

# Learning & Development

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The funding provided by Gold and Silver Key Sponsors is used to produce training and career aids, DVDs, CD Roms, field guides and provide refunds for training fees and subsidised learning and development courses. The funding also helps support seminars, workshops, courses, the lending library, careers advice, posters and manuals.

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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#### Silver Key Individual Members

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### Sami Collins, Head of Learning & Development provides a departmental update...



September already – how did that happen? Is it just me, or is time moving faster these days?! Rachael and I have a busy month ahead of us attending Saltex, putting the finishing touches to and ensuring the smooth running of the final of the Toro Student of the Year Award, facilitating several Master Greenkeeper inspections both in the UK and the USA and then, of course we have Harrogate Week looming on the not so distant horizon - unbelievable!

### Harrogate Week 2009

After several months of planning I am very pleased to say that the Definitive Guide to Harrogate Week, including the Continue to Learn Education Programme, is written and has been turned over to the design department to do their business of making it look presentable.

The 2009 programme features over 140 hours of education, an increase of more than 20 hours on the 2008 programme. There will truly be something for everyone – two day, one day and half day workshops as well as more than 25 FREE seminars.

The Definitive Guide to Harrogate Week will be distributed with the October issue of Greenkeeper International and full information will also be available on the Harrogate Week website – [www.harrogateweek.org.uk](http://www.harrogateweek.org.uk).

### The BIGGA Library

Rachael has spent many hours over the past month sorting out the BIGGA library, cataloguing books, magazines and videos as well as discovering all sorts of items in the storage cupboards, underneath the library shelves, that we never knew we had!

We have also found that we have many duplicate items and intend to list them on the website and make them available to Members, for just the cost of postage.

Any items not claimed will be available on the BIGGA Stand at Harrogate Week in January.

### Learning and Development Subsidies

There is still money available in the Learning and Development Fund for subsidies for section

and region events. Subsidy applications should be made before the event takes place. Contact us for further information: 01347 833800.

### Refund of Fees

Thanks to contributions to the BIGGA Learning and Development Fund, BIGGA is able to offer a Refund of Fees scheme that enables BIGGA members to claim 80% (up to a maximum of £350) of education and training course costs.

To be eligible you must be a member of BIGGA and have been a member for at least two

years, have paid your own fees and be able to provide proof of payment, have completed a course or component part of a course and be able to provide evidence of completion.

The course must not be subsidised, already, by BIGGA and must be relevant to your job as a greenkeeper. Members who meet the criteria can claim a refund of fees annually.

The application form is available to download from the Education section of the website or by contacting us.

### Learning and Development Updates

### Higher Education Scholarships



Supported by Ransomes Jacobsen

The most recent scholarships have been awarded to:

- James Hutchinson  
– Online Foundation Degree in Sports Turf  
Adam Newton  
– Foundation Degree in Sports Turf  
Jonathan Oostendorp  
– Foundation Degree in Sports Turf

### Continuing Professional Development

The new CPD year has now commenced. Claim credits for any training you attend from 1 July 2008 until 30 June 2009 and you could receive a Certificate of Continuing Professional Development.

For more information on this membership benefit contact the Learning and Development department or check out the Education page of the BIGGA website.