but above all it gave everybody the chance to look around HQ and ask questions. After the two days I believe everyone left knowing more about the Association and its activities and with renewed enthusiasm. Again I urge all of you to take advantage of what is on offer. All the guys who attended these two days are very committed and will do their best to organise any courses for you - please give them a call.

As for the future I am going as a guest to the John Deere Team Championships in Scottsdale, Arizona, supporting Brockenhurst Manor Golf Club, I just hope it will be a little warmer and drier over there then it is in the UK. I will give you an up to date report in my article. Also in the next issue I hope to report on Gordon Child's good progress. Unfortunately Gordon is back in hospital awaiting an operation.

To conclude I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in January.

Richard Barker
National Chairman

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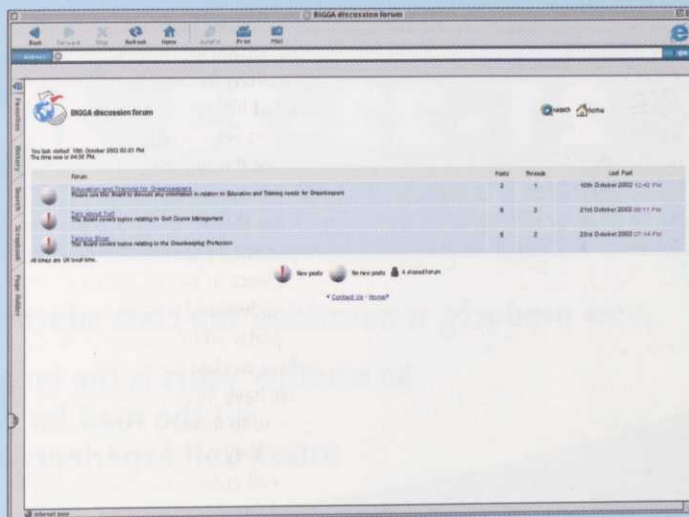
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