

Extending Your Learning

With the completion of the Queen's Suite within Harrogate International Centre BIGGA has vastly expanded its Continue to Learn Programme for 2006, which means that it really does offer something for everyone. Greenkeeper International takes a peek at the upcoming Education highlights at Harrogate Week 2006.

Sunday 22 & Monday 23 January 2006

Two-Day Workshops

The Greenkeepers' Guide to Project Management - Powerful Lessons in Planning and Performance

Presented by Frank Newberry, Director of Enjoyable Seminars Ltd. This fully interactive workshop uses the delegates' personal experiences of planning and organising complex tasks.

Taking the Fear out of Financial Management

Presented by Brin Bendon, Director of Vector Training Ltd, and Andy Campbell MG, CGCS, Golf Courses and Estates Manager, De Vere Carden Park. Focuses on the manager's role in effective budgetary control on the golf course.

Monday 23 January 2006

Customer Care - Avoiding the Machete

Presented by Michael John, Managing Director of Kielder Newport West Ltd. This will examine the various aspects of Customer Care in a totally practical and amusing way.

From Rain To Drain - Managing Water

Presented by Dennis and Adrian Mortram. They will explore various methods of managing water in the rootzone from application of water by natural precipitation and irrigation, water relationships in the rootzone and the removal of excess water by drainage.

Tuesday 24 January 2006

Opening Session and Keynote Speaker

The session will include the Chairman's Address, the presentation of the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition prizes and Master Greenkeeper Certificates. The presentation of awards will be followed by the Keynote Speaker, Colonel John Blashford-Snell. Entrance to the Opening Session and Keynote Speaker is Free of Charge to all visitors.

The Fairway to Better Communication - How to Influence Others Without Getting into a Fight!

Presented by Brin Bendon, Director of Vector Training. This seminar will give attendees guidance on how to project a confident and positive self-image, giving them the knowledge to be able to influence those around them, while helping to build and maintain productive working relationships.

Environmental Management

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Led by three leading experts in the field of environmental management of golf courses - Jonathan Smith, Committed to Green Foundation, Lee Penrose, STRI, and Carolyn Hedley, SGEG. This will enable you to find out just how much of an environmental steward you are. You will be assisted in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of your current approach to environmental issues.

Wednesday 25 January 2006

Working Together in Golf Club Management

Presented jointly by the Association of Golf Club Secretaries, BIGGA and the English Golf Union, this programme of seminars is aimed at golf club officials, golf club secretaries, golf club managers and golf course managers. Presentation titles include How to set up your Course for a Championship; The EGU Community; What is in the Legal Pipeline for Secretaries?; and Security and Risk Management for Greenkeepers and Golf Clubs, plus much more.

Taking the Lid off the Box - Media Skills and Strategy Training

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Presented by Roger Greenwood, Television Producer/Director, Goodwood Productions Ltd. This will help delegates to understand and appreciate the power of the media and the importance of handling it well. Offering practical skills on how to deal confidently and successfully with the various styles of media.

Thursday 26 January 2006

Managing Weeds to Tournament Standards - Managing Poa Annua

Presented by Peter Jones MSc, MBPR, Managing Director, Peter Jones Associates Ltd. Here the view held by some purists that poa annua is a weed and has no place on a golf green will be challenged. This will explain many of the important maintenance principles that can be used to get the best from greens that are dominated by poa annua.

Thursday 26 & Friday 27 January 2006

Maintaining the Sustainable Golf Course

Presented jointly by The R&A and BIGGA, this session will focus on promoting sustainable golf courses, concentrating on grass species selection. A Thursday afternoon of presentations will be followed by an open debate on Friday morning.

Speakers include Steve Isaac, The R&A; Chris Haspell, Hørsholm Golf A/S, Denmark; Alistair Beggs, STRI; and Gordon Irvine MG, Golf Course Consultant.

Fringe Seminars

These will run from Tuesday to Thursday and will be presented by exhibiting companies on a number of interesting and varied topics. These half hour sessions are totally free for all attending the Harrogate Week.