

This month, Ken Richardson, BIGGA's Education and Training Manager, puts the finishing touches to the comprehensive education programme at Harrogate

Get the most from your education

September is the month when the Education and Training Department begins to finalise the arrangements for the Continue to Learn Week in Harrogate, co-ordinate the final stages of the Golf Environment Competition, organise the Country Finals for the TORO Excellence in Greenkeeping Competition, encourage members to submit their entries for the BIGGA Essay Competition, compile and publish the findings of the Standing Committee for Greenkeepers Pay and

Conditions of Service, arranging the Education Programme for the Golf Club Show and organising regional and section training courses.

Regular readers of this column will have seen that the Continue to Learn programme for Harrogate has a range of opportunities for all levels of greenkeeper to continue to learn and develop. There is a wide range of options throughout the week and you will need to study the Continue to Learn brochure very carefully, when it is deliv-

ered with your October copy of Greenkeeper International. Remember to book early to reserve your place(s) on the sessions of your choice.

Thanks to the committed members who contacted BIGGA HOUSE requesting a range of subjects which they would like to see presented at local venues. Full details will be sent to Sections and Regions in early October and will appear in Greenkeeper International.



Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund

The Fund provides the key to the future for greenkeeper, golf club and game. Individuals and companies can join the Golden Key Circle and Silver Key Circle. For details, please contact Neil Thomas, Executive Director on 01347 833800 or via admin@bigga.co.uk



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Bob Taylor and Lee Penrose have been busy judging the entries in the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, visiting clubs around the Country and trying to select Regional Winners, prior to Dr Keith

Duff judging those winners to select a National Winner. Standards continue to improve each year, which is very well illustrated in BIGGA's latest publication *The Wildside of Golf*. The competition has continued to run thanks to the support of the R&A but a major sponsor is still required to give the competition a long term future.



Country winners in England, Scotland and Ireland have been selected for the TORO Excellence in Greenkeeping Competition with the Country Finals taking place

early this month. Judges will select four candidates for the National final which takes place in Boroughbridge on 30 October.



Remember, that the BIGGA CPD Scheme started the year 2001/2002 on 1 July. Register on the scheme

by contacting Sami at BIGGA HOUSE and you could be earning credits towards your Certificate of Continuing Professional Development.



There is still time for you to write and submit your entry for the BIGGA Essay Competition, one of many activities

sponsored by the BIGGA Education and Development Fund, which, in turn, is funded by Golden and Silver Key members of the fund. The title of the essay is 'Poa Annua, friend or foe'. All entries must arrive at BIGGA HOUSE by 26 October 2001. Get thinking and writing. You could win £500 for your 1500 to 2000 words essay.



After extensive research, the Standing Committee on Greenkeepers Salaries and Conditions of Employment has produced its recommendations for 2002. Based on the annual rate of salary inflation, the recommendations include three levels of recommended salary, ie.

those clubs within 30 miles of Big Ben, the rest of the South and the remainder of the UK. A copy of the scales should be included in this magazine. Further copies may be obtained from the Committee or from the Association of Golf Club Secretaries.

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