Greenkeepers Training Committee

David Golding, Education Director, with a monthly update from the GTC

One important area of training the GTC is keenly aware of is that of new starters during the New Year is that of short courses or ‘bite-size learning’ to use a slice of education jargon. Qualifications will be delivered by the QA Centres but we see an increasing role for the GTC and Training Providers, who offer short courses and workshops aligned to the National Occupational Standards (NOS). A menu of bite size learning options will be prepared, from which employers and greenkeepers will be able to choose the course or workshop to meet their needs. Some well respected names and companies have already signed up to the GTC’s QA Criteria including Jon Allbutt Associates, The Irish MG Turf Master One and the STRI. We trust more will come on board shortly as the QA Training Providers will complement the work of the QA Centres.

To summarise, refer to the GTC website for all the latest information on qualifications and opportunities to learn through Quality Assured Centres and Training Providers. Call the GTC on 01347 833840, email david@the-gtc.co.uk or is it really 12 months since many of you read the annual pilgrimage to Harrogate? Please come and speak to us on stand C12.

Harrogate Week gets the year underway with the Continue to Learn programme running from Sunday 16 to Thursday 20 January, delivering almost 150 hours of education. All indications are that Continue to Learn is going to be busier than ever, with record numbers of bookings received for the workshop programme.

Much interest has been shown in the Seminar Programme, especially The Ryder Cup and The Open Championship, both of which above all signs of being standing room only.

Tuesday 18 January
Update on UK Prognosis for Implementing the EU Sustainable Use Directive
Efficient Nutrient Technology STRI - Part of the winning team at the World Cup
Wells Ground Planning Improving Turf Quality
The Future of Turf Management Integrated Lake and Pond Management - Innovative Aquatic Solutions
Ryder Cup Cymru

January 2011 and a whole new year to go at! A new year always promises new starts and new opportunities. The Learning and Development Department’s resolution is to roll with the changes. What will your’s be?

Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week

The New EU Water Directive and its impact on Golf
Seasonal Foliar Fertilizers to Optimise Putting Green Programming
Energy Efficient Irrigation
Simplified Access Control for your Golf Club

If you are looking for further opportunities to gain new insight and be kept up to date then it is a must. An invaluable resource for any sports turf professional who is looking to gain new skills, knowledge or just gain some career advice or inspiration. Featuring experts in the field of golf course management, careers advice and consultancy there is a wealth of specialist advice available.

Find the Personal Development Zone on Stand C22 on Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 January.

Rachael and I look forward to seeing you in Harrogate and wish you health, wealth and happiness for 2011.

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Semi Collins, Head of Learning & Development, with an update on education issues

Why Electricity Generation Makes Economic Sense for Your Business
Preparing the Old Course for the 2010 Open Championship
Public and the Biostimulant that Extends Early and Late Season Growth
Phasing/Providing Innovative Disease Management and Application
Bunker Erosion: A Sustainable Solution to an Age Old Golfing Problem

Wednesday 19 January
Linking Fuel Savings to Reel Maintenance
Overseeding with Bentgrass the Pros and Pros
The West Course at Wentworth with Three Steps to an Ultimate Coated Seed Delivering Species Transition on the Golf Course
Course Manager to Club Manager: The Challenges
Aeration on Golf Courses Green Up Your Greens
Integrated Management of Dollar Spot
Environmental Management of your Golf Course with the Latest Technology in Chemistry
Nature’s Solutions to Greenkeepers Problems - Soil Fertility Explained
Making good decisions with the application of Synthetic Sports Surfaces
Turf in the Sustainability Era - Working on Your Own at a 9 Hole Course

Thursday 20 January
Woodfuel Energy that Grows on Top
Sustainable Golf Course Maintenance

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Personal Development Zone