



## Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund

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# Education Update

Ken Richardson, Education and Training Manager, discusses plans for both future education programmes and competitions

Now that the dust has settled from a very busy BTME & ClubHouse and Sami is back from the Golf Industry Show in Orlando, we are starting to revise our education and training programme for the spring, plan our programme for the autumn and planning Continue to Learn 2006 at Harrogate.

## BITMC

As you may have read in previous articles, the BIGGA Board of Management decided to make changes to the Education Conference by moving it from Harrogate and by pitching it a higher level than before. This 'new' conference was called the British and International Turf Managers' Conference. It was due to take place on 19 and 20 March at Staverton Park.

Unfortunately, bookings have been very slow to arrive at BIGGA HOUSE and we had to decide whether the Conference should go ahead.

We decided, after consulting the Chairman, that it was not going to be viable and that we should, therefore, cancel the event.

I can only apologise to those members who had booked a place and say sorry to the eleven speakers who had confirmed their attendance.

It is now 'back to the drawing board' and I would be grateful for your ideas on when, where and if a conference should take place in the future.

## Regional Training Courses

Most Sections and Regions now bid for BIGGA Education and Development Fund subsidised education and training courses. Three courses are running this spring, all of which were requested by a Section, had guaranteed numbers and were at a suitable location.

We are now beginning to plan for the autumn and if you want us to arrange education and training courses in your Region/Section, now is the time to put in your request.

The information we require for us to organise a course on your behalf is:

1. Course Subject e.g. Essential Management Skills, Tractor Driving, Managing Health and Safety etc.
2. A suitable location for training e.g. a Golf Club.
3. A guarantee to fill the course.

For further information on the types of course available and the numbers required for each course please contact Sami on 01347 833800 or sami@bigga.co.uk, by June 30 2005.

## Toro Student of the Year Award 2005

Alex Shore, from Woburn Golf and Country Club and Oaklands College, winner of the Award in 2004, has successfully completed the Toro Scholarship at the University of Massachusetts and has visited the Golf Industry Show and Toro Headquarters during the early part of this year.

Application forms for the 2005 competition have been sent to colleges and need to be completed by the individual and their College Tutor and returned to BIGGA HOUSE by May 6 2005.

If you require further copies of the application form and brochure please contact Sami on 01347 833800 or sami@bigga.co.uk.

## BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2005

Following the success of the 2004 Competition, when Minchinhampton Golf Club were the National Winners, we are pleased to announce that a further sponsor, Waste2Water, has joined Scotts UK Professional, Syngenta Professional Products and WRAP for 2005.

The additional sponsorship will allow us to visit more golf clubs than ever before.

Invitations to enter the 2005 competition are being sent to all golf clubs in Great Britain during March 2005. A range of prizes will ensure that all clubs, large or small, will have a chance of winning.

## BTME & ClubHouse Seminars

Audio copies of the BTME & ClubHouse Seminars are now available on CD.

Keynote Session - Lesley Everrett

Session 1 - GolfGIS - For Better Golf Course Management - Jan Kemi and Ian Phythian

Session 2 - Integrating Old with New - Jim Nix

Session 3 - Join the National Register of Sprayer Operators - Tamarind Davidson

Session 4 - The Leadership and Motivation of People - Dennis Beard

Session 5 - Over the Edge - Has Course Conditioning Gone Too Far - Jon Scott

Session 6 - The Use of Recycled Materials in Golfing Applications - Louise Hollingworth

Session 7 - Energy Conservation in Golf Facilities - Jonathan Smith

Session 8 - New Groundwater Regulations and their Impact on Golf Courses - Tim Earley

Session 9 - The Road to Aphrodite Hills - A Case Study of Working Abroad - Peter Bradburn

Session 10 - Why Healthy Soil is Essential for Excellent Sports Turf - Martin Ward

Session 11 - Construction Materials for Golf Greens - Ann Murray

Session 12 - Current Trends in Fertiliser, Pesticide and Water Usage on Australian Golf Courses - Andrew Peart

Each seminar session costs £2.50 including VAT and postage.

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