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Education Update



Ken Richardson discusses the department's latest projects

The dust has finally settled from Harrogate Week 2007 and Sami and I are looking ahead to Harrogate Week 2008. We are planning a few changes to take into account the feedback received this year and to make Continue to Learn 2008 even better. We are spending a great deal of time on the BIGGA/AGCS Safety Management System that is due to be released at the end of this month, as well as working on the TORO Student of the Year Competition and on the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen, Scotts, Syngenta and Course Care and we have also made some progress on the BIGGA Management Training Scheme.

We are pleased to say that we can start to award Higher Education Scholarships again following the receipt of more funds from Ransomes Jacobsen.

We are also subsidising a range of training course in the Sections and Regions as well as supporting Regional and Section Conferences thanks to contributors to the Education and Development Fund.

The BIGGA/AGCS Safety Management System

This Internet based resource will allow golf clubs to produce safety management systems for their golf club. It is an interactive resource that contains not only a full set of downloadable documents ranging from policy to review but it also contains model risk profiles for each part of a golf club and model risk assessments that link to the risk profiles. It also contains a 'hazard file' that contains detailed information on more than 100 hazards with links to other appropriate web sites.

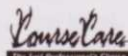
It sounds easy doesn't it? All you have to do is press a button and a safety management system appears. If only it could be that easy! You and other managers at your club will have to do some work to make sure that the System applies to your club and that you have included all risks and hazards.

It will make the task of producing a safety management system much easier, it will lead to a common system throughout golf, it will make golf clubs safer for employees, golfers and visitors and it should help to reduce insurance premiums for golf clubs.

Student of the Year Competition

Following a very successful Competition in 2006 that saw Mike Emptage selected as the Winner, with Abi Crosswood and James Billington the two Runners Up, TORO are continuing to sponsor this high quality competition. Competition details and Competition Entry Forms will be sent to Training Providers throughout this month. The closing date for entries is 4 May 2007 and the Regional Interviews will take place during the week commencing 2 July. Competition Entry Forms can also be sent by e-mail. Contact sami@bigga.co.uk for details.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition



Details on how to enter the 2007 BIGGA Golf Environment Competition will be sent out during April. Remember that your club could win a Scotts Weather Station and a cheque for £2,000, but perhaps more importantly, gain credit for being environmentally friendly.

The BIGGA Management Training Scheme

We hope to launch the BIGGA Management Training Scheme in the autumn. The Scheme will give greenkeepers the opportunity to learn about management, to gain in-depth knowledge and to develop the management skills needed by golf course managers. Greenkeepers and golf clubs will be able to select the Unit or Units most appropriate to them allowing future managers to prepare for their future management roles, for others to refresh their management knowledge and allow others to extend their knowledge. Watch out for further details in future editions of Greenkeeper International.