



Learning & Development

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

Christmas is coming... I hope you're all organised and have bought your presents. Don't leave it too late - a can of de-icer, upholstery shampoo and a Magic Tree from the local garage are not great gifts!

Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week

Continue to Learn boasts a packed programme of education events. I'm happy to report that many workshops are now sold out, so if you haven't booked your place yet you might want to check the Harrogate Week website for availability. It certainly looks like the Queen's Suite of Harrogate International Centre is going to be the place to be from January 22-26.

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



Gold Key Individual Members:
Steven Tierney; WJ Rogers; Andy Campbell MG, CGCS; Iain A Macleod; Frank Newberry; Andrew Turnbull; Ian MacMillan MG; Ian Morrison; Antony Calvert
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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Tuesday, January 24

- Suppression of Fusarium Patch By Phosphite in Cool-Season Amenity
- Turfgrasses - Turfcare
- Understanding Cutting Unit Performance - John Deere
- Activated Microbial Turf Management - Great Turf Company
- Use of Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria for Healthy Turf - British Seed Houses
- Use of Synthetic Turf in Golf - SAPCA
- Organic Matter - Friend or Foe? - Symbio
- Perceptions in Greens Management - What's Most Important? You Decide - Ransomes Jacobsen
- Tier 4 - How Will it Affect You? - New Holland

Wednesday, January 25

- Achieving Smooth Golf Greens - Myerscough College
- The Ultimate Renovation Package - R & K Kensett
- BASIS Contribution for the Future of Amenity Industry - Sheriff Amenity



- A New Approach in Wetting Agent Technology for Enhanced Turf Health, Consistency and Playability - Syngenta
- Sustainable Golf Course Management and the Impact of the Cutting Unit - Bernhard & Co

Thursday, January 26

- Bunker Construction - The Way Forward - Blinder Bunker Liner
- Using an Integrated Management Approach to Eliminate Turf Disease on Fine Turf Surfaces - Evverris
- The Rescue Club

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.

Master Greenkeepers

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

Steven Tierney MG - Golfpark Nuolen AG, Switzerland

Justin Ruiz MG - Indian Summer G & CC, Washington, USA

My congratulations go to them both.

Field Guides



We are waiting for the delivery of updates to two of our On Course Field Guides. Additional pages have been produced for:

Grasses Found in Golf Course Rough; Trees and Shrubs on the Golf Course

The additional pages for each guide will be available at Harrogate Week or from the Learning and Development Department from January.

Regional Conferences

In November I attended both the South East and South West & South Wales Regional Conferences. Both were very well attended.

Scotsturf

In early November we presented three seminars at the IOG Scotsturf exhibition. All of the sessions were well attended with a total of 150 delegates. My thanks go to all those who supported BIGGA and the education, to the speakers, Grant Frogley, Allan Patterson and Cale Bigelow, and to Stuart Taylor, Andy O'Hara, Archie Dunn and Derek Scott for helping out on the