

Learning & Development

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



With the smell of bonfires and fireworks in the air, we find ourselves in November. Time seems to be moving faster and faster these days, the next thing you know it will be Christmas and that only means one thing... Harrogate Week is just around the corner!



Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2011

Alongside the Workshops and the Turf Managers' Conference that have already been featured in this column, we will be offering an extensive programme of Seminars. Presented by an array of speakers on a wide variety of subjects there is sure to be something that whets your appetite.

Featured sessions:

- STRI – Part of the Winning Team at the World Cup
 - Ryder Cup Cymru
 - Preparing the Old Course for the 2010 Open Championship
 - The West Course at Wentworth
 - Course Manager to Club Manager – The Challenges
 - Integrated Management of Dollar Spot
 - Demystification of Synthetic Sports Surfaces
 - Working on Your Own at a 9 Hole Course
- For a full list of seminars visit www.harrogateweek.org.uk/education/seminars.

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



New Field Guide Launched

The On Course Field Guide to the Legislation of Protected Habitats and Species, written by Bob Taylor, Head of Ecology and Environment at STRI, has been launched.

The field guide is now available to Members, free of charge by contacting the L&D Department on 01347 833800 (option 3) or by emailing rachael@bigga.co.uk with your name and membership number.

The field guide will also be available to download via the Members Area of the BIGGA website.

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Events Calendar

Have you visited the Events page of the BIGGA website?

Displaying all of the events that are going on around the country (that we've been advised of) this feature is a useful tool to use when planning your diary.

You can browse the calendar by month, by host or by using the search facility. Clicking on the event



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.

name gives you further information about the event including how many CPD credits will be awarded for attendance (if eligible).

If you have events coming up in your Section that are not listed, send us the information and we'll update the calendar. As Aleksandr the meerkat would say 'Simples!'.

Send your event information to sami@bigga.co.uk.



BIGGA Library

We have added four new books to the BIGGA Library:

- Sustainable Golf Courses – A Guide to Environmental Stewardship – Ronald G Dodson
- Turfgrass Biology, Genetics and Breeding – Michael D Calser & Ronny R Duncan
- Turf Maintenance Facility Design and Management – John Piersol, Harry V Smith
- Managing Wetlands on Golf Courses – Gary Libby, Donald F Harker, Kay Harker

Higher Education Scholarships



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The most recent scholarship has been awarded to:
Graeme Latto – SVQ Level 4 in Management



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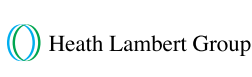
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