

Learning & Development

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



A very weary, but elated, Rachael has returned from the Open Championship. Another splendid job done by the BIGGA Open Support Team at Royal St Georges. Congratulations to Graham Royden and his team and all of the volunteers. Darren Clarke must be one of the most popular winners in recent years, his acceptance speech and delight certainly brought a tear to my eye.

Congratulations must also go to Chris Haspell, his team and the volunteers who worked tirelessly at the Scottish Open at Castle Stuart, coping with the terrible weather conditions and a landslide to boot!

SALTEX 2011

BIGGA will once again be exhibiting at SALTEX on September 6, 7 and 8 on Stand E33.

We are delighted, to have been invited by the IOG, to present a seminar programme at SALTEX 2011.

Focussing on research, technique and experience, these seminars will give turf professionals the opportunity to gain an insight into the art of golf greenkeeping.

Taking place on Wednesday, September 7 in the Grandstand at Windsor Race Course, the seminars are Free and available on a first come, first serve basis. One BIGGA CPD credit is available for each of the sessions.

11.15 am – 12.15 pm
Putting Green Potpourri:
Managing Water, Firmness and Growth, Cale Bigelow, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Agronomy, Purdue University

Cale has undertaken research on localised dry spot and hydrophobic soil conditions on closely cut cool season grasses that are grown on sand-based rootzones. With this research in mind Cale will discuss the outcomes as well as looking at plant growth regulators and their effects on water use.



Gold Key Individual Members:
Steven Tierney; WJ Rogers; Andy Campbell MG, CGCS; Iain A Macleod; Frank Newberry; Andrew Turnbull; Ian MacMillan MG; Ian Morrison

Silver Key Individual Members:
Ade Archer; Steve Dixon; Paul Jenkins; Richard McGlynn; Sam Langrick; Neil Whitaker; Graham Wylie, Michael Beaton, Douglas Duguid, Derek Grendowicz, Jaey Goodchild

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.



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12.30 pm – 1.15 pm
Bunker Reconstruction at The Richmond, Les Howkins MG, Course Manager, The Richmond Golf Club

Following the reconstruction of 25 bunkers at The Richmond Golf Club, Course Manager, Les Howkins will give an overview of the work carried out, the processes involved and the methods used.

1.30 pm – 2.30pm
The Ryder Cup Experience, Jim McKenzie, Director of Golf Course and Estates Management, Celtic Manor Resort

Jim will look back over the events that made the 2010 Ryder Cup such a memorable experience for all those involved with the greenkeeping support team, and at how the 2010 course has been repaired following the damage that occurred during the event.

I look forward to seeing you at SALTEX.



Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2012

My focus over the past few weeks has been firmly on confirming the Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2012 education programme. By the time you read this article, the brochure will have been written and handed over to Tom, our Designer, to make it look fancy.

The Turf Managers' Conference will return to the programme for the second year, there will be a comprehensive Workshop schedule and an array of Seminars for visitors to select from.

More information on the speakers, topics and features will appear in the September magazine, with the printed brochure being mailed with the October magazine.



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