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USA AND EUROPEAN COMPANIES TO EXHIBIT AT HARROGATE

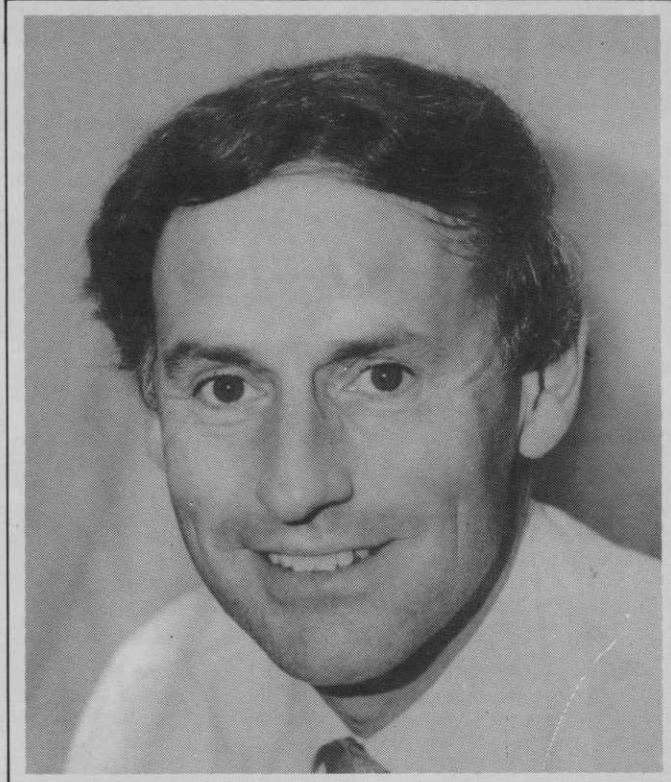
BIGGA are delighted with the number of American and European companies interested in exhibiting at next January's Exhibition and already firm bookings have been received from both the USA and Europe. Reviewing progress to date BIGGA's Executive Director, Neil Thomas commented: "It became clear during the GCSAA Exhibition in Florida last February that a large number of American companies are now interested in expanding into the European market and this is reflected in the interest being shown in exhibiting at Harrogate. The exhibition already has a European identity and a steady growth of interest on the part of European companies is anticipated."

Looking ahead to improvements in quality which exhibitors can anticipate for 1991. Neil Thomas commented: "We have recently visited Harrogate to view another exhibition set up by our own exhibition contractor. As a result there will be a number of innovations at the 1991 event. Three halls will be used instead of the previous two and a revised layout as well as improved circulation of delegates attending the seminar programme should meet with the approval of exhibitors.

New catering arrangements will include enhanced and attractive seating areas.

The Moat House International Hotel has been designated as the BIGGA Exhibition and Conference Hotel and favourable rates have been negotiated for exhibiting companies. This hotel will be the focal point for the pre-exhibition seminars and the social programme as well as a meeting place for both exhibitors and delegates. I would hope that companies will make the hotel their base. The Steering Committee representative of Exhibiting Companies has adopted a positive approach and this augurs well for 1991 and future years."

For companies working within the fine turf industries, the Harrogate Exhibition is clearly their 'own' exhibition and next year's event is looked forward to with much anticipation. Companies requiring details of rates at the Moat House International Hotel should contact Debbie Savage at BIGGA Headquarters - 03473-581/2.



BIGGA Executive Director Neil Thomas.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1990 GANTON GOLF CLUB 6 - 8 AUGUST

Format: 3 x 18 Holes Medal Play.

Handicap Categories: Scratch - 14 Handicap - Senior Division, 15 Handicap - 28 Handicap - Junior Division.

Monday 6 August 18 Holes Medal, 1st Nett THE 'FISONS BOWL', NB: No Handicap Categories.

Tuesday 7 August 18 Holes Metal, 1st Nett THE 'MAXWELL HART TROPHY', NB: No Handicap Categories.

On completion of the round competitors will play for the 'VITAX PUTTING CUP'.

Wednesday 8 August 18 Holes Medal, 1st Nett the 'SISIS TROPHY'.

NB: For the 54 Hole prizes, Handicap categories apply.

54 Hole Prizes Senior Division 1st Nett THE 'RANSOMES CUP'. Junior Division 1st Nett THE 'PATTISSON TROPHY'. Best Gross THE 'TORO TROPHY'. Jubilee Trophy, Regional Team Prize.

NB: There will be prizes for 2nd and 3rd places in all competitions provided by the Association. The first eight players in the Nett over 54 holes to represent the Association at the Kubota Challenge. Venue - The Belfry - 17 and 18 October, 1990.

- All competitors note that there are three separate competitions - (one per day) plus the overall 54 hole competition. All competitors must provide a handicap certificate.
- Team of three to be drawn on the Monday morning prior to the commencement of play. Three per region. All nett scores to count.

The seven sponsors of the tournament are: Fisons, Maxwell Hart, Vitax, SISIS, Ransomes, Pattissons and Toro. BIGGA wishes to thank them for their continued support to this prestigious event.

BIGGA also thanks the PGA European Tour for the kind use of a scoreboard.

All 24 of the trophies which were played for during the BGGGA days will be on display at the banquet to be held on the Tuesday evening, 7th August at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough (tickets available from Headquarters). Some of the trophies date back to the formation of the Golf Greenkeepers Association in 1912. For those members who have not seen this superb display of trophies this evening should not be missed.

Any member still wishing to enter the BIGGA National Tournament should ring headquarters NOW!

Two interesting trips for the

leaders have also been arranged. They are:

Monday 6 August 1990 - Yorkshire Dales. Pick-up point at the Southlands Hotel, West Street, Scarborough at 10am, to include a trip to Pickering (for the Open Air Market), a tour of the Yorkshire Dales and spending some time in Whitby. Luncheon to be taken at the Goathlands Hotel at 1pm. To arrive back at the Southlands Hotel for 4.30pm.

Tuesday 7 August 1990: Tour of York. Pick-up point to be Southlands Hotel, West Street, Scarborough at 10am, to include free time for shopping in the morning and lunch in York (ladies to choose themselves). In the afternoon, a trip around the Castle Howard. To arrive back at the Southlands Hotel for 4.30pm.

THE TEAM'S GETTING BIGGA!

AS YOU know by now, Howard Evans provides the BIGGA PERSONAL PENSION PLAN which is available to all Association members. The demands on Howard's time in the last year, however, have been enormous and so he has recently recruited three people to assist him in the job of advising Greenkeepers on Personal Pension Planning.

The team has a distinct Welsh flavour to it, and whilst all three men are prepared to talk to length about pensions, the subject of the current state of Welsh rugby, is not one which is entered into with great enthusiasm for the time being. But just wait until next season...

Mark Titley has represented Wales over 15 times, and plays for the Swansea Club. Also a Swansea player, and just returned from a successful tour of Namibia with the Welsh Team, is Stuart Parfitt. Mark Lewis has played for the Welsh Youth, and as well as playing for Swansea he plays for the top West Wales league side, Tumble.

All three pension advisors are available to Greenkeepers from all over the UK at any time, and can be contacted via Aldwark Manor on 03473 581/2. Where necessary they will call on Greenkeepers or golf clubs to personally discuss their own particular situation.

So, good luck to Howard and his new men. And don't forget, good pensions advice from experienced people, is only a phone call away!