



# L&D News

The latest from the Learning and Development department at BIGGA

**BTME**  
**CONTINUE TO LEARN**  
 EDUCATION PROGRAMME  
 Sunday 19 to Wednesday 22 January 2014  
 at the Harrogate International Centre, N. Yorks  
 Continue to learn at **BTME 2014**

This month's Greenkeeper International features a booklet giving you all the details of the Continue to Learn education programme at BTME 2014.

Our two day workshops will take place on Sunday 19 January and Monday 20 January. We've got Golf Course Architect Howard Swan talking about renovating your golf course, Frank Newberry's advice on moving into management and Dr Paul Miller on turfgrasses, soils and fertilisers.

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We've also signed up some new experts for 2014. Shona Garner – Director of Shona Garner Coaching Services – will be presenting 'How to Be an Outstanding Manager Part Five'. Two Master Greenkeepers – Les Howkins from The Richmond and Lee Strutt from Ochil Developments, g West, will be looking at 'Mathematics for Modern Greenkeeping'.

Other highlights include Michael Alstrop, Principal at Coach the Mind, showing you how to prepare and write effective reports, and a presentation on enhancing personal effectiveness from Wendy Shortman – Wellness Consultant at Life Matters.

The Turf Managers' Conference will again be a cornerstone of the

entire week with a superb list of experts from across the world delivering fascinating, educational presentations. We've attracted the likes of Dr Karl Danneberger, Professor of Turfgrass Science at Ohio State University, Karl Morris – Managing Director of the Mind Factor – and Mark Hunt, Technical Director at Headland Amenity.

And of course there are our Focus On Sessions ranging from Grass Identification to Dealing with Conflict, and Seminars on Soil Life, Plant Pigments and Wildflower Mixtures for the Golf Course.

A range of CPD points, BASIS and NRoSO points are available for attendance – please refer to your booklet for more details.



**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



Robbie, with Jason and David shown inset

## TRIO AWARDED RANSOMES JACOBSEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to three BIGGA members based in the UK and America who have been awarded BIGGA Higher Education Scholarships supported by Ransomes Jacobsen worth £1000. Jason O'Keefe, who works

at Gatton Manor Hotel Golf & Country Club, will attend Merrist Wood College to study NVQ Level 7 in Sportsturf.

David Thompson, First Assistant Greenkeeper at Hexham Golf Club, will go to Myerscough College to

study a Foundation Degree in FDSportsturf.

The final award goes to Robbie Bond, currently a greenkeeper at Augusta National Golf Club.

He will now undertake an Associates Degree at Penn State.

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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