

Greenkeepers Training Committee

David Golding, GTC Education Director,
with a monthly update



David Golding, GTC Education Director, looks back at BTME 2013's educational success

The ongoing success of the Continue to Learn programme during BTME showed once again that the week is much more than an exhibition and the recipe of education, exhibition and annual gathering for all associated with sports turf is still a great event.

It was very pleasing to see so many visitors braving the snowy conditions to attend BTME and every year BIGGA's education programme attracts increasing numbers which has to be good news as more golf clubs see the benefit of investing in staff education.

The Turf Managers' Conference and the range of workshops and seminars covered such a vast range of subjects there was something for every level of greenkeeper and manager.

The increase in international delegates is also very pleasing and I am pleased to report the number of countries the GTC are involved in through our role within the European Greenkeeping Education Unit (EGEU) is also increasing.

The GTC, for the first time, hosted a Reception for our Quality Assured Centres and Training Providers and with all the GTC representative bodies present, the Home Unions of England, Scotland and Wales together with BIGGA we can continue to work closely together to ensure we provide golf clubs and all levels of greenkeepers access to quality education and training courses, workshops and seminars.

The GTC promotes only those Centres (9 colleges plus GOSTA Training) to the approximately 2,300 golf clubs the GTC represents and greenkeeping enquires also are directed to the GTC's QA Centre.

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The current 10 Quality Assured Training Providers were all in attendance at the Reception offering to support the Centres, Home Unions and BIGGA should there specialist knowledge, experience and resources be useful to help delivery of the various courses, seminars and workshops for greenkeepers and golf club employers.

The QA Training Providers specialist subject areas cover many aspects of greenkeeper education and training:

From golf course design, renovation, course and machinery maintenance, ecology, management and health & safety we have the experts to help you.

QUALITY ASSURED TRAINING PROVIDERS – 2013

BERNHARD & CO – BEN TAYLOR Email ben.taylor@bernhard.co.uk Tel: 07720 460026

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The Quality Assured Reception was successful and the GTC will continue to maintain a network of Centres and Training Providers and please contact any of the above direct as all are committed to serving our sector based on quality provision.

For all the latest information on apprenticeships, qualifications, training courses and workshops on offer through GTC Quality Assured Centres & Training Providers visit www.the-gtc.co.uk or www.greenkeepertraining.com alternatively call the GTC on 01347 838640



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