Learning & Development

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

When looking for inspiration for my May column I decided to Google ‘May’. I now know, and so do you, that May is when the Eurovision Song Contest takes place, it’s Skin Cancer Awareness Month (suntan lotion at the ready please), May’s birthstone is Emerald and most importantly, it’s a great month for Bank Holidays!

CPD
Continuing Professional Development

Are you signed up to the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme?
CPD is a process that is used to maintain and enhance competence and professionalism and is achieved by accumulating credits for undertaking education and training that is relevant to your role as a greenkeeper.

The CPD Scheme is free of charge to all Full and Associate Members and offers benefits to the individual and employers alike.

Benefits for the Individual
• Opportunities for career advancement
• Personal development
• Proficiency
• Confidence
• Engagement with the wider industry
• Networking
• Recognition
• Quality standard
• Adapt outstanding skills
• In touch with changes in legislation

Benefits for the Employer:
• Updated and informed staff
• Proficiency
• Efficiency
• Confidence in staff ability
• Opportunities for career advancement
• In touch with changes in legislation
• Presentation a seminar or workshop at a section, region, national or international event
• Digital pictures need to be high resolution, at the largest size capable by the camera, as it may ultimately be scaled up to A3 print size (42cm wide x 29.7cm high).

How do I add credits to my CPD record?
• Sign a register of attendance at the event
• Complete a CPD credit claim form and provide evidence of attendance
• Email evidence of attendance or copies of certificates

A BIGGA Certificate of Continuing Professional Development will be awarded to those BIGGA greenkeeper members who accumulate 10 CPD Credits annually from 1 July to 30 June.

Members who have been awarded five successive Certificates of Continuing Professional Development will receive a Diploma of Continuing Professional Development.

For further information and to download a registration form, or a credit claim form, visit www.bigga.org.uk/education/qualifications/continuing-professional-development alternatively contact Rachael Duffy, Learning and Development Administrator on 01347 833800 or rachael@bigga.co.uk.

BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships

Funds are still available for members who wish to undertake a higher education course.

* For info on 50th Cancer Research visit the Cancer Research UK dedicated page: www.sunsmart.org.uk.