

# CPD 2000

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The following companies have shown their continued support to the Education and Development Fund which has enabled BIGGA to introduce the CPD scheme as the latest initiative in its ongoing commitment to greenkeeper education and training

#### Golden Key Circle Company Members

Company	Tel: Head Office
Avoncrop	01934 820868
Advanta	01529 302500
Amazon Ground Care	01579 351155
Aventis	01277 301114
Bernhard and Company Ltd	01788 811600
Charterhouse Turf Machinery Ltd	01428 661222
Gem Professional	01254 356611
John Deere Ltd	01949 860491
Hayter Ltd	01279 723444
Kubota UK Ltd	01844 214500
PGA European Tour	01344 842881
Rain Bird	01273 891326
Rigby Taylor Ltd	01483 535657
Rolawn	01904 608661
Ocmis	01460 241939
Scotts UK Professional	01473 830492
Textron Turf Care	01473 270000
The Toro Company (Lely UK)	01202 319987

#### Individual Members

Mike Eastwood, J H Fry, J H Greasley, David S Robinson, Stuart Townsend

#### Silver Key Circle Company Members

Company	Tel: Head Office
Ernest Doe & Sons	01254 380311
Heath Lambert Ltd	0113 246 1313
Sisis Equipment Ltd	01625 503030
Supaturf Products Ltd	01455 639639
Weed Free	07000 481011

#### Individual Members

Clive A Archer, John Crawford, Bruce Cruickshank, Douglas G Duguid, Alan Holmes, Iain A MacLeod, Robert Mailbusch MG, Richard S Mullen, Elliott R Small, Steven Tierney, Raymond J Warrender

Thanks to contributors to the Education and Development Fund, BIGGA is encouraging the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of greenkeepers by the introduction of its free CPD scheme for members.

British greenkeepers have a wide range of qualifications, linked to the National Standards, from N/SVQ Level 2 to first degree. Research has shown that Britain leads the way in education and training provision for greenkeepers and BIGGA has been influential in developing training that is job specific, so improving the status of the profession leading to enhanced pay and greater recognition of its members.

BIGGA's Mission Statement includes 'BIGGA is dedicated to the continuing professional development of its members...' and BIGGA has provided and continues to provide a range of education and training opportunities which support professional development. Other training providers also offer a wide range of courses which can be used as evidence of Continuing Professional Development.

The BIGGA CPD Scheme has several benefits to its members and their employers. It will encourage greenkeepers:

- To adapt out dated skills
- To keep in touch with changes in legislation
- To show employers that greenkeepers are true professionals
- To accumulate evidence towards further National Qualifications
- To give greenkeepers a means of showing current prospective employers they have continued their education and training beyond a minimum level
- To update skills and knowledge on a regular basis
- To promote greenkeeping as a profession
- To give greenkeepers the skills to cope with change

A BIGGA Certificate of Continuing Professional Development will be awarded to those BIGGA greenkeeper members who accumulate 10 CPD Credits annually from July to June. BIGGA greenkeeper members who have been awarded five successive BIGGA Certificates of Continuing Professional Development will receive a BIGGA Diploma of Continuing Professional Development.

The scheme runs as follows:

1. Greenkeepers must be member of BIGGA
2. A minimum formal qualification of N/SVQ Level 2 (or equivalent) is required to enter the scheme
3. The scheme runs annually from 1 July to 30 June
4. Courses, seminars, workshops and training days are awarded CPD Credits
5. Each greenkeeper must accumulate 10 Credits per year to reach the standard
6. All those reaching 10 Credits are awarded a Certificate
7. If an individual achieves the requirement for five consecutive years they receive a diploma
8. All training must be related to National Standards

The types of training that attract CPD credits are:

- BTME Seminars
- The National Education Conference or Workshops
- Regional Courses
- BIGGA House Courses
- Short Courses (eg. tractor driving, chain saw, first aid, D32/33)
- Approved industry courses and workshops

For full details of the CPD Scheme contact BIGGA's Education and Training Department on 01347 833800 or via [education@bigga.co.uk](mailto:education@bigga.co.uk)