



L&D News

The latest from the Learning and Development department at BIGGA

BIGGA CPD GOES ONLINE

After many months of planning and launching the new CPD programme, BIGGA are delighted to announce that members are now able to claim their CPD credits online, monitor their own CPD progress and print out their own certificates. Stuart Green, Learning and Development Executive, will be showcasing this exciting new aspect of CPD at the forthcoming regional conferences.

BIGGA Chief Executive Jim Croxton said: "We are really pleased to be offering our members this facility. BIGGA have been running a CPD scheme since 2000 and it was time to reinvigorate it and improve its accessibility. CPD is about the individual and it's our strong belief that members should be able to manage their own development."

With the new software, there is no need to send in a registration



form or claim form. All members have a CPD account which can be accessed when they log into the member's area of the website. Once a member begins to claim credits they become CPD Active and their CPD credits will be automatically added to their Lifetime Transcript, which can be printed out.

CPD credits are not only available for members, but also for training providers and companies who run events. Those who register their courses for CPD will receive a unique code that will be provided to attendees at the end of the event. Once this code is entered into the member's online CPD record, it will automatically update their record.

Stuart added: "It's all about using technology to make life simpler and easier for members to engage in their professional development."

BIGGA is also making it easier to gain credits through the new CPD programme. In October's GI the Fusarium quiz was the start of six annual quizzes.

The next will be in December's edition and this time keep an eye out for the QR code. This will allow members to access the quiz using their mobile phones and tablets. Keep an eye out for an increased focus on our CPD scheme from now on!

WHAT IS CPD?

We've devoted a section in the 2013/14 BIGGA Membership Handbook to explaining exactly what CPD is, its benefits and how you can get involved in it. Turn to pages 20 and 21 of the new Handbook for more.




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, David Barker

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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FULL MARKS TO DEREK

Congratulations to Derek Fullerton who is the latest BIGGA member to be awarded a BIGGA Higher Education Scholarship, supported by Jacobsen, worth £1000.

Derek, greenkeeper at Murrayfield Golf Club, will attend Myerscough College to study a BSc (Hons) in Sportsturf Science – Second Year.

For more info visit our website and go to Education>Funding Opportunities>Higher Education Scholarship.