Unbelievable, how can it be October already? Saltex and the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award are the key events that mark the beginning of the Autumn/Winter season and have both been and gone. All roads now lead to Harrogate Week!

**Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award 2009**

The seven finalists attended the National Finals at BIGGA House on Sunday 13 and Monday 14 September. The finalists were grilled by the four judges during a 45-minute interview and had to produce a report on 9 holes of Aldwark Manor Golf Course.

Competition was fierce and all of the finalists performed to the highest standards making it a very difficult decision for the judges. After much deliberation the decision was made and the 2009 Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year was awarded to:

Rhys Norville, from Newport Golf Club, and representing Coleg Gwent Usk Campus.

Rhys will be attending the Winter Turf School at the University of Massachusetts commencing in January 2010. Congratulations go to Rhys and a representative from Coleg Gwent, who wins a trip to the Golf Industry Show in San Diego, California.

The runners-up, who win a trip to Harrogate Week 2010, were:

- Benjamin Burrell, from Ilkley Golf Club, representing Askham Bryan College. Adam Wise, from Richmond Golf Course, representing Myerscough College. Our congratulations go to all of the finalists.

**Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2010**

The Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2010 programme is now available. The printed brochure includes all Workshops and events that must be pre-booked. In an effort to increase our green credentials we have chosen to list all of the Seminars that are taking place during the BTME and ClubHouse Exhibition on the official Harrogate Week website: www.harrogateweek.org.uk.

The workshop programme will include:

**Four two-day workshops:**
- Golf Course Design
- Moving into Management
- Practical Management of a Safety Management System
- Preparing and Delivering Powerful Presentations

**Nine one-day workshops:**
- Finance and Accounting for Golf Club Managers and Course Managers
- Emergency First Aid
- Irrigation: Planning, Installation and Water Management
- Drainage: Theory, Practice and Realities
- How to be an Outstanding Manager
- Basic Golf Mechanic Workshop
- ROLO Health and Safety Course

All of the workshops and pre-book seminars can be booked online via the Harrogate Week website or by contacting the Learning and Development Department on 01347 833800 and select option 3.

**L&D Updates**

- The most recent scholarships have been awarded to Paul Handy - On Line Foundation Degree - Sports Turf
- Supported by Ransomes Jacobsen

**Higher Education Scholarships**

- Ransomes Jacobsen
- Egger
- Hayter
- John Deere
- Kubota
- Syngenta
- Toro
- Rain Bird
- ARC
- Ernst & Young
- Wiedenmann

Golden Key Individual Members: WJ Rogers; Andy Campbell MG, CGCS; Iain A MacLeod; Tom Smith; Frank Neebey; Christopher Lomas MG, Lee Strutt MG.

Silver Key Individual Members: Ade Archer; Steven Tierney; Paul Jenkins; Iain Barr; Richard McGlynn; Steve Dixon; Harsh Campbell; Neil Whitham; Robert Maibusch.