

Learning & Development

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



The planning and organising season is upon us, with the main focus being on the preparation of the Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2012 education programme, the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award as well as several ongoing projects. It's a bit of a juggling act, but as long as we don't drop any of the balls, it should all be just fine!

Bursaries from City and Guilds

While having a search on the Government website www.direct.gov.uk for free courses, I came across some information on Bursaries available from City and Guilds.

It appears that they offer a small number of bursaries each year to people who would like to study for a City & Guilds qualification.

The bursaries can be used for costs like course fees, learning materials, childcare or travel.

Applications are considered in April and September each year.

For further information visit www.cityandguilds.com/42758.

The BIGGA Open Championship Support Team 2011

Rachael Duffy will once again be at The Open, on hand to help coordinate the support team made up of approximately 65 greenkeepers and staff.

Under the management of Scott MacCallum, Rachael ensures that everyone has a bed, a meal, a uniform and the correct credentials, as well as ensuring that they are all transported to and from the venue safely and on time.

The BIGGA Marquee is Rachael's home for the week where she spends much of her time meeting and greeting visitors as well as looking after the Support Team, making sure that everyone knows their schedule and that they are where they should be at the right time!

If you are going to the 151st Open Championship at Royal St George's, Sandwich, Kent, why not pop into the BIGGA Marquee to say hello to the BIGGA staff that are in attendance? You'll be sure of a warm and smiley welcome from Rachael (who'll also be able to answer any of those L&D questions you may have!).

Good luck goes to all the team at Royal St George's as well as to the volunteer support team – enjoy your week.



Field Guide Updates

Two of the existing Field Guides will be receiving an update.

Main Grasses Found in Golf Course Rough and the Tree and Shrubs on the Golf Course guides will be enhanced with the addition of a number of extra pages.

It is hoped that the first update



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.

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 Gold and Silver Key Sponsors.



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will be launched in September, with the second one following in January.

Once available, members will be able to request the additional pages from the Learning and Development Department.

CPD

Continuing Professional Development (insert CPD logo)

The 2010/2011 CPD year ended on 30 June and barring a few late comers we will be awarding 99 Certificate's and four first Diploma's of Continuing Professional Development.

As CPD scheme is now 11 years old we will, once again, be awarding second Diplomas of Continuing Professional Development, this year to two Members (all numbers correct at the time of writing this article).

Certificates will be sent out in the post later this month, with the Diploma's being presented at Harrogate Week 2012.



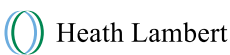
Higher Education Scholarships

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The most recent scholarship has been awarded to:

Ben Kebby – BSc Sportsturf Online

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