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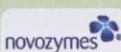
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Education Update

Ken Richardson, Education and Training Manager, looks forward to BIGGA's 2006 Major Competitions.

May is the month when Sami and I concentrate on a number of competitions and this year is no exception. We are also working on the Continue to Learn programme for Harrogate Week 2007. Yes, it really does take 10 months to make all of the arrangements.

The details of the programme are still to be finalised but we are planning to have four more one day workshops, four more half day workshops and four more seminars than we presented in 2006. The programme will include learning opportunities targeted at all levels of greenkeeper and groundsman plus sessions of special interest to Secretaries, Secretary Managers, and Golf Club Officials and to Golf Professionals.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition



Golf Environment Competition

Thanks to our existing sponsors, Scotts UK Professional and Syngenta Professional Products plus two new sponsors for this year, Ransomes Jacobsen and Course Care Ltd, we can continue to run the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition.

You should find an entry form in this copy of Greenkeeper International. Judging of the competition will take place throughout the year with the prizes being presented during Harrogate Week 2007.

Toro Student of the Year Competition



Last year's Toro Student of the Year, Alan Pierce has not been back in the country long before the entries for the 2006 Toro Student of the Year Competition start to arrive at BIGGA HOUSE.

Entries should be returned to BIGGA HOUSE by May 5 2006. Judging will commence on Monday July 3 and the Final will take place at BIGGA HOUSE on Monday September 18.

If you wish to nominate a student greenkeeper and have not received an entry form, contact BIGGA HOUSE as soon as possible. Entry forms can also be downloaded from our website, www.bigga.org.uk.

Remember that thanks to continued sponsorship from Toro, the Toro Student of the Year wins an eight weeks trip to the USA that includes six weeks at the University of Massachusetts and a trip to the Golf Industry Show in Anaheim, California. The winning student's lecturer also wins a one week trip to the Golf Club Industry Show.

BIGGA Spraymaster of the Year

Thanks to sponsorship from Greenlink International and Blazon, another greenkeeper could be flying to the USA to spend a week in Anaheim at the Golf Industry Show. Moreover, his/her golf club would receive a Gambetti Barre 300 Litre Tractor Mounted Sprayer.

SPRAYMASTER

Application forms for this competition were included in the April Edition of Greenkeeper International. Application forms can also be obtained from Greenlink Sales staff or by contacting BIGGA HOUSE.



BIGGA Training and Development Manual

My apologies for the delay in the BIGGA Training and Development Manual going live on the Internet. This has been due to technical problems with the BIGGA website. However, the Manual should now be available through www.bigga.org.uk members' area.

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Novozymes and Fairways GM have joined the BIGGA Education and Development Fund as Company Member Silver Key Supporters and Reaseheath College has joined the Fund as an individual member. Welcome to all three and thank you for supporting greenkeeper education and training.