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The current 10 Quality Assured Training Providers were all in attendance at the Reception offering to support the Centres, Home Unions and BIGGA should there be specialist knowledge, experience and resources be useful to help delivery of the various courses, seminars and workshops for greenkeepers and golf club employers.

The QA Training Providers specialise in subject areas cover many aspects of greenkeeper education and training.

From golf course design, renovation, course and machinery maintenance, ecology, management and health & safety we have the experts to help you.

Quick ‘Nine Hole’ Quiz

There’s been plenty of first-class sport already in 2013…how closely have you been paying attention?

1) Which League Two football team reached the Semi-Finals of the Capital One Cup?
2) Which British women’s tennis player defeated Alexandre Cudamini in the First Round of the Australian Open?
3) Who won the Men’s BIG World Darts Championship?
4) What’s his nickname?
5) Which football club are nicknamed the Minstermen?
6) On Saturday 12 January, a football club recorded an attendance of 44,976 despite playing in their country’s fourth division. Who?
7) How many times has Lionel Messi been crowned the best footballer in the world?
8) Which country cricket team are reportedly considering playing a woman in their Second XI?
9) Who did Liverpool defeat in the Third Round of the FA Cup?

There is a monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained.

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