



Learning & Development

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

June has arrived and hopefully the sunshine will finally appear after what can only be described as a monsoon May! I know how you greenkeepers like the rain – but even you must have had enough of it by now!

The Open Support Team

Rachael is working hard on the organisation of The Open Support Team. Coordinating a team of 65 greenkeepers and additional support staff is no mean feat, but she's taking it all in her stride as usual.

The BIGGA staff will be on site at Royal Lytham & St Annes from Monday 16 July, with the support team beginning to arrive on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 in preparation for the tournament getting underway on Thursday 19 July.



Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year 2012

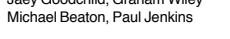
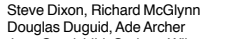
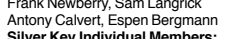
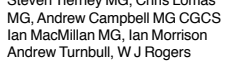
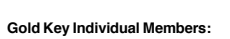
The nominations are in for the 24th Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award with local interviews commencing on Wednesday 27 June in St Albans.

We have 29 candidates for this year's Award and from that we will be selecting six to go forward to the National Final at BIGGA House in September.

BIGGA Seminars at SALTEX

BIGGA have once again been invited by the IOG to present a series of seminar sessions during the SALTEX exhibition being held at Windsor Racecourse from 4 – 6 September. The three seminars will take place on Wednesday 5 September and will feature presentations by Paul Lowe from Symbio and David Cole from Loch Lomond Golf Club (the third session is yet to be confirmed).

If you are heading to SALTEX, be sure to attend these seminars and claim CPD credits for attending. BIGGA representatives will also be



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

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on hand on Stand E33 to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!



Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2013

Planning is almost complete for the Turf Managers' Conference 2013. Part of the Continue to Learn education programme, the Turf Managers' Conference will take place on Monday 21 January 2013 in Harrogate. To date, several speakers have been confirmed including Dr Thomas Nikolai 'The Doctor of Green Speed' from Michigan State University, David Bancroft-Turner from 3D Training and Development, a specialist in organisational politics, Dr Kate Entwistle, Turf Pathologist from the Turf Disease Centre and Lorna Sheldon from CWI International a specialist in communication and presentation skills.

The Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week education programme will feature four packed days of education and will run from Sunday 20 January to Wednesday 23 January 2013. Further details on the Turf Managers' Conference,

workshops and seminars will be available soon – watch this space and the BIGGA website for further information.



BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships

Funding is still available for those BIGGA members who are considering undertaking a higher education qualification. The BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships are supported by Ransomes Jacobsen and offers up to £1000 towards to cost of your studies. For further information, visit the BIGGA website or contact the Learning and Development Department on 01347 833800 (option 3).



Master Greenkeeper Certificate

I am delighted to announce that we have a new Master Greenkeeper. David Langheim from Wimbledon Park Golf Club is the 61st BIGGA member to achieve the Certificate. Congratulations David!