L&D News

The latest from the Learning and Development department at BIGGA

A NEW DAWN FOR BIGGA CPD

As of 1 July 2013, the BIGGA CPD Programme is changing. Using feedback from members, the programme has been revamped to allow greater flexibility, more ways to get credits and enhanced recognition.

The new structure will be a three-year rolling programme rather than an annual programme, allowing members the flexibility to fit their professional development into their lifestyle rather than an annual programme.

Member feedback has been important in helping us to shape the new programme and we feel that the enhancements that have been made will make CPD more attractive and attainable for our members. We're now concentrating on making the process of registering CPD credits less cumbersome – watch this space!

For more details on the new programme and how you may be affected by the changes we have made, please see the Frequently Asked Questions section on the website that can be found at http://www.biga.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development/cpd-frequently-asked-questions/. We will be informing everybody how they will be transferred onto the new programme once the 2013/14 CPD scheme has been closed down. However, if you have any questions that are not on the website please call HQ.

TAKING STOCK

Hadlow College have appointed Anthony Stockwell as a full-time Greenkeeping Assessor to work alongside the team, which includes some of the most experienced individuals within the industry.

Anthony gained his BSc (Hons) in Greenkeeping and worked for both The New Zealand and London Golf Clubs. He is currently working with a Premier League football club and studying with Penn State University towards his Masters in Turfgrass Management.

Hadlow can offer Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeships as well as stand-alone Diplomas at Levels 2 & 3, all are delivered as much as possible in the workplace. Level 4 is being set up, which they will be able to offer in the next 12 months.

Experienced assessors from Hadlow visit learners in the workplace every five weeks.

The assessors guide the learners through their qualifications, delivering underpinning knowledge and assessing practical skills.

Apprentices do need to attend seminars, workshops, conferences, the lending library, seminars, workshops, conferences, the lending library, and online learning.

The back nine this month (page 65) also features the latest news from the BIGGA seminars at SALTEX 2013 – CPD credits are available for attending (page 65).

JACOBSEN CONFIRM FURTHER SUPPORT FOR FTMI IN 2014

Following the fantastic success of this year’s Future Turf Managers Initiative, Jacobson will be running the worthwhile programme again in 2014.

With topics ranging from budgeting and finance to CV writing and interview techniques over the three days, this is a wonderful opportunity that aspiring turf manager should consider applying for.

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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ANDY’S REASON TO CELEBRATE

Congratulations to Andy Reaume, Deputy Course Manager at North Hants Golf Club, who has achieved his Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management from Elmwood.

Andy will officially graduate following a ceremony later this year.

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