



## Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund

BIGGA GOLDEN KEY and SILVER KEY MEMBERSHIP

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.

For details, please contact Ken Richardson on 01347 833800 or via [ken@bigga.co.uk](mailto:ken@bigga.co.uk)

### Golden Key Supporters



### Golden Key Company Members

Company	Tel: Head Office
AGCO (Massey Ferguson)	02476 851286
John Deere Ltd	01949 860491
Kubota (UK) Ltd	01844 214500
PGA European Tour	01344 842881
Rigby Taylor Ltd	01204 677777
Scotts UK Professional	01473 830492
Ransomes Jacobsen Ltd	01473 270000
The Toro Company/Lely UK	01480 226800

### Golden Key Individual Members

J H Fry; J H Greasley; WJ Rogers; Chris Yeaman; Andy Campbell MG, CGCS; Iain A MacLeod; Tom Smith; Bruce Cruickshank; Frank Newberry; Andrew Comes.

### Silver Key Supporters



### Silver Key Company Members

Company	Tel: Head Office
Bernhard and Company Ltd	01788 811600
Ernest Doe & Sons	01245 380311
Fairways (GM) Ltd	0141 814 3355
General Legal Protection Ltd	01904 611600
Hayter Ltd	01279 723444
Heath Lambert Group	0113 246 1313
Novozymes Biologicals	01789 290906
RainBird	01273 891326
Seoul Nassau	0121 325 9100
Symbio	01372 456101
Syngenta Professional Products	0041 613 233 028
TurfTrax Group Ltd	01722 434000

### Silver Key Individual Members

Clive A Archer; Douglas G Duguid; Robert Malbusch MG; Steven Tierney; Roger Barker; Ian Semple; Paul Jenkins; Robert Hogarth; Nicholas Gray; Trevor Smith; Iain Barr; Richard McGlynn; Alex McCombie; Paul Murphy; Reaseheath College; Steve Dixon.

# Education Update

Ken Richardson explains why the Education Department have been so busy this last month.

I hardly seem to have been in the office lately. I spent all of last week 'on the road' doing the interviews for the TORO Student of the Year Competition. I always travel over 1000 miles but three of this year's candidates added to the miles, as one drove back from a holiday in North Wales to Manchester for his interview then back to Wales, one flew from Majorca to Manchester and then back to Majorca - leaving his wife and children 'on the beach' and a third returned from Sri Lanka for his interview in the Midlands.

## TORO Student of the Year 2006



37 candidates were nominated for this year's competition from a total of over 3000 greenkeeping students. They ranged from those just entering the industry from school, to those entering the industry as a second or third career.

Delegates to this competition, come better prepared each year and it is not easy for the judges to choose the eight candidates that will go forward to the National Final in September.

Sunday, July 2, saw me flying to Edinburgh Airport where I was joined by Ian McLeod to judge the Scottish candidates. A long day of judging was followed, a flight back to Leeds/Bradford and a night at home before I was up early to drive to Manchester Airport to judge the Northern and Irish candidates. I was joined at Manchester by: Sami Collins, Warren Beavan and Trevor Chard from TORO. After a late afternoon finish, I set off for Hemel Hempstead via a massive thunderstorm in the M1 Road Works at Luton.

Wednesday was judging day in the South East where I was joined by Master Greenkeeper Lee Strutt and John Pike from TORO. The next stop was Cheltenham where Gavin Robson joined John and I to judge the candidates from the South West and South Wales on Thursday. Then it was back in the car to dive to Peterborough where Peter Mansfield from TORO joined Gavin and I to judge the candidates from the Midlands.

Next it was time to select the eight National Finalists.

They are: Barrie Lewis and Kenneth Gilroy from Scotland; Stephen Eager from Ireland; James Billington from the North; Michael Emptage and Stephen Stroomer from the South East; Abigail Crosswood from the South West and South Wales and Graham Brumpton from the Midlands. Congratulations to all eight Finalists.

## BIGGA Golf Environment Competition



The judges at STRI have finished their initial judging and are busy visiting clubs around Britain to determine the prizewinners. More details will appear in the next issue of Greenkeeper International.

## Regional Training Courses

BIGGA continues to support education and training in the Regions and the following courses have been arranged at Gay Hill GC in the Midland Region:

### Sit In ATV - 4 October 2006

Cost to BIGGA Members £60 + VAT (£70.50)

Cost to non members £160 + VAT (£188)

### Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting - 6/7 November 2006

Cost to BIGGA Members £225 + VAT (£264.38)

Cost to non members £325 + VAT (£381.875)

### Communicating with Committees - 5/6 December 2006

Cost to BIGGA Members £110 + VAT (£129.25)

Cost to non members £210 + VAT (£246.75)

The following course will be held at a tree felling location in Staffordshire

### Chainsaw Basic Felling Techniques (up to 200mm in diameter) - 8/9 November 2006

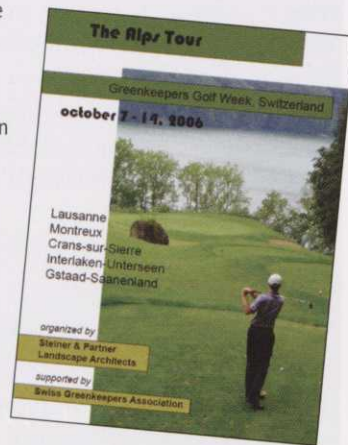
Cost to BIGGA Members £205 + VAT (£240.88)

Cost to non members £305 + VAT (£358.375)

For more information please contact Sami Collins on: 01347 833800.

## The Alps Golf Tour

You may have read about a proposed Greenkeeper's Tour of the Alps in the April edition of Greenkeeper International. Some more information about this educational, as well as enjoyable tour, is given below. Further details will be published in future editions of this magazine.



## CHALK GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT FOR GOLF COURSES

September 12 2006 - Epsom Golf Club, Surrey

A seminar to explore the best practice in chalk grassland course management. Guest Speaker - Lee Penrose, Ecologist Sports Turf Research Institute.

**Seminar Fee: £30**

For further details and to book your place contact Aimee Jones on: 020 8770 4203 or email: [aimee.jones@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:aimee.jones@sutton.gov.uk)