

Learning & Development

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with an update on education issues



October means dark nights, pumpkins and trick or treat. With Harrogate Week approaching, you'll be in for a treat!

Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2011

The Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2011 programme is now available. BIGGA members should have received a copy with this magazine.

With a combination of two day, one day and half day workshops, supplemented by a series of free seminars, Continue to Learn 2011 will deliver almost 150 hours of education over five days. We have worked hard to ensure that there is something for everyone and for the first time we will be presenting a Turf Managers' Conference.

We have been able to reduce the cost of the workshops and conference thanks to the support of the Gold and Silver Key contributors to the Learning and Development Fund.

The workshop programme will include:

Two-day workshops:

Golf Course Design
Moving into Management

One-day workshops:

Basic Golf Mechanics Workshop
How to be an Outstanding Manager – Part 1
How to be an Outstanding Manager – Part 2
Irrigation System Design
Moving With The Times
Diagnostic and Problem Solving
Basic Budgeting and Golf Club Finance

So You Want to be a Golf Course Manager

Pesticide Update
Golf Club Marketing

Nine half-day workshops:

Basic Electrical System Maintenance
Producing a Golf Course Policy Document
Volunteer's Workshop
Introduction to Hydraulics
Master Greenkeeper Certificate Workshop
The Rules of Golf and Course Set Up for PGA Events
Protected Species and Habitats for Bumblebees and Butterflies
Basic Greenkeeping Techniques
Carbon Auditing for Business Advantage
Good Soil Chemistry and Biology
Development Seminar for Assistant Greenkeepers
Golf Club Management – Getting it Right in 2011 presented by the GCMA

All of the workshops can be booked online via the Harrogate Week website or by contacting the Learning and Development Department on 01347 833800 and select Option 3.

More seminars will be added to the programme and can be found on the official Harrogate Week website, www.harrogateweek.org.uk.



Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award 2010

The eight finalists for the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award arrived on Sunday 12

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.

September for the National Finals. Following a relaxed dinner that evening, the finalists were put through their paces on Monday by the four judges, Bruce Jamieson from Toro; Nigel Lovatt from Lely UK; Chris Sealey, Chairman of BIGGA's Learning and Development Sub Committee and me.

They underwent a 45-minute interview and had to complete an assignment on the 1st, 17th and 18th holes of Aldwark Manor Golf Course.

Competition was intense and all of the finalists performed to a very high standard making it a very difficult decision for the judges.

After much deliberation the decision was made and the 2010 Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year was awarded to:

Andrew Stanger, from Horsforth Golf Club, and representing Askham Bryan College.

Andrew will be attending the Winter Turf School at the University of Massachusetts commencing in January 2011.

Congratulations go to Andrew and also to his course tutor, Steve Prinn, who wins a trip to the Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Florida.

The runners-up, who win a trip to Harrogate Week 2011, were:

Sebastian Cavilla, from The Manor House Golf Club, representing Bridgewater College, Cannington Centre

Sean Borrett, from Ellesborough Golf Club, representing Myer-scough College

Our congratulations go to all of the finalists.

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