

BIGGA Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, highlights the latest education and training available to BIGGA members

Education and Training Feedback

Sami and I are very busy putting together the Education and Training Programme, Continue to Learn 2003, which will be held, in Harrogate from 20 to 23 January 2003.

Following the success of Continue to Learn 2002, the education and training programme for BIGGA's week in Harrogate, in January 2003 will continue to offer delegates plenty of choice.

The week commences on Monday, January 20, with the National Education Conference and Workshop Programme. Planned Workshops include two 2 day Workshops: Golf Course Design and Construction 2 and Environmental Management. There will also be a one day Soil Science workshop held on both Monday 20 and Tuesday, January 21. A further option for all greenkeepers involved in or contemplating joining the Master Greenkeeper Scheme, will be a one day Master Greenkeeper seminar.

The Programme has, again, been designed to give delegates plenty of choice to make the most from their

time in Harrogate with speakers from the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and Australia.

Remember that BTME opens on Tuesday, January 21. BTME Seminars will be held on Wednesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 23. Seminars will be concentrated around the middle of each day, giving delegates the chance to visit the Exhibition and take in some or all Seminars.

The National Education Conference includes four sessions over two days covering Management Skills for the Golf Course Manager and Practical On -Course Management

Watch out in further editions of this magazine and on the BIGGA Web Site for more details of speakers and how to book your place.

This month sees the start of the journey to select the TORO Student of the Year 2003, when the judges will visit Scotland, the North, the South East, the South West and the Midlands to interview 33 Students. Up to eight Regional Finalists will be selected to progress to the National Final, which will be held at BIGGA

House on Monday, September 23. The judging tour begins in Edinburgh on Monday, June 24.

We are still waiting for your requests for training in the Sections and Regions to come pouring in. We have had a good response from some sections and from one Region. However, if you want training at a very low price, thanks to subsidies from the BIGGA Education and Development Fund then contact your Section Secretary, Regional Administrator or us here at BIGGA HOUSE to make sure that your course is provided. Remember that all Golden Key companies will have £30 training vouchers to give away to their customers from September. These vouchers can be used to pay for BIGGA Training Courses or be used towards the cost of Workshops, the National Education Conference or Seminars at Harrogate next January.

Due to popular demand, I have decided to end the Key Skills Corner. Anyone wishing to obtain the answer to last month's poser should contact me at BIGGA HOUSE.



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