The Regional Finals have taken place and the eight finalists for the 2011 Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Competition have been selected.

One of them now has the opportunity to become the 23rd Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year and succeed Andrew Stanger.

The eight will arrive at Aldwark Manor on Sunday, September 11, in preparation for the Final the following day, which will comprise of a formal interview and the completion of a report, which will only be revealed to them on the Monday morning.

The winner and two runners-up will be announced around 5pm, with the day concluding with a meal and a relaxed game of tenpin bowling.

The winner receives an eight week trip to the United States, beginning next January. This includes a six week study course at the University of Massachusetts, and trips to the GCSAA’s Golf Industry Show, in Las Vegas, and Toro’s Californian base.

The runners-up will receive an expenses paid trip to the Continue to Learn Education programme in Harrogate in January.
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as a cross country runner. He continues to train hard
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benefiting from the work based learning available to him.

He was a member of the BIGGA Open Support Team at Royal St
George’s this year. As a cricketer himself was 1st Team Bowler of the
Year, and is a died-in-the-wool number 11 bat!

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to prepare their local cricket pitch.

Stortford FC and together they have also worked on a voluntary basis
again for a second time. His father is Head Groundsman at Bishop’s

rugby for Wales at under 16 and under 18 level and played semi
number of club competitions. Prior to that he played international

Grove Club Championship on a couple of occasions as well as a

design and construction work on other clubs in the area
tion projects at the club. Indeed he has been involved in
been at the forefront of some of the design and construc-

Rhys has been at Royal Porthcawl since
the spring of this year having worked at the
Grove GC for three and a half years before that.
As a golfer he plays off 2.5 and won the
Grove Club Championship on a couple of occasions as well as a
number of club competitions. Prior to that he played international
rugby for Wales at under 16 and under 18 level and played semi
professionally for Bridgend. He has played alongside current Welsh
internationals, James Hook and Andrew Bishop.

Benjamin got a taste for
greenkeeping on summer work
experience and realised that it could
provide him with a long and satisfying career. He has been
at Garon Park for just under a year and is pleased to be
benefiting from the work based learning available to him.
He is an extremely highly regarded athlete having
represented Great Britain in the Youth Olympics over
3000 metres and he has since represented his country
as a cross country runner. He continues to train hard
and is committed to applying high standards to all
aspects of his life.