

**This month, Ken Richardson, announces the majority of the finalists for the Toro Student of the Year and reminds members to get their entries in for the BIGGA Essay Competition...**

# EDUCATION UPDATE

## TORO Student of the Year Competition

I completed my annual long distance trip around Britain, accompanied variously by Trevor Chard and Pete Mansfield from Lely UK and Jim Paton, Ian Semple, Paul Jenkins and Richard Barker all BIGGA Board of Management Members, selecting the finalists for this year's TORO Student of the Year Competition.

As always, the week was stimulating, motivating and enlightening giving all of us judges hope for the future of the green-keeping industry. Standards continue to improve which must mean that the GTC, BIGGA, training providers and employers are putting the training of greenkeepers as a top priority, leading to better qualified greenkeepers and to better golf courses.

Those selected for the National Final, which will be held at BIGGA House on 29/30 October are:



Name	Golf Club	College
Christopher Williams	Astbury Golf Club	Reaseheath
Mark Farragher	Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links	Elmwood
Lawrence McFlory	Mentmore Golf and Country Club	Oaklands
Michael Sawicki	The Richmond Golf Club	Nescot
Tony Vokes	St Austell Golf Club	Cannington
Vince Harrison	Enderby Golf Club	Brooksbury

*Scottish finalists are proving to be extremely difficult to separate! Details soon.*

## BIGGA Essay Competition

The deadline for entries to this year's Essay Competition draws near. Several entries have arrived already at BIGGA House but you have still got a chance to collect a prize of £500 thanks to contributors to the BIGGA Education and



Development Fund.

All you have to do is write between 1500 and 2000 words on the subject 'Managing Without Chemicals, is it possible, what are the consequences and how would you cope?'

Send your entry to reach BIGGA House by October 27 and you could be one of three winners to receive £500.

### Categories are:

- Golf Course managers/Head Greenkeepers and Deputies
- Assistant GKs and Students over 25
- Assistant GKs and Students under 25

## BIGGA HOUSE and Regional Training Courses

Applications for both Regional training courses and BIGGA HOUSE courses are arriving at HQ at a steady rate. The deadline for entries was 11 August. However, we will accept entries up to one week before course start dates. Please note that if sufficient numbers are not booked on courses, they will have to be cancelled.

Contact either Ken Richardson or Sami Collins on 01347 833800 to check current availability.



### BIGGA HOUSE course topics

#### Getting Started in Supervisory Management

- Managing Oneself
- Managing Information for Action

#### Next Steps in Supervisory Management - Making Budgets Work

- Manage The Use of Financial Resources
- Manage the Use of Physical Resources

#### Essential Computing Skills for Greenkeepers

- Basic Computer Skills

European Computer Driving Licence Testing at £50

Further Skills in Computing European Computer Driving Licence Testing at £50

### Human Resource Management - Leading Teams into the 21st Century

- Determine the Work of Teams and Individuals
- Develop Productive Working Relationships

### Management in Action

- Provide Information to Support Decision Making
- Facilitate Meetings

### Regional course topics

#### Golf Course Design 1

#### Golf Course Design 2

#### Leading Teams into the 21st Century

#### Making Meetings Work

#### Essential Management Skills For Greenkeepers

#### Interviews & Appraisals

#### Making Budgets Count

#### Basic Computer Skills

#### Further Skills in Computing

#### Ornamental Horticulture

#### Health & Safety Update

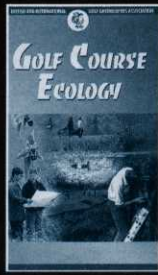
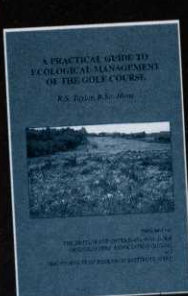
#### Manual Handling and Risk Assessment

#### Soil Science

#### Negotiation Skills

Full details are available from the BIGGA Education Dept on 01347 833800

# ON COURSE WITH BIGGA EDUCATION



**Golf Course Preparation Video**  
 £14.95 to BIGGA members  
 £29.95 to non-members

**Golf Course Reconstruction Video**  
 £14.95 to BIGGA members  
 £29.95 to non-members

**Ecology Book**  
 £3.00 to BIGGA members  
 £7.00 to non-members

**Ecology Video**  
 £14.95 to BIGGA members  
 £29.95 to non-members

**Raising the Standards of Mowing Management Video**  
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**Setting the Standard in Spraying Application Video**  
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