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SAMI COLLINS, HEAD OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES AN UPDATE

Easter has been and gone, we're all fat from eating too many eggs and hot cross buns! Rachael and I will work off all those goodies by keeping ourselves busy with the many new and ongoing projects undertaken by the Learning & Development Department.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2008

The BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2008 supported by Ransomes Jacobsen, Scotts, Syngenta and Golf Monthly is launched this month. The application form will be arriving at your golf club soon. This is your club's opportunity to win between £500 and £2000, and a Scotts Weather Station for the ecological work that takes place. As well as national and regional prizes, there are categories for Best Newcomer and for Special Initiatives.

The competition has been raising the awareness of environmental and ecological issues for many years and acknowledges the positive work being carried out at golf clubs highlighting ways in which golf clubs can be more sustainable. It has been run, by BIGGA, since 1997 and past winners include Wilmslow Golf Club, Brighouse Bay Golf Club, Thorpeness Golf Club, Minchinhampton Golf Club and The Dyke Golf Club.

All that is required is the desire to push your golf club forward in terms of its ecological and or environmental merits and have some evidence to show the judges that your club is heading in a positive direction.

Application forms can be requested from the BIGGA Learning & Development Department or can be downloaded from the BIGGA website www.bigga.org.uk/education/downloads.

The closing date for entries is Friday, June 20, 2008 - we look forward to receiving yours.

The BIGGA Library

The BIGGA library is an invaluable membership benefit for those studying towards qualifications and for those who have a general interest in all things related to greenkeeping.

The library boasts nearly 900 items including books, videos, DVD's and transcripts, 170 of which are reference items.

All members may borrow up to two items, except those marked 'reference', for a period of up to six weeks. The only cost to members is return postage to BIGGA HQ.

The BIGGA library continues to expand, with the following titles being added recently:

- Golf Course Management for the benefit of Butterflies and Moths – Brian Cornelius and Emma Gardner
- STRI Disturbance Theory – Henry Bechelet and Richard Windows
- Golf Facility Planning – Roger Bennett & STRI
- Handbook of Turfgrass Management and Physiology – Mohammad Pessarakli

An up to date library list may be obtained from the Learning & Development Department.

BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships

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Higher Education Scholarships have been awarded to:

- Stephen Clark – Foundation Degree Sports Turf and Groundsmanship
- Chris Sherrington – HNC Sports Turf