

Learning & Development

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



Santa has been on TV advertising a favourite soft drink and left me singing "The holidays are coming!". As the excitement grows for the man in red to deliver all that we're wishing for, the buzz surrounding Harrogate Week and the Continue to Learn programme is also creating a bit of stir.

Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week

Many of the workshops are Sold Out and there is great interest in several of the featured seminars. All this promises that the Queen's Suite of Harrogate International Centre will be very busy – just the way we like it!

We are fortunate to be presenting a number of seminars from companies who are exhibiting at the trade show, these include:

Efficient Nutrient Technology - Vitax

Improving Turf Quality - Headland Amenity

The Future of Turf Management - Scotts

Integrated Lake and Pond Management - Sherriff Amenity

Why Electricity Generation Makes Economic Sense for Your Business - Solar Wall

Fulvic Acid the Biostimulant that Extends Early and Late Season Growth - Symbio

Fludioxonil Providing Innovative Disease Management and Application - Syngenta

Bunker Erosion: A Sustainable Solution to an Age Old Golfing

Problem - EnviroSports

Linking Fuel Savings to Reel Maintenance - Bernhard & Co

The Three Steps to Transition

- R&K Kensett

Coated Seed Delivering Species Transition on the Golf Course! - DLF/ Johnsons Seeds

Aeration on Golf Courses - Terrain Aeration

Green Up Your Greens - British Wild Flowers

Environmental Management of your Golf Course with the Latest Technology in Chemistry - Tower Sport Europe

Turf in the Sustainability Era - Lindum

Woodfuel Energy that Grows on Trees - The Forestry Commission

The New EU Water Directive and its Impact on Golf Courses - Waste 2 Water

Utilising Foliar Fertilisers to Optimize Putting Green Programming - TurfCare Group

Energy Efficient Irrigation - ITT Lowara

Further seminars are being added. Check the website for the most current information www.harrogateweek.org.uk/education.

Remember, all of the Seminars are FREE and are available on a first come, first serve basis. Ensure that you are at the Queen's Suite in plenty of time to secure your seat.

Protected Habitats and Species Field Guide

As I mentioned in last month's column, the new 'On Course Field Guide to the Legislation and

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.

Recognition of Protected Habitats and Species' is now available Free of Charge to all BIGGA Members. To get your copy contact the L&D Department on 01347 833800 (option 3) or email education@bigga.co.uk. Your field guide will come with a divider to complete your field guide folder.

Higher Education Scholarships



The final scholarship of 2010 has been awarded to:

Greg Wellings - MSc by Research

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ransomes Jacobsen and their continued support for this worthy scheme. In 2010 we have awarded 10 Scholarships totalling just over £9,600. Ransomes Jacobsen has now invested more than £130,000 into helping over 100 BIGGA members attain higher education qualifications.



Master Greenkeeper Certificate

I am delighted to announce that we have three new Master Greenkeepers:

Stuart Yarwood MG - Lymm Golf Club, Cheshire

Alan Pierce MG - Ham Manor Golf Club, West Sussex

Alan Hess MG CGCS - Augusta Pines Golf Club, Texas, USA

My congratulations go to all three for their achievement.

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