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Ken Richardson, Education and Training Manager, wonders where the time has gone as the Education Department gear up for an exciting 2005.

It seems to be true that time flies ever faster, the older you get, as it does not seem very long since Christmas 2004 and we are only three weeks away from Christmas 2005.

More importantly, that means that we are only six weeks away from Continue to Learn 2005 with BITMC rapidly moving over the horizon.

Continue to Learn 2005

Bookings for Continue to Learn 2005 are still arriving in large numbers and the five Workshops, sponsored by the John Deere Team Championship, are filling up.

There are still a few places left but you need to get your application in as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

The two-day Workshops are:

**Sunday 16 and Monday 17 January**
- Grass Roots Level
  - Presented by Dennis and Adrian Mortram
  - Effective Communication and Negotiation
  - Presented by David Bancroft-Turner
  - Golf Course Design
  - Presented by Jonathan Tucker and David Hemstock.

The one-day Workshops are:

**Monday 17 January**
- The Principles of Irrigation
  - Presented by representatives from BTLIA
  - Course Preparation Techniques
  - Presented by Jon Scott and Richard Stillwell

All Workshops will be held in the Majestic Hotel and cost £65 for members attending a one-day Workshop and £130 for members attending two days.

These prices include lunch on each day but do not include accommodation.

**Seminar Programme**

The much extended Seminar Programme begins on Monday 17 January when the Association of Golf Club Secretaries will be holding a full day of seminars aimed at golf club secretaries and golf club officials.

For information on these seminars, please contact the AGCS on 01934 641166.

Tuesday 18 January sees the start of the Continue to Learn 2005 with BITMC and the five Workshops, sponsored by the John Deere Team Championship, all filling up.

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The cost for delegates is £104 for dinner, bed and breakfast for two days.

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