



Learning & Development

Sami Collins, BIGGA Learning & Development Manager, with an update on education issues

The jingle bells have been put away, Santa's elves have gone on holiday and we've sung Auld Lang Syne so that can only mean that it's 2013. Happy New Year from all of us in the Learning and Development Department, may it be happy, healthy and prosperous.

You all know what January means in the greenkeeping calendar – BTME, and more specifically for L&D, the Continue to Learn education programme.



Continue to Learn

The Continue to Learn programme this year offers more than 180 hours of education with subjects ranging from IT skills to the A, B, C's of Putting Green Maintenance. The education offerings range from 30 minutes in length to 2 days and everything in between. You can view the full programme on the BTME website www.btme.org.uk.

Our American friends, Thom Nikolai from Michigan State University (aka The Doctor of Green Speed) and Curtis Tyrrell MG, CGCS from Medinah Golf & Country Club in Chicago will both be featuring on the education programme, discussing subjects including the Ryder Cup and putting green speed.

Have you pre-booked your place at the seminars? As a BIGGA member you have the opportunity to guarantee your seat for the seminars that you want to attend. 70 vouchers have been made available for each of the 28 seminars on offer. The remaining 40-50 seats will be available on a first come, first serve basis as in previous years.

Please remember that if you have pre-booked vouchers they will need to be exchanged for a ticket at least one hour before the seminar takes



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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place. You can exchange your vouchers in the Queen's Suite of Harrogate International Centre.

Bookings can be made through the website, by calling Rachael on 01347 833800 (option 3) or completing the booking form in the Continue to Learn brochure.

The closing date for bookings is Friday 11 January 2013.

We look forward to seeing you all in Harrogate.



BTME

The BIGGA stand at BTME 2013 (Stand B23) will have an area dedicated to Learning and Development. Stuart Green will be in residence to provide you with information on a range of topics including:

- Apprenticeships
- Continuing Professional Development
- Assistants Development Programme
- Future Turf Managers Initiative
- Master Greenkeeper
- Scholarships and funding
- Online learning provision

BIGGA James Bond Evening

If you haven't planned your Tuesday night entertainment for BTME week why not join BIGGA at the James Bond Evening?

Held at The Old Swan Hotel from 7.00 pm you will be treated to all things related to Bond, James Bond. Tickets are £25.00 each and include a drink on arrival, dinner and casino chips.

To purchase your ticket call Elaine Jones on 01347 833800 (option 1) or email moneypenny@bigga.co.uk.

