



# Learning & Development

Sami Collins, BIGGA Learning & Development Manager, with an update on education issues

As we approach the festive season (which seems to start earlier each year!) let's take your mind off fighting to grab that last Tracy Island or deciding if it's acceptable to watch the Great Escape on +1.

So curl up with your Continue to Learn brochure in front of a roaring fire with a glass of port and plan your education at BTME.

Continuing the overview, this month we'll concentrate on the Turf Managers' Conference and the workshops.

## SUNDAY 20th JANUARY/ MONDAY 21st JANUARY

Once again the workshop programme is proving very popular and is a highly valued educational experience for those who have attended in previous years.

### Two day Workshops

So You Want to be a Golf Course Manager, Peter Jones & Kevin Munt  
Moving into Management, Frank Newberry

Irrigation System Management and Design, Adrian & Dennis Mortram

Business IT, Jacky Lowe

### One day Workshops

The ABCs of Putting Green Maintenance, Thom Nikolai

The Turfgrass Plant, Paul Miller  
Basic Golf Mechanics, Hanfried Sievers

How to be an Outstanding Manager Pt 4, Shona Garner

Health and Safety Documentation, Jon Allbutt

Basic Budgeting and Golf Course Finances, Jerry Kilby & Duncan Ritchie

Soils for Fine Turf, Paul Miller  
Diagnostics and Problem Solving, Hanfried Sievers

How to be an Outstanding Manager Pt 2, Shona Garner

Pesticides Update for NPTC Certificate Holders, Jon Allbutt  
Business IT, Jacky Lowe

## MONDAY 21st JANUARY

The Turf Managers' Conference takes place at the Crown Hotel this year.

We have a wonderful line up, with



**Gold Key Individual Members:**  
Steven Tierney MG, Chris Lomas MG, Andrew Campbell MG CGCS  
Ian MacMillan MG, Ian Morrison  
Andrew Turnbull, W J Rogers  
Sam Langrick, Espen Bergmann, Nick Gray

**Silver Key Individual Members:**  
Steve Dixon, Richard McGlynn  
Douglas Duguid, Jaey Goodchild,  
Graham Wiley, Michael Beaton,  
Paul Jenkins, Justin Cheung

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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presentations from Lorna Sheldon from CWI International on how to make Professional Presentations and How to Manage Politics in the Club from David Bancroft-Turner, The Academy for Political Intelligence.

We also have Kate Entwistle, from The Turf Disease Centre, discussing new cool season diseases.

Finally, Dr Thom Nikolai of Michigan State University will be presenting two papers.

Firstly, the Top 10 Reasons for Lightweight Rolling.

Thom has been leading the research into its effects for nearly twenty years.

His second paper will be on surfactants, covering soil science, hydrology and concepts including 'plant available water'.

This is a must-attend conference for all managers of fine turf.

### REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The month of November has been a busy month for conferences, with four of the regions holding theirs across the country.

They were really well attended and thanks go to all those who came, the speakers who gave up their valuable time to share their knowledge and experiences and the organisers, without whom, these events could not take place.

Please spread the word about the conferences and how valuable

a resource they are to members.

Plus all those who attended and signed the CPD register will receive two CPD points.

### LIBRARY

The library has now been re-categorised and the database updated to include all the new books that have been recently purchased thanks to John Deere.

If you would like to view the library you can see and order online or you can arrange to visit BIGGA House and browse at your leisure.

### BIGGA HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Four scholarships have been awarded this month to;

Peter Collins – NVQ Level 4 Sports Turf Management, Guildford College

Phillip Worth – Foundation Degree (online), Myerscough College

Craig Sanderson – Foundation Degree, Askham Bryan College

James Parker – HNC Sportsturf Management (online), Elmwood College

Haydon Drinkwater – Bsc Sports Turf (online), Myerscough College

### FINALLY...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Learning and Development Team!