

Education

This Month sees the Education and Training Department finalising the programme for The Continue to Learn Week in Harrogate, co-ordinating the final stages of the Golf Environment Competition and organising Regional and Section Training Courses.



Regular visitors to the BIGGA week in Harrogate will have seen that the Continue to Learn programme has a range of opportunities for all levels of greenkeeper. 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 delivered with your October copy of Greenkeeper International. Remember to book early, to reserve your place(s) on the sessions of your choice.

The BIGGA Golf Environment Competition

The STRI Ecology Team has been busy judging the entries in the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, visiting clubs around the Country and trying to select Regional Winners. The Competition continues to attract high quality entries from around Great Britain, helping clubs to assess their environmental management policies against the Competition Standards. The Competition continues 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. If there are any companies or individuals out there who wish to sponsor this high profile competition then please contact BIGGA House. Clubs selected to progress to the next round are:

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| WALES
Cardigan Golf Club | NORTH
Kenwick Park Golf Club
Bradley Park Golf Club
Wilmslow Golf Club
Wirrel Ladies Golf Club Ltd |
| SOUTH EAST
Thorpeness Hotel and Golf Club
Aldeburgh Golf Club
Rookwood Golf Club
Gerrards Cross Golf Club
Ipswich Golf Club | SCOTLAND
Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club
Loch Lomond Golf Club
Duke's Course (The)
St Andrews Links Trust |
| SOUTH WEST
Warren Golf Club
Parkstone Golf Club
Bath Golf Club | |

BIGGA Local Training Courses

You should have received a copy of this year's Local Training Brochure inside this copy of Greenkeeper International. If you have not received a copy or if you need extra copies then contact BIGGA House. These, high quality, courses continue to be offered at such low prices thanks to support from the BIGGA Education and Development Fund. The Fund, which gets its income from Golden and Silver Key contributors, subsidised local training by more than £26,000 last year. For 2002/2003, each Golden Key company will be distributing £30 training vouchers to its customers, making attendance at a one day BIGGA Training Course absolutely free to BIGGA Members. Vouchers can also be used towards the cost of Continue to Learn at Harrogate.

Guidance on general health and safety topics is given in HSE's booklet: Health and Safety in Golf Course Management and Maintenance, although the booklet does not have specific guidance on the recovery of lost golf balls from golf course water hazards. However, a general risk assessment of any water hazard should include risk control measures to prevent foreseeable accidents such as drowning. If recovery of golf balls requires the use of divers at work then the Diving at Work Regulations 1997 apply. If divers are not at work then the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 still applies and a similar duty of care standard would be expected.

DOES YOUR CLUB COMPLY?

Following the stories in the media, early this year, the Health and Safety Executive has issued a press release about the recovery of lost golf balls from golf course water hazards. The managers of golf courses have a duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all of their employees and of all visitors to the course. This includes golfers, contractors working on or visiting the course and members of the public.

GTC LIAISON OFFICERS

Readers of this magazine may have seen recent advertisements, placed by the GTC, asking for experienced, assessor qualified greenkeepers to apply to become GTC Liaison Officers in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The GTC had a reasonable response from some areas but there is still time for you to apply for one of these important, part time, posts. Anyone interested should contact David Golding or Sue Gudgeon at the GTC on 01347 838640

BIGGA HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEXTRON TURF CARE

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Textron Turf Care, BIGGA is pleased to announce the launch of the BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships. All greenkeeper members of BIGGA in, or about to enter, higher education ie. N/SVQ Level 4 in Turfgrass Management, Higher National Certificate in Turf Science and Golf Course Management, Higher National Diploma in Turf Science and Golf Course Management, BSc in Turf Science and Golf Course Management or MSc in Sports Surface Technology, could apply for a scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded will depend on demand but should range from £500 for a Level 4 to £1500 for an MSc. Applications would be assessed by a panel of assessors,

who would look for:

- Type of course
- BIGGA Member
- Number of years as a BIGGA member.
- Contribution to BIGGA
- Previous training and development

The Scholarship should be for the whole course ie, a one off payment. Scholars would be expected to maintain contact with BIGGA and provide feedback on research, work experience etc. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship then contact BIGGA for an application form. The deadline for applications to be received at BIGGA House is 25 October 2002.



Unlock the doors to progress through BIGGA's Education and Development Fund - the key to a great future for greenkeepers, golf clubs and the game of golf. Golden and Silver Key Membership is available to both companies and individuals.

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