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Education Update

Ken Richardson highlights the additions to the Education Programme at Harrogate Week, including Fringe Seminars and much, much more.



You should all have received a copy of the Harrogate Week 2006 brochure, supported by the GTC, with last month's copy of Greenkeeper International. If you did not receive a copy contact BIGGA HQ and we will send one out to you.

Those who did get their copy will have seen that the brochure contains a wide range of educational opportunities for all those who wish to attend. From workshops and seminars to a one-day conference and debate, greenkeepers, groundsman, golf course managers, grounds managers, golf club secretaries and golf club managers and officials will find something that appeals and, more importantly, increases their knowledge.

Added value can be obtained from the Careers Fair and Student Forum, sponsored by Toro, half-day workshops, sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen, a Women's Forum, the Keynote Speaker and Presentations, the Banquet, networking and formal meetings. This all adds to BTME & ClubHouse, plus a series of Fringe Seminars presented by a range of exhibitor companies.

Wednesday January 25 sees a full day of seminars presented by the English Golf Union and the Association of Golf Club Secretaries, aimed mainly at golfers, golf club officials, golf club secretaries and secretary managers. However, golf course managers could also benefit from attending.

A further addition to Harrogate Week is a series of talks devoted to Sustainable Golf Course Management, that is supported by the R&A. These take place on Thursday afternoon, January 26, followed by what is sure to be a lively debate on Friday morning.

FRINGE SEMINARS

Many exhibitors at BTME & ClubHouse have taken the opportunity to present a seminar during the Show. Full details will be published soon but the following companies have confirmed that they will be making presentations.

Tuesday 24 January

Toro
WBB Minerals (Rufford and Pro-Sport)
Headland Amenity Products
Rigby Taylor Ltd
Otterbine
STRI
Lloyds and Co Letchworth Ltd
Complete Weed Control

Wednesday 25 January 2006

Toro
Aqua-aid Inc in association with Tower Chemicals Ltd
Aquatrols in Association with Vitax
Hunter Industries Inc
Thursday 26 January 2006
Premium Credit Ltd
Toro
Terrain Aeration Services
Headland Amenity Products

All of the fringe seminars are free of charge and do not need to be booked. They will all take place in the Queen's Suite at Harrogate International Centre that can be accessed via Halls B and C or from the covered walkway.

STUDENT FORUM

Thursday January 26 is Student Day at Harrogate Week 2006. Visit the show, network with employers, discover what career opportunities are open to you, attend the Student Forum and enter the Student Quiz when you could win an I-Pod. Details of the day and quiz entry forms are being sent to all training providers in the UK and Ireland.

BIGGA CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Congratulations to the following list of members who have been awarded their Diploma in Continuing Professional Development.

Ian MacMillan MG
Nigel White
Stuart Hogg MG
John Quinn MG
Kerran Daly MG
Andy Campbell MG CGCS
Mark Broughton MG
Alex McCombie
Richard Whyman
Seve Schmitz MG
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Ian Willett
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Kevin Kenny



TORO STUDENT OF THE YEAR



A close fought Final held at BIGGA HOUSE on September 26 saw Alan Pierce, from Ham Manor Golf Club, selected as the Toro Student of the Year 2005, with David Newton and James Lindsay selected as the two runners-up. More details appear

elsewhere in this magazine. I would like to congratulate all eight finalists who were well prepared, were immaculate in their presentation and showed that the future of greenkeeping is in good hands.

Alan attended Plumpton College, in Sussex, and as part of the first prize, his Lecturer, David Blackmur, will join the BIGGA party at the Golf Industry Show in Atlanta in February 2006.

Thank you to all those who took part, to their golf clubs for supporting them, to the judges for giving their time and especially to Toro for continuing to sponsor this worthwhile event.