Greenkeepers Training Committee

David Golding, GTC Education Director, with a monthly update

This month David looks at why and how British educated and trained greenkeepers are still very much in demand worldwide and how international students are still looking to attend British colleges. Plus, how the GTC is now helping golf developing countries

“Iturf college lecturers are now working closer than ever with Course Managers and Head Green Keepers to develop apprentices to become the future custodians of golf courses.”

Something that the European Golf Association (EGA) are currently looking to address is a lack of golf professionals and higher level skilled labor across Europe. The EGA is looking at how best they can support their affiliates.

Thankfully there is no such problem in Britain, as The GTC has established the organisation for the British Home Unions to meet and discuss all aspects of greenkeeper education, training and qualifications. It is a success story and one we are sharing as a blueprint with other countries.

Ultimately, it is the golf club employer who benefits most from having a very well trained workforce. A recent survey by the GTC shows that 77% of golf clubs and greenkeepers like the standard of training and qualifications. It is a success story and one we are sharing as a blueprint with other countries.

The Government still looks to employers to take the lead on establishing Occupational Standards for their particular sector.

What follows are funding incentives including which in Britain have benefited many employers and greenkeepers over the years.

The European Commission supports the development of Golf Greenkeepers in Europe and in also helping countries where golf is developing to start an association.

For all the latest information on greenkeeper education, training courses visit the GTC’s website www.the-gtc.co.uk

Quick ‘Nine Hole’ Quiz

1) Name the 12 players who represented England in the 2005 Ashes.
2) Which League Two side play pre-season matches against the likes of Blackpool, Sheffield United and Huddersfield?
3) Which American tennis player was kicked out of Wimbledon in 1995 for verbally abusing an umpire?
4) Which Sheffield-based tennis player won last year’s Men’s Doubles at Wimbledon with partner Frederik Nielsen?
5) Which cricketer scored 766 runs in the last Ashes series?
6) Name the two tennis players involved in the record match at Wimbledon which ended 70-68 in the final?
7) Who are the reigning County Cricket champions?
8) Name the five venues for this summer’s Ashes?
9) Who is the current Australian cricket captain?

Puzzlepage

Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9 and the letters A to E.

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Puzzle Answers

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