

Learning & Development

Sami Collins, Head of Learning & Development,
with an update on education issues



All the Christmas trees and lights that have been adorning shops, bars and hotels since August are finally coming into their own, as the festive season is just around the corner – in the L&D department the Christmas shopping is done and the cards are written! The lists we're working on are all to do with Harrogate Week and making sure that Harrogate Week 2010 is a resounding success.

Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2010



The Fringe Sessions were introduced on to the Continue to Learn education programme in 2007 and have proved to be a very successful addition. The Fringe Sessions are presented by companies who are exhibiting at the BTME and Club-House Exhibition and by BIGGA. The sessions are open to all visitors, free of charge and on a first come first serve basis.

This year's Fringe Sessions feature subjects including:

- Enhancing the Biodiversity of the Golf Course
- How do I Choose my Wetting Agent Programme?
- Sustainable Aeration and Drainage for Golf Courses, Trees and Winter Sports Pitches
- Redevelopment of the Outfield at Headingley Carnegie Stadium
- RESCUE: Using a Selective Ryegrass Killer on Golf Courses
- The Centre Court Roof
- False Economy in Grounds Management
- Growing Turf for the West Course at Wentworth

For a full list of the Fringe Sessions please go to www.harrogateweek.org.uk/education and download the Fringe Seminars document. Further information on all of the Fringe Sessions can be accessed on the website. More events are being added – keep up to date with what's on by visiting the website regularly.

Please note: the Fringe Sessions are extremely popular – if there is a specific session you wish to attend it is advised that you turn up 10-15 minutes prior to the advertised start time.

A series of half-day workshops are also available:

- Basic Electrical System Maintenance
- Golf Club Marketing
- Water Feature Management
- Good Soil Chemistry and Biology
- Carbon Auditing, Energy and Waste
- Master Greenkeeper Certificate
- The Rules of Golf and Course Set Up for PGA Events
- SUDS and Water Harvesting
- Green Roofs and Walls

PGA Professional Development

The PGA is presenting a range of courses that are open to BIGGA members. As part of the Golf Club Management Partnership, BIGGA members will be eligible to pay the Members' price for any of the courses.

For further details please visit the PGA National Training Academy website – www.pganationaltrainingacademy.org.uk or contact Andrea Kelly on 01375 470333.



The funding provided by Golden 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 Golden and Silver Key Sponsors.



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Master Greenkeeper

Congratulations go to John Ross, from Laleham Golf Club, in Surrey, and Eric

Foerster, from The Ironbridge Golf Course, in Colorado, USA, on achieving the Master Greenkeeper Certificate. John and Eric are the 50th and 51st greenkeepers to achieve the Certificate.



Higher Education Scholarships supported by Ransomes Jacobsen

The most recent scholarships have been awarded to:

- Benjamin Brookes – HNC Golf Course Management
- Kerr Hunter – On Line Foundation Degree – Sports Turf
- John Maree – NVQ Level 4 Sports Turf

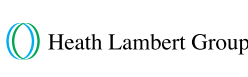
BIGGA Library

One new title has been added to the BIGGA Library in the last month:

Essential Soil Science, A Clear and Concise Introduction to Soil Science – Ashman and Puri

(In an effort to save costs, this book was purchased second hand and does have some passages highlighted).

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