

Tap into the R&A

There is great support out there for you if you only know where to look. The R&A Scholarship Programme is well worth considering



Elmwood Scholars outside The R&A Clubhouse

Did you know that The R&A supports greenkeepers that want to further their education?
Did you know that R&A Scholarships are available to greenkeepers studying higher education courses (HNC and above) in golf course management at Elmwood and Myerscough Colleges?

Since 2004, The R&A has invested over £330,000 in its Greenkeeper Scholarship Programme, helping 109 students progress along their education path.

On Tuesday, January 24, from 11.50am, at the Show floor Theatre (by the BIGGA stand), you will be able to hear how you can become an R&A Scholar and benefit from a financial contribution, and the experience of being associated with the world golf development and Rules body and organiser of The Open Championship.

Not only do R&A Scholars get financial support towards the cost of their education, they also have the opportunity to engage with The R&A through a website dedicated to Scholars past and present.

A total of 12 Scholars, each year, get to attend a field study week on the island of South Uist to spend time at Askernish Golf Club with guest speakers who discuss the architectural development, natural history and greenkeeping practices at this unique course. This is a life-changing experience.

Candidates for an R&A Scholarship are selected by the colleges, with input from The R&A. The level of support available varies dependent on the nature of the course being studied and where in the world the student is travelling from

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Jim Brown
Course Manager
Oulton Hall Golf Club

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Marcus Oakey
Head Greenkeeper
Moor Allerton
Golf Club

“Even with snow cover we achieved five weeks disease prevention.”



Stan Power
Head Greenkeeper
Hanbury Manor Golf Club

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– anything from £500 to £5,000 per Scholar for each year of their studies.

The R&A Greenkeeper Scholarship Programme is a truly international scheme. As well as home-grown greenkeepers, the programme has helped students from China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Italy, Nepal, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain and the USA.

You can read more about our Scholars in the 'News' section of The R&A website, www.randa.org/

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The session during Harrogate Week will include:

- An introduction to The R&A Greenkeeper Scholarship Programme by Steve Isaac of The R&A
- Advice on how to become an R&A Scholar and how the programme operates within the colleges by Dr Andy Owen of Myerscough College
- Information on the field study visit to Askernish by Paul Miller of Elmwood College
- An insight into the benefits of the programme from R&A Scholar, James Hutchinson, who is now a

greenkeeper at Fairhaven Golf Club in Lancashire.

There will be ample opportunity to discuss the programme with the speakers and a number of other Scholars after the formal presentations.

If you are considering taking a HE course in greenkeeping or want more information on The R&A Greenkeeper Scholarship Programme, come to the Showfloor Theatre at 11.50 am on Tuesday, January 24.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ABOVE LEFT: Josh Webber, an R&A Scholar at Myerscough College, talks to delegates at a GTC Workshop about the composting process at the Webber family run Portmore Golf Park in Devon

ABOVE RIGHT: R&A Scholar Frank Aherne, recipient of the award for the Best Overall National Certificate Greenkeeping Student from

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