



# L&D News

The latest from the Learning and Development department at BIGGA

This month Stuart Green explores how to get more from CPD and explains changes to BIGGA's CPD Programme on page 16, and you'll find the second and final part of Kevin Munt's essential '18 hole' guide to becoming a Golf Course Manager on page 50. The Back Nine on page 66 also had an educational angle with tips on effective social media use



## ADVANCED LEARNING LOAN AVAILABLE

If you're over 24 you can now apply for an Advanced Learning Loan to help with the costs of a college or training course.

The course must start on or after 1 August 2013 and be a Level 3 or Level 4 course such as an advanced or higher apprenticeship. Similar to student loan, loans have to be repaid but repayments do not start until April 2016 and when you're earning more than £21,000 a year.

How much you get depends on the type of course, course fees and the maximum loan available – the minimum loan is £300.

It's paid directly to your college or training provider. The first step is to check with them that your course qualifies.

Then ask them for a 'Learning and funding information letter' to help you complete the application, and apply online at [www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk](http://www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk)

## EU EMERGENCY APPROVAL GIVEN FOR ASULOX® UNTIL 31 OCTOBER 2013

The 2011 EU wide ban of the active ingredient Asulam was met with great disappointment by many of those involved in bracken control. Asulam, found in products such as Asulox had established itself as the primary choice of contractors who treated bracken and many have found it difficult to find a successful replacement. So it is great news that EU Emergency Approval has been given for the use of the active ingredient Asulam in the product Asulox for 2013.

The product is now available for

pre-order and can be purchased up until Sunday 18th August 2013. The Emergency Approval will allow for the product to be used up until 31st October 2013. As yet is it unknown as to whether approval will be given for next year, but at least this year there is a control solution for Bracken.

More information on the EU Emergency approval can be found on the Asulox listing on the following website [www.progreen.co.uk](http://www.progreen.co.uk) or you can call them for a fuller update on 0800 032 6262.

[www.brackencontrol.co.uk](http://www.brackencontrol.co.uk)



## MORE SUCCESS FOR THOMAS

Reigning Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Thomas Flavell is celebrating again after securing a new job.

Thomas has moved on from his post at Lingdale Golf Club in Leicestershire to Luffenham Heath Golf Club, a private members club in Rutland.

He said: "It's a great opportunity to advance my career at a top golf course which is due to hold Open Qualifying for the next five years. I can't wait to help the team prepare for these events. Winning the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year award certainly helped me land this position, as I was able to use the knowledge I gained in the USA and through my Level 3 studied at Myerscough college.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lingdale Golf Club for the support they had given me over the last six years. Without this help and support I would not have had the skills and knowledge to be able to win the Toro Award and to progress my career by moving to Luffenham Heath. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Lingdale making some fantastic friends and unforgettable memories."

In the meantime, thanks for all the nominations for this year's award. We will be in touch...



**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

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