



Learning & Development

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

September is turning out to be a busy old month for the members of the Learning and Development team with Saltex, the Assistants Development Programme, the final of the Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award and the final checks on the Continue to Learn at BTME 2013 brochure.

SALTEX

Rachael will be at SALTEX, along with several other members of the BIGGA team, to answer any questions you may have about your membership or the benefits that BIGGA offer.

BIGGA are also presenting three seminars on Wednesday 5 September, held in the Grandstand, from 10.15 am. Featuring presentations from Chris Haspell from Castle Stuart Golf Club, David Cole from Loch Lomond Golf Club and Paul Lowe from Symbio. CPD points are available for attendance at these seminars.

The BIGGA Stand is E33. Pop along and say hello!

Assistants Development Seminars

The L&D department has been tasked by the Board of Management to develop a seminar to help those in the role of greenkeeper or first assistant who want improve their skills for developing a career in the greenkeeping industry.

The project, being coordinated by our new recruit, Stuart Green, will initially see 10 course managers trained, here at BIGGA House, to deliver the seminar. The seminars will then be run in each region this Autumn/Winter.

The seminar will cover areas including:

- Communication
- People skills
- Responsibilities
- Thinking like a manager
- Career development
- Curriculum vitae
- Interview techniques



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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Dates of the seminars are yet to be confirmed, look out for announcements in future issues of GI and on the BIGGA website.

Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year



The National Final of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year will take place on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 September here at BIGGA House.

The finalists will be asked to complete a written assignment based on a task that will be given to them at 9.00 am on Monday morning. They will also have a 45 minute interview with a panel of four judges from Toro and BIGGA.

Look out for the Winner on the cover of the October issue of GI. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing "Good Luck" to all the finalists!



The content of the Continue to Learn education programme is now in the hands of our Designer,

Tom Campbell, to turn into a printed brochure providing you with all the information you'll need to plan your educational visit to Harrogate.

The brochure will be dropping on your doormat with the October issue of GI. Full details of the programme will also be available on the BIGGA website where you will also be able to use our online booking system to secure your place for the Workshops, Conference and Focus On sessions.

With over 180 hours of education available, over four days, there is sure to be something of interest for everyone attending.

The Continue to Learn Education Programme at BTME 2013 will run from Sunday 20 January to Wednesday 23 January.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Personal Development Zone at BTME 2013

What information would you like to get from the Personal Development Zone at BTME in January 2013?

Email Stuart (stuart@bigga.co.uk) with your ideas and you might just see them at the show...