

# Education



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Another busy month in the Education and Training Department followed the reorganisation of the office, the introduction of a new database, the installation of a new telephone system and the introduction of a new member of staff. Rachael Duffy joined the department in June and has been busy learning her new role and fitting in a week working at The Open. Sami has been working on the Environment Competition and preparing the Continue to Learn brochure. I have been concentrating on the SMS and starting my handover to Sami. Yes, it's really happening, I'm taking early retirement from the end of September.



### TORO Student of the Year Competition

I joined George McDonald, Trevor Chard, John Pike and Robert Jackson, from Toro, and Archie Dunn, Tony Smith, Jeff Mills and Gavin Robson from the BIGGA Board to judge this year's competition - travelling over 1000 miles and interviewing candidates from around the UK and Ireland. The standard of this competition gets better each year and we had a very difficult job selecting the eight candidates to progress to the Final at BIGGA HOUSE on September 17.

The finalists are: Neil Plenderleith from Oatridge College; Jamie Duncan from GOSTA; Lewis Birch from Askham Bryan College; Stuart Ross from Pencoed College; Richard Oakley from Bridgewater College; Avon Bridges from Oaklands College; Greg Knight from Writtle College; Simon Lambert from Plumpton College. Congratulations to all eight finalists and commiserations to those not selected.



### BIGGA Golf Environment Competition

With entries up on previous years, the 2007 BIGGA Golf Environment Competition looks to be one of the most successful competitions for some time as many more golf clubs want to show how much work they have done to become "greener". The judges at STRI have been busy sifting the applications and clubs should be hearing shortly if they have progressed to the next stage and been selected for a visit. Final judging will take place in late Sept/early Oct and prizes will be presented on Tuesday, January 22 during Harrogate Week.



### BIGGA/GCMA Safety Management System

After a long wait, the BIGGA/GCMA Safety Management System has finally gone live on the Internet. I have noticed that an increasing number of golf clubs have logged onto the SMS

website and I hope that it is proving to be useful. BIGGA members can access the SMS through the BIGGA members' area and GCMA members can access the SMS through their library area. Non-members need to join one of the Associations to gain access.

The SMS contains a massive amount of information that can help you to produce a Safety management System for your golf club. Moreover, it contains a range of links that allow you to search the 'net' and find additional information on golf course risks. The SMS also links other BIGGA resources such as the Training and Development Manual and the Machinery and Work Equipment Training and Assessment Manual.



### Continue to Learn 2008

The preparations for the Continue to Learn 2008 programme, supported once again by the GTC, are almost complete. Copies will be distributed in the October edition of GI when you will see a varied and challenging week of Workshops and Seminars has been designed. The programme will also be available on the Harrogate Week website [www.harrogateweek.co.uk](http://www.harrogateweek.co.uk)

### STRI Training Courses

The STRI has released their programme of training courses for the autumn. Of special interest to greenkeepers are:

Understanding the Science and Management of Your Golf Course, November 5 – 8, 2007 at STRI, Bingley - Module One: Greens Construction and Irrigation; Module Two: Grasses for Golf Courses; Module Three: Nutrition – How to feed your golf course; Module Four: Turfgrass Pests, Weeds and Diseases. Each Module lasts for one day and costs £150 + VAT per person per day. STRI subscribers £135 per person per day. Book all four modules and receive 20% discount

November 21 – 22, 2007 at STRI, Bingley - Integrating Ecology into Golf Course Management – A Practical Approach; Introducing Rough; Scrub Control; Woodland Management; Heathland Management; Water Feature Management; Waste Management and Energy Efficiency. The course lasts for one and a half days and costs £195 + VAT per person (£175 + VAT for STRI subscribers).

More information can be found on the STRI website [www.stri.co.uk](http://www.stri.co.uk)