

Learning & Development

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



The Toro Student of the Year Award is imminent and Harrogate Week is firmly on the horizon with the Continue to Learn Education Programme featuring high on the agenda of things to do.

These are just two of the projects that are ongoing, so it's all go in the Learning and Development Department this month.



Microsoft® Online Learning

In last month's issue of GI we featured a full page advert for Microsoft® Online Learning. This is a new membership benefit that has been researched and sourced by the Learning and Development Department.

This online learning product is the ideal solution for anyone wanting to learn or brush up on their IT skills.

The Microsoft® 2003 Learning Library offers access to core training in the following products: Word, Excel, PowerPoint®, Outlook® and Access as well as FrontPage®, One Note®, Project, Visio® and InfoPath®.

Advanced training is also available in Word, Excel and Outlook®. The entire 2003 library is available to members at a discounted price of £15.00 + VAT.

We can also offer the following Microsoft® Office 2007 Core and Advanced modules in: Word, Excel, PowerPoint®, Access, Project and Outlook®.

The 2007 modules are available on an individual basis at a cost of £15.00 + VAT each.

Once purchased, users have 12 months' access to the training course and there is no limit to how many times you can tackle each module.

As with any online training solution users are able to access the training at a time and place that suits them making it completely flexible.

Each course takes approximately 4-6 hours and a certificate is available for each completed module.

This useful and educational product is available to all Members at a discounted price thanks to support from the Learning and Development Fund.

The prices shown reflect a 25% discount to BIGGA members.

For further information or to place an order for Microsoft® Online Learning, contact the Learning and Development Department on 01347 833800 and select Option 3.



Continuing Professional Development

An article was featured in last month's magazine to help explain the Continuing Professional



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.

Development scheme that is run by BIGGA for its Members.

If your questions regarding the CPD scheme have not been addressed in this article, please do not hesitate to contact either Rachael or myself for further information.

To download an application form to join the CPD scheme go to www.bigga.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development

Learning and Development Updates

Higher Education Scholarships



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The most recent scholarships have been awarded to:

Mathew Wormald - On Line Foundation Degree - Sports Turf
Ian Scott - On Line Foundation Degree - Sports Turf
Richard Clarke - On Line Foundation Degree - Sports Turf

BIGGA Library

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

Sports Ground Management, A Complete Guide - Stuart Brown



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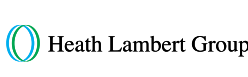
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