



Learning & Development

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

Happy Halloween! I know that it's already a thing of the past but I do like to mark the year with these little highlights. Bonfire Night is also a favourite of mine, watching fireworks followed by a trip to the pub with good friends – oh and I do like a good sparkler! Speaking of sparklers, Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week promises to be full of sparkles...



Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2012

Since the launch of the Continue to Learn 2012 education programme places have been selling fast with a few workshops full or almost full. My advice would be that if there is a workshop that you are particularly interested in attending, get your booking in quickly to guarantee your place.

Feedback on the programme has been excellent and it is our intention to smash the record for the number of attendees through the education doors that was set in January 2011.

Seminar Sessions

There are a number of 'Featured Sessions' in the 2012 programme:

Tuesday 24 January

- The Biology and Effects of Parasitic Nematodes in Sports Turf – Dr Colin Fleming, Plant Pathologist, Agri-food and Biosciences Institute
- Managing Winter Kill in West of Scotland? – David Cole, Golf Course/Estate Manager, Loch Lomond Golf Club
- Important Health, Safety and Pesticides Updates – Jon Allbutt, Principal Consultant, Jon Allbutt Associates
- LinkedIn a Masterclass – Lesley Wood, Principal Consultant, Targeting Innovation Ltd
- Redefining IPM; Reduced Chemical Management of Golf



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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Course Turf – Frank Rossi Ph.D., Professor, Cornell University

Wednesday 25 January

- Being a Professional and Living It – Bruce Williams CGCS, Owner and Principal, Bruce Williams Golf Consulting
- The Control of Earthworms on Golf Courses – Dr David Jones, Research Scientist, The Natural History Museum.
- Let's Re-build 20 Greens in 10 Days – Mission Impossible – Cameron McMillan, Course Manager, Queenwood Golf Club
- From Grazing to Scottish Open Status in Five Years – Chris Haspell, course Manager, Castle Stuart Golf Links

There are many more Seminar Sessions being presented by companies exhibiting at BTME and additional sessions are regularly being added. For full up to date information of the Continue to Learn education programme visit www.harrogateweek.org.uk/education/seminars.



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Other applications are available, contact the L&D Department if you have a specific requirement.



Higher Education Scholarships

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The most recent scholarships have been awarded to:

- Greg Fitzmaurice – HNC in Golf Course Management
- Gary Douglas – HNC in Golf Course Management
- Craig Morris – Foundation Degree in Sports Turf (online)
- Stephen Jack – NVQ Level 4 Sports Turf Management