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Many young greenkeepers owe their career progression to the assistance they've had from the Learning and Development Fund. An equal number of established greenkeepers have also been able to access the fund to continue their professional development thanks to the donations of the Gold and Silver Key Sponsors.

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SAMI COLLINS, HEAD OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES AN UPDATE



The clocks have finally changed and it feels like summer might be on its way. The light nights always raise the spirits for those of us that are office bound and provide the opportunity to get out into the fresh air in the evening. You are lucky being out there on the golf course on the lovely spring days we're experiencing!

Toro Student of the Year Award 2008



The Toro Student of the Year Award 2008 was launched in late February when application forms were sent to all training providers in the United Kingdom.

To enter the Award, and be in with the chance of winning the eight week Toro Scholarship in the USA, students must be studying for N/SVQ Level 2 or a National Certificate or Diploma course and must be nominated by their college tutor.

Students who are nominated will attend a regional interview in early July and if successful, will attend the National Final at BIGGA HOUSE in September.

It's not only the winning student that receives a prize, the college tutor that has nominated them also wins a trip to attend the Golf Industry Show in New Orleans and the two runners-up both win a trip to Harrogate Week 2009.

The closing date has been extended to Friday 9 May 2008.

For further details on the Award visit the Education page of the BIGGA website www.bigga.org.uk/education.

Congratulations must go to Lewis Birch, who, following the Student of the Year Award 2007, successfully applied for the Ohio State Internship programme and is now working at Scioto Country Club, Ohio until October 2008. Good Luck Lewis, enjoy the States!

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BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships

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Higher Education Scholarships have been awarded to: Steven Halliwell – Online Foundation Degree Sports Turf

The BIGGA Library

One new book has been added to the library in the last month: Golf Greens and Green-Keeping – Horace Hutchinson

This is the first book to be published in a new series, The Classics of Golf Course Maintenance and Construction. This book is an exact reprint of the original 1906 classic. It's a celebration of the modern-day golf course Superintendent and takes you back to the roots of the profession, providing the cornerstone on which current maintenance and construction practices were built. With vintage photographs of St. Andrews, Hoylake, Royal St. Georges, North Berwick, Prestwick, Walton Heath, and more show the mastery of their original designs.

BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2008



The closing date for the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2008 is Friday 20 June. Further information can be found on the BIGGA Website www.bigga.org.uk/education.

Continuing Professional Development

The current CPD year ends on 30 June 2008. To receive your 2008 Certificate of Continuing Professional Development you need to have a minimum of 10 CPD credits since 1 July 2007. Send your completed CPD credit claim forms to Rachael Duffy, Learning & Development Administrator.

FREE Courses in England

A new Government initiative in England is offering free Maths and English courses to adult learners. Full details are available from www.direct.gov.uk/geton or on 0800 66 0800.