



Learning & Development

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

With Las Vegas and the Golf Industry Show over for another year the focus of the Learning and Development team shifts back to planning mode. Believe it or not, for us Continue to Learn 2013 looms large with subjects to consider and speakers to source.

Several projects are also underway, including updating the Library, a review of the Master Greenkeeper Certificate, the writing of the new Accreditation scheme, reviewing the CPD scheme as well as coordinating the nominations for the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year and the Open Support Team. Yep, we're busy bees!

Golf Industry Show

I've just returned from the Golf Industry Show, which this year was held in Las Vegas. I spent a great deal of my time, when not on the BIGGA Stand, meeting with the GCSAA's education team and representatives from other international Associations.

The 10 members who made up the BIGGA Delegation admirably represented BIGGA and Bernhard & Co.

With a packed week of golf course visits, education seminars, the trade show, manning the BIGGA stand and attending receptions as well as sampling all that Vegas had to offer, they were certainly kept busy.

I'm not terribly sure that there was a lot of sleep, but thanks guys for all your help and your company.

Safety Management System

– supported by Ransomes Jacobsen

In last month's column I talked about the launch of the new Safety Management System (available in the Members Area of the website). I'm pleased to say that the new SMS has received very positive feedback.

The original SMS will no longer be accessible after the end of April 2012. Full details of how to access



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and download your Rick Profiles is shown on page 44 of this magazine. All users of the original SMS will be emailed a reminder of their user name, password and instructions to access their information.

Continue to Learn Education Programme 2013

With planning of the 2013 Continue to Learn education programme underway, we are looking for ideas and suggestions for speakers and topics for the Turf Managers' Conference, workshops and seminars.

If you have a proposal for a seminar that you would like to present, please send the details to me for consideration.

If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers you would like to see on the programme please drop me an email to sami@bigga.co.uk.

BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships



Higher Education Scholarships are now available to those BIGGA members who are undertaking a Higher Education course. If you meet the following criteria may be eligible to apply for a scholarship:

- Be a Full Member of BIGGA
- Be working as a full-time greenkeeper
- Have been a BIGGA Member for a minimum of two years

Those courses that are eligible include:

NVQ Level 4 or 5, HNC, Foundation Degree/HND, BSc, MSc

There is up to £1000 available to those members who meet the criteria. To download an application form visit the Education area of the website under Resources.