



Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund

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Unlock the doors to progress through BIGGA's Education and Development Fund - the key to a great future for greenkeepers, golf clubs and the game of golf.

Golden and Silver Key Membership is available to both companies and individuals.

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Education Update



Ken Richardson, in the Education Department, plans ahead for Regional Training and BIGGA's National Competitions.

May has become the planning month in the Education and Training Department when Sami and I look forward to the autumn and winter education and training programme.

Continue to Learn - Regional Training

Regional training has proved to be even more popular this year, using over 50% of the Education and Development Fund. As courses get more expensive to run and the Fund's income remains static, we have had difficulty providing all of the training requested by Regions and Sections.

The recent Board of Management Meeting, held in March, and the Education Sub Committee, held in April, decided that the Education and Development Fund should not be used to subsidise training courses that were required by law and that the subsidy for all courses, Seminars and Conferences would be a maximum of £500 per day. Unfortunately, this means that some courses, especially those with a limited number of delegates, e.g. Chainsaw Course, would be a lot more expensive but they should still cost less than the same courses offered by other training providers.

Therefore as from October 2005, the cost of Regional Training Courses will be:

TWO-DAY MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSES

£160 + VAT (£188)

- Essential Management Skills
- Next Steps in Management Skills
- Communicating with Committees
- The New Supervisor
- Project Management
- Budgets and Finance
- Management Skills for Head Greenkeepers and Course Managers

TWO-DAY TECHNICAL COURSES

£200 + VAT (£235.00)

- Health and Safety Awareness
- Tractor Driving
- Managing Health and Safety

TWO-DAY TECHNICAL COURSES REQUIRED BY LAW

£325 + VAT (£381.88)

- Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting
- First Aid Refresher

TWO-DAY COMPUTER SKILLS COURSE

£150 + VAT (£176.25)

- Basic Computer Skills

ONE-DAY MANAGEMENT COURSE

£80 + VAT (£94)

- Presenting a Professional Image

ONE-DAY TECHNICAL COURSES

£100 + VAT (£117.50)

- Woodland Management
- Agronomy and Soil Science
- Risk Assessments
- Integrated Pest Management
- All Terrain Vehicle Driving
- COSHH Assessments
- Grass Identification

ONE-DAY TECHNICAL COURSES REQUIRED BY LAW

£150 + VAT (£176.25)

- Emergency First Aid
- Abrasive Wheels

Each course includes high class tuition plus lunch and refreshments on each day.

We are now beginning to plan for this 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 of 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, the cost of courses and the numbers required for each course please contact Sami on 01347 833800 or sami@bigga.co.uk, by 30 June 2005.

Entries have been flooding in for this year's BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, sponsored by Scotts UK Professional, Syngenta Professional Products, Waste2Water and WRAP. There is still time to request an application form, so long as you complete and return it before the June 24 deadline.



Golf Environment Competition

There is a range of prizes from £500 for the best new entry up to £2500 and a Scotts Weather Station for the National Winner. So if you are just starting to look at environmental management or if you have had a plan in place for some time, why not enter and see if you could join the winners in Harrogate next January.

TORO Student of the Year Competition

The deadline for the TORO Student of the Year Award 2005 is Friday May 6. Judging will commence, in Edinburgh, on Monday July 4.

The criteria for the Award states that a student must be on a N/SVQ Level 2 or 3 course or on a National Certificate or Diploma course and must be nominated by their Senior Greenkeeping Lecturer. If you wish to receive further details and an application form please contact BIGGA HOUSE as soon as possible.

