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# Education Update



## BIGGA Golf Environment Competition

Following my news about the BIGGA Environment Competition in the April Edition of Greenkeeper International, I can now confirm that the new joint sponsor alongside Scotts UK Professional and Syngenta Professional Products is the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP).

WRAP is a not-for-profit company supported by funding from DEFRA, the DTI and the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It is working to promote sustainable waste management by creating stable and efficient markets for recycled materials and products, including glass, wood, plastics, organics, paper and aggregates.

The aims of the Competition, the aims of BIGGA and the aims of WRAP fit well together and the support of WRAP, Scotts and Syngenta will ensure the continuation and expansion of this important competition. This will allow more golf clubs to benefit from the visits and the advice from STRI Ecologists and from the significant prizes offered.

Full information on how clubs can apply for the 2004 Competition has been sent to all golf clubs in Great Britain so make sure that your club is in the running to win a prize by applying today. Prizes include:

- A Scotts' Weather Station and a cheque for £2,000 for the winner
- A cheque for £500 for each regional winner
- A cheque for £500 for the most impressive newcomer

- A cheque for £500 for the best overall environmental initiative
- And this year, a cheque for £500 for the best use of recycled materials

Judging will commence from July onwards with ecologists from the STRI assessing all entries.

Golf clubs will be judged on their commitment to environmental management and will be assessed on:

- Nature Conservation
- Energy Efficiency and Purchasing Policies
- Landscape and Cultural Heritage
- Education and Training
- Turfgrass and Pest Management
- Communications

Water Resource Management  
Public Access and Awareness  
Waste Management



Golf Environment Competition

Many golf clubs have gained a great deal from entering the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition. It gives all golf clubs the opportunity to learn from others, to improve their golf course, to improve the environment and, perhaps to win a prize.

Whether your golf course is large or small; rich or poor, it provides an important link in the environmental chain, helping to achieve long-term ecological benefits.

Let your members, local residents and the general public see what you are doing to improve the environment by entering this year's competition.

## Continue to Learn 2005

Planning for the Continue to Learn Week, held in at Harrogate next January, has continued this month. With an extended education programme, there will even more opportunities to expand your knowledge by attending a workshop or some or all of the seminars.

The theme for 2005 is 'Back to Basics' and the week will start on **Sunday 16 January** with 3 two-day workshops. Each workshop will be limited to 20 delegates and will cover:

- Golf Course Design
- Soil Science
- Tournament
- Preparation



**Monday 17 January** will see the three two-day workshops continuing and the start of two one-day workshops. Each one-day workshop also will be limited to 20 delegates and will cover:

- Irrigation
- Communications and Negotiations

**Tuesday 18 January** sees the start of BTME & ClubHouse, that will be held in the Harrogate International Centre.

The exhibitions will be reinforced by a wide range of seminars for all types of delegate plus the TORO sponsored careers fair, the exhibitions banquet and a Master Greenkeeper Seminar. Further details will follow in subsequent editions of Greenkeeper International.

## The 21st Century Manager

Plans are progressing for a new, high-level conference that will be held in the spring of 2005. With support from the R&A, EGU, STRI and the GTC, this Conference, with the theme the 21st Century Manager will include speakers from the UK, Europe and the US. Watch out for more details in the next edition of this magazine.

## TORO Student of the Year Competition



The deadline for the TORO Student of the Year Competition is fast approaching with all entries due at BIGGA House by the end of this month. Regional interviews will be held in early July.