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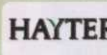
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Education Update

Ken Richardson details the major changes made to the Continue to Learn Programme for Harrogate Week 2006.

Harrogate Week 2006 - Continue to Learn

There will be some significant changes to the Big Week in Harrogate starting on January 23. The first change is the name given to the full week of activities, i.e. Harrogate Week 2006. Our aim is to bring you the best week ever and a major part of this is the extended Continue to Learn Programme.

Continue to Learn starts on Sunday January 23 with five two day Workshops that are continued on Monday January 24. Monday January 24 also sees the start of five one day Workshops.

Each Workshop has been designed to appeal to particular groups of golf club employees, for example golf club managers (General Managers, Secretaries, Chairmen of Green, Club Captains etc), golf course managers (Course Managers, Head Greenkeepers), supervisors/middle managers (First Assistants, Deputy Head Greenkeepers, Deputy Course Managers) and to greenkeepers (Assistant Greenkeepers, Trainees, Apprentices etc).

This does not mean that greenkeepers cannot attend Workshops designed for managers or that managers may not attend workshops aimed at greenkeepers. However, delegates will gain the greatest value from attending an appropriate Workshop.

Subjects for the five two day Workshops include:

Golf Course Design	Presented by Howard Swan and Simon Gidman
Health and Safety Basics	Presented by Martin Glenn from KNW Training
Resource Management	Presented by Frank Newberry
Financial Planning	Presented by Brin Bendon
Assessor Training (A1)	Presented by Plan-it Training

Subjects for the five one day Workshops are:

Customer Care	Presented by Mike John KNW Training
Managing Water	Presented by Dennis and Adrian Mortram
Staff Development	Presented by David Bancroft Turner
L12 Trainer Training	Presented by Plan-it Training
Update training to A1	Presented by Plan-it Training

Another change for Harrogate Week 2006 is the introduction of half day Continue to Learn Workshops that will run during BTME & ClubHouse on January 24, 25 and 26.

Subjects for the half day Workshops are:

Employment Law	Presented by General Legal Protection
Media Skills	Presented by Roger Greenwood
Environmental Management	Presented by Jonathan Smith and others
Basics of MS Word	Presented by Keystrokes Training
Basics of Ms Excel	Presented by Keystrokes Training
Basics of Powerpoint	Presented by Keystrokes Training

Yet another change is that each Seminar session has been extended and will last 45 minutes with time for 15 minutes of questions at the end.

Subjects for the seminars include:

Working with Others	Presented by Brin Bendon
Disease Management	Presented by Ruth Mann

Other Seminars are being organised and further details will appear in the August Edition of Greenkeeper International.

More changes to the Harrogate Week occur on Tuesday January 24, following the official opening of BTME & ClubHouse. The Presentation of prizes for the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition and the Presentation of Master Greenkeeper jackets will be held in the Seminar Theatre.

The presentations will be closely followed by the 2006 Keynote Speaker, John Blashford-Snell.

There is, truly, something for everyone and we have been able to extend Continue to Learn and give you this wide range of educational opportunities thanks to the opening of the Queen's Suite at Harrogate International Centre that allows users a variety of room designs.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition

The deadline for entries to the 2005 BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, sponsored by Scotts UK Professional, Syngenta Professional Products, WRAP and Waste2Water has now passed. All entries have now been delivered to STRI so

that Bob Taylor and Lee Penrose can start their judging.

If you wanted to enter and you have not sent in an entry, there is still time but entries must arrive at BIGGA HOUSE by July 7.

TORO Student of the Year Award 2006

Judging for this year's TORO Student of the Year Award began on Monday July 4. The eight national finalists will assemble at Aldwark Manor Hotel on Sunday September 25, prior to the judging on Monday September 26 at BIGGA HOUSE.

Regional Training Courses

We have received a large number of bids for regional training courses that Sections and Regions wish to be run this autumn. If you want a particular course in your area then you should speak to your Section Secretary or Regional Administrator.