



Learning & Development

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

Happy New Year! I can't believe another year has passed – where did 2011 go? Rachael and I wish you all health, wealth and happiness for 2012.

The focus this month is firmly on Harrogate Week and specifically, for the L&D department, the Continue to Learn education programme.



Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week

Harrogate Week kicks off the year in grand style with the Continue to Learn education programme running from Sunday 22 to Thursday 26 January. For those of you that haven't booked yet – fear not, you can book up to Wednesday 11 January 2012.

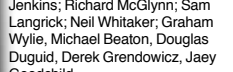
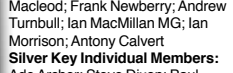
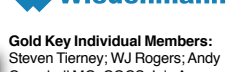


NEW FEATURE for 2012

The Showfloor Theatre, located next to the BIGGA Stand, will be unveiled for the first time. Presentations and Awards will take place at the Showfloor Theatre, attendance is free of charge and open to all attendees. I hope you will take the time to attend some of the events that are taking place:

Tuesday 24 January

Edwin Budding Award
STRI Ecology Awards
Want to be an R&A Greenkeeper



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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Scholar?

How to Write Your CV and Prepare a Cover Letter
Presentation of CPD Diplomas and Master Greenkeeper Certificates
Experiences of the Ohio State Internship Programme
Proactive Job Search Tips for Greenkeepers

Wednesday 25 January

Photographic Competition Awards
Experiences from the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award
Managing the Business of Sustainability
GEO Certified™ - Making Your Sustainability Efforts Easier, More Credible and More Visible
Practical Interview Skills for Greenkeepers
Multifunctional Golf Courses – An Underutilised Resource
How to Negotiate Your Salary Package

Thursday 26 January

Experiences of the Ohio State Internship Programme



Continue to Learn Seminars

An extensive range of Continue to Learn Seminars are being offered in the Queen's Suite. These seminars are free of charge and available to all visitors on a first come first serve basis:

Tuesday 24 January

Suppression of Fusarium Patch By Phosphite in Cool-Season Amenity Turfgrasses
The Biology and Effects of Parasitic Nematodes in Sports Turf
Managing Winter Kill in West of Scotland?
Understanding Cutting Unit Performance
Activated Microbial Turf Man-

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Use of Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria for Healthy Turf
Important Health, Safety and Pesticides Updates
Use of Synthetic Turf in Golf
LinkedIn – A Masterclass
Organic Matter - Friend or Foe?
Redefining IPM; Reduced Chemical Management of Golf Course Turf
Perceptions in Greens Management – What's Most Important? You Decide
Tier 4 – How Will it Affect You?

Wednesday 25 January

Achieving Smooth Golf Greens
Being a Professional and Living It
The Ultimate Renovation Package
BASIS Contribution for the Future of Amenity Industry
Control of Earthworms on Golf Courses
Let's Re-build 20 Greens in 10 Days - Mission Impossible
A New Approach in Wetting Agent Technology for Enhanced Turf Health, Consistency and Playability
From Grazing to Scottish Open Status in Five Years
Sustainable Golf Course Management and the Impact of the Cutting Unit

Thursday 26 January

Secrets from the Sandman
Bunker Construction - The Way Forward
Using an Integrated Management Approach to Eliminate Turf Disease on Fine Turf Surfaces
The Rescue Club

BIGGA Greenkeeper Training Listing

On page 66 the December 2011 issue of this magazine the advert for Oaklands College should have shown the Greenkeepers Training Committee Quality Assured logo. Oaklands College have been a GTC Quality Assured Centre since September 2011. We apologise for this error.