

Education



Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund

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Competitions are the main areas of work for the Education and Training Department as the TORO Student of the Year regional Finals have taken place and STRI have begun to judge the entries for this year's Golf Environment Competition.

I included some brief information in the June edition of Greenkeeper International about some changes that would be taking place at Harrogate in January 2004 and I have repeated the information below. Make sure that you book your accommodation as soon as possible to ensure a room in your chosen hotel.

Continue to learn 2004

ACCOMMODATION

BIGGA HOUSE no longer has the capacity to handle hotel bookings as the number of visitors has continued to increase. Therefore, all Continue to Learn packages will be sold on a non-residential basis (ie. without accommodation) and delegates will need to book their own accommodation. This can be done direct with hotels or, much more easily, through our booking agents Reservations Highway, who can offer preferential rates. They can be contacted by phone on

01423 525577 or on www.reservation-highway.co.uk using the access code 'bigga'.

The BIGGA Headquarters Hotel will still be the Majestic Hotel which will also host the Education Dinner on Monday 19 January and the Exhibition's Banquet on Thursday 22 January.

Remember, you can choose your own accommodation, but so can every other delegate so book early to avoid disappointment.

The National Education Conference and BTME/ClubHouse Seminars

Due to the continued poor state of repair of the Royal Hall, the BTME/ClubHouse Seminars 2004 will be held in Hall D of the Harrogate International Centre. The National Education Conference, whose theme will be 'Golf, Sport and Business', will take place on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 January 2004. The BTME/ClubHouse Seminars will take place on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January 2004.

Watch out for further updates on speakers, subjects and booking information in future editions of this magazine.

Continue to Learn Workshops

There will be three - one-day, Continue to Learn Workshops in January 2004. They will cover Health and Safety at Work, Water on the Golf Course and Influencing Skills - How your Golf Club Really Works.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition



The first stage of judging in this year's BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, sponsored by Scotts UK Professional and Syngenta Professional Products has begun and details of successful clubs will appear in future editions of Greenkeeper International. Twenty six clubs have entered this year and they are:

Fortrose and Rosemarkie	Wetherby
Gullane	Worthing
The Duke's Course	Loch Lomond
Pedham Place	Downfield
Beaconsfield	St Andrews Links
Charnwood Forest	Fulford
Worsley Park	Winter Hill
Thorpeness	Allerton Municipal
Notts	Cottesmore
Bedale	Kenwick Park
Wilmslow	The York
Gog Magog	Minchinhampton
Blackmoor	Brighthouse Bay

Student of the Year Competition

The TORO Student of the Year judges selected eight National Finalists from the 34 Regional Finalists during the first week of June. Details of successful candidates will appear next month.



Regional Training Course

We have received training requests from six Regions/Sections so far this year. There is still time to ask for low cost, high quality training to take place in your local area. Contact Sami or Ken at BIGGA HOUSE for further details.

Machinery and Work Equipment Training Manual

All Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper Members of BIGGA should have received their copy of the BIGGA Machinery and Work Equipment Training Manual sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen. Please contact BIGGA HOUSE if your copy has not arrived.

The Manual complements the GTC Wall Chart that was sent out earlier in the year to all golf clubs in the UK. If you have not received your copy then contact the GTC on 01347 838640.

