This month we’re delighted to point you in the direction of David Bancroft-Turner’s article on Managing Politics in the Golf Club on page 32. David has worked with huge global corporations and was a big hit at the last Turf Manager’s Conference, and here gives his honest view on how to control politics which you may encounter in your club.

The Back Nine this month (page 66) also features the second part of Justin Ruiz’s social media advice as he looks at the benefits and potential pitfalls of Facebook and Twitter. Also – remember the new BIGGA CPD scheme officially launched on 1 July. There’s a reminder of this below – for much more refer to Stuart Green’s articles in the previous two magazines.

We’re also very pleased to announce the speakers for the BIGGA seminars at SALTEX 2013 – CPD credits are available for attending (page 65).

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CPD is a fantastic way to help keep yourself motivated towards your career goals and ensures that you are a valuable asset to your current and any future employer. Bani Brutt, BIGGA’s Learning and Development Manager commented: “We’re excited about the new developments to the CPD programme and how you may be affected by the changes we have created. A Frequently Asked Questions section on the website which can be found at http://www.biga.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development/ has been opened to frequently asked questions. We will be informing everybody how they will be transferred onto the new programme once the 2013 CPD scheme has been closed down. However, if you have any questions that are not on the website please call HQ.”

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The quality of the training and feedback from the delegates proved just how valuable they felt the programme was – Keep an eye on L&D News for further details.

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Apprentices do not need to attend college, although this is kept to a minimum, and there are qualification requirements that have to be adhered to.

The Government have identified how important Apprenticeships are and as such are offering employers grants of £1,500 per new Apprentice employed, if you have not employed an Apprentice in the last 12 months, you may apply. Anthony can be contacted on anthony.stockwell@hadlow.ac.uk or 07791 087069.

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