

Learning & Development

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I am delighted to welcome you all to my first article for Greenkeeper International, in my new role as the Head of Learning and Development.



Before we get down to business I would like to express my thanks to Ken Richardson, without whom, I wouldn't be where I am today. Ken has guided and supported my career development and together we made a great team. I'd like to wish Ken every happiness in his retirement, I'll miss him a great deal but I'm sure he'll be glad to finally escape my nagging!

I have been a member of staff at BIGGA HQ since April 1993 and worked alongside Ken Richardson in the education department for 12 years. I hope that my knowledge of the Association will help ease the transition to becoming Head of Department. Rachael Duffy, is now working with me as the Learning and Development Administrator and we are both on a very steep learning curve!

You will have noticed the department is now known as Learning and Development instead of Education and Training. The decision was taken to re-brand the department to bring it up to date with other industries, reflecting BIGGA's mission to continue to develop standards of excellence in the golf course management and greenkeeping profession.

Harrogate Week



You should have received your copy of The Definitive Guide to Harrogate Week with this magazine, it includes everything you need to know about the Continue to Learn Education Programme taking place from Sunday 20 to Thursday 24 January 2008. You will notice a new, later, start time for the Workshop programme on Sunday, 20 January (12noon), we hope it will enable delegates to travel to Harrogate on the day and could help save on accommodation costs.

Continue to Learn 2008, supported by the GTC and the John Deere Team Championship, boasts

five new workshops including subjects such as Stress Awareness and the Disturbance Theory. The programme also sees the return of several old favourites including An Introduction to Golf Course Design and Moving into Management.

A discount scheme offering savings of up to 52% is available to all delegates who pre-book Continue to Learn seminars. There are also many Fringe seminars, presented by companies who are exhibiting at the BTME & ClubHouse Exhibition, that are free of charge to all visitors to Harrogate Week.

Continue to Learn Seminar Discounts

No. of Seminars	1	2	3	4	5	6
Full Price	£25	£50	£75	£100	£125	£150
You Pay	£25	£40	£55	£60	£65	£72
Discount %	0%	20%	27%	40%	48%	52%
Discount £	£0	£10	£20	£40	£60	£78

"Have We Got Views for You!" is an unmissable event taking place in the Majestic Hotel on Monday 21 January. A panel, comprising Walter Woods BEM, Jack McMillan MBE, Andy Campbell MG, CGCS, Ken Siems MG, CGCS and Stan Zontek, from the USGA, will be ably compèred by Television Producer and Presenter, Roger Greenwood. The panel will answer your questions and regale you with stories from the world of greenkeeping and beyond. Questions will be taken from the audience, however, you can send a question to the panel prior to the event by emailing sami@bigga.co.uk or sending it to BIGGA HOUSE, FAO Sami Collins.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition



The judging for the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition is nearing completion. Representatives from the STRI Ecology Unit have been visiting courses throughout the summer months and will be reaching their conclusion shortly. The winning golf club will be featured in the December issue of GI along with a list of those clubs who have been awarded a runners up prize and those who have been awarded Highly Commended certificates.



The presentation to the winning club and the runners up will take place at Harrogate Week during the Opening Session on Tuesday, 22 January 2008.