

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



Rachael and I hope that you had a great Christmas and New Year, are fighting fit and looking forward to everything that 2009 has to offer.

#### Continue To Learn at Harrogate Week

Harrogate Week is approaching fast and the Continue to Learn Education Programme is proving to be very popular with many of the workshops sold out. This year we have over 30 Free Seminars presented by many of the exhibiting companies. Places will be limited, to ensure you get into your chosen sessions arrive early!

#### Tuesday 20 January

- Getting to Grips with Hand Arm Vibration - Countax
- Benchmarking for a More Sustainable Future - The R&A
- Stress Relief at a US Open Course - Vitax
- EU and UK Pesticide Policy Developments - Grant Stark & Jon Ailbutt
- Turf Nutrition – Getting the Balance Right - Headland Amenity
- Turf for a Changing Climate - Lindum
- Travels With Terry – Machinery/Maintenance Equipment Ideas - Terry Buchen MG
- Eco-Concept in Golf Course Maintenance - Actioneco
- Balanced Programmes – From Organics To Water Management, Farmura

#### Wednesday 21 January

- 20 Years of Top Flight Winter Sports Maintenance - Dave Saltman, Pitchcare.com
- One Metre Deep Aeration – When, Where and Why? - Terrain Aeration
- Finding Askernish - Gordon Irvine MG, Golf Course Consultant
- Integrated Turf Management Principles and Practice - Ruth Mann
- New Chemistries to Combat Water Quality - Tower Sport Europe
- A Starter Guide to Tournament Preparation - Murray Long, Course Manager, Sunningdale Golf Club
- Using Integrated Management to Improve Turf Quality – Scotts
- Primo MAXX - Latest Research and Developments - Syngenta

#### Thursday 22 January

- Introducing Velvet Bents to Your Course - British Seed Houses
- From Coal to 36 Holes - Bellwood Trees
- Environmental Issues in Canadian Golf - Bob Burrows, CGSA
- Managing in a Changing Financial Climate - Enviropro H20
- Online Learning - Myerscough College
- Increasing Fertiliser Use – Efficiency Through Improved Biological Strategies - Novozymes Biologicals

- You Won't Believe It - Sharp Cylinders Allowed Me to Raise my Height of Cut and Increase my Greenspeed! - Bernhards
- Setting the Sprayer to Hit the Target - Tom Robinson
- The Future of Spraying - R & K Kensett
- Compost Teas Help Cut Costs and Chemical Use - Symbio
- Using Latest Weather Information to Assist Course Management - Met Office
- The Science and Nanotechnological Advantages of MEGALEX® and UPPLAUSE® - The Green Solution Ltd

BIGGA CPD Credits are available for all of the Continue to Learn Seminar Sessions and Workshops.

#### Careers Advice

Do you need careers advice, help writing or updating your CV, writing a letter of application or negotiating a contract? Why not book a session at the Careers Clinic being held at Harrogate Week. Sessions are available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with morning sessions available to pre-book by contacting the Learning and Development Department on 01347 833800 option 3. A careers advice service is also available from a government website [www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk) or by telephoning 08080 100333. This weblink will be added to the 'Useful Website Links' page in the Members Area of the BIGGA website.

#### Master Greenkeeper Certificate

Congratulations go to Dan Lightfoot, from Bearwood Lakes Golf Club, who achieved Master Greenkeeper status by passing his Stage Three Examinations in October 2008. Dan will be presented with his Master Greenkeeper Certificate at Harrogate Week during the Opening Session to held on Tuesday 20 January at 10.00am.