Harrogate Week 2006 - Continue to Learn

There will be some significant changes to the Big Week in Harrogate starting on January 23. The first change is the name given to the full week of activities, i.e. Harrogate Week 2006. Our aim is to bring you the best week ever and a major part of this is the extended Continue to Learn Programme.

Continue to Learn starts on Sunday January 23 with five two day Workshops that are continued on Monday January 24. Monday January 24 also sees the start of five one day Workshops.

Each Workshop has been designed to appeal to particular groups of club employees, for example golf club managers (General Managers, Secretaries, Chairmen of Green, Club Captains etc), golf course managers (Course Managers, Head Greenkeepers), supervisors/middle managers (First Assistants, Deputy Head Greenkeepers, Deputy Course Managers) and to greenkeepers (Assistant Greenkeepers, Trainees, Apprentices etc).

This does not mean that greenkeepers cannot attend Workshops designed for managers or that managers may not attend workshops aimed at greenkeepers. However, delegates will gain the greatest value from attending an appropriate Workshop.

Subjects for the five two day Workshops include:
- Golf Course Design
- Health and Safety Basics
- Resource Management
- Financial Planning
- Assessor Training (A1)

Subjects for the five one day Workshops are:
- Customer Care
- Managing Water
- Staff Development
- L12 Trainer Training
- Update training to A1

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition

The deadline for entries to the 2005 BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, sponsored by Scotts UK Professional, has now passed. All entries have now been delivered to STRI so there is still time but entries must arrive at BIGGA HOUSE by July 7.

TORO Student of the Year Award 2006

Judging for this year's TORO Student of the Year Award began on Monday July 4. The eight national finalists will assemble at Aldwark Manor Hotel on Sunday September 25, prior to the judging on Monday September 26 at BIGGA HOUSE.

Regional Training Courses

We have received a large number of bids for regional training courses that Sections and Regions wish to run this autumn. If you want a particular course in your area then you should speak to your Section Secretary or Regional Administrator.