



Learning & Development

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

July is a busy month in the Learning and Development Department. Rachael will be heading off to The Open at Lytham St Annes and will spend the week ensuring that every member of the greenkeeping open support team is where they need to be, at the time they need to be, and making sure that everything runs smoothly.

The 2012 Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year finalists (2011 winner Matt Perks, shown right) will be selected and the deadline for the completed Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2013 education programme will be fast approaching.

If you see either Rachael or I in July, we will probably just be a blur!

New Team Member



I am delighted to welcome Stuart Green to the department in the role of Learning and Development Executive.

Stuart is joining BIGGA from Askham Bryan College and will bring knowledge and experience to the department with his background in greenkeeping and the sports turf education system.

His skills will help BIGGA to ensure the development and delivery of the Learning and Development pathway for our members. I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming Stuart to BIGGA.

BIGGA Seminars at SALTEX

BIGGA is delighted to have once again, been invited by the IOG to present a series of seminars at SALTEX 2012.

This year we will be bringing you some of the greatest hits from the extremely successful Continue to Learn at BTME 2012. The seminars will take place on Wednesday 5 September in the Grandstand at Windsor Racecourse.



Gold Key Individual Members: Steven Tierney MG, Chris Lomas MG, Andrew Campbell MG CGCS Ian MacMillan MG, Ian Morrison Andrew Turnbull, W J Rogers Frank Newberry, Sam Langrick Antony Calvert, Espen Bergmann
Silver Key Individual Members: Steve Dixon, Richard McGlynn Douglas Duguid, Ade Archer Jaey Goodchild, Graham Wiley Michael Beaton, Paul Jenkins

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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Perks of the job

2011 Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year winner is Matthew Perks

10.15 am – 11.15 pm Managing Winter Kill

Presented by David Cole, Golf Course/Estate Manager, Loch Lomond Golf Club

In the winter of 2009/10 the greens at Loch Lomond suffered from devastating winter kill.

This session will give an insight to the damage that occurred and the precautions that were taken in 2010/11 to prevent similar problems.

11.30 am – 12.30 pm From Grazing to Scottish Open Status in Five Years

Chris Haspell, Course Manager, Castle Stuart Golf Club

In this session Chris will discuss his experiences of building a links golf course and it's grow in.

He will also describe the journey towards the Scottish Open 2011, the event, the rain and the recovery.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Organic Matter – Friend or Foe

Paul Lowe, Technical Sales Manager, Symbio

Measuring organic matter levels is becoming very popular, almost an industry standard procedure.

This information can be invaluable to green keepers and grounds men.

However, how do we decipher between thatch and organic matter and why it is important to do so.

This seminar will discuss the various differences between problematic thatch and beneficial organic matter, the problems with working to a figure, the difference between drainage and percolation rates and how you can turn the thatch to your advantage.

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