

# CONTINUE TO LEARN

**“It’s been a fantastic show, one of the best ever. The education has been great. I’ve just come out of the ‘Wimbledon Fortnight: Before, During and After’ session and people were so enthused. All around you see smiling faces and there is a feel good factor coming back to the industry in general.”**  
**Billy McMillan**



**The Continue to Learn programme at BTME 2014 broke all records with an all-time high 2,764 delegates enjoying 180 hours of workshops, seminars and conferences.**

The programme proved so popular that BIGGA took the unprecedented step of repeating a seminar. Steve Chappell, Head Greenkeeper at the PGA Centenary Course at Gleneagles, presented his ‘Ryder Cup 2014 – The Journey Continues’ seminar twice in quick succession to meet demand!

The Turf Managers’ Conference was another success story – for a review on this event turn to page 26.

Thank you to everyone who attended and all the presenters who contributed to our finest BTME education offering yet!

Here’s a brief selection of delegate views on Continue to Learn:

“The Continue to Learn programme has been superb. Year on year it just gets better. The diversity of content has been

fantastic at this year’s show. You see so many young people involved with it as well now so you can almost see the future of greenkeeping.

“I went to one of the sessions about becoming a course manager and found it very useful. At the stage I’m at I know the agronomy side and it’s the managing people and budgets which I’m learning.”

**James Parker**  
**Deputy Head Greenkeeper,**  
**Close House Golf Club**

“It’s a fabulous programme and everyone should try and make the effort to attend as many seminars as possible. The great thing about it is the sheer range of education available. I’ve come here with an apprentice and we’ve both learnt so much, he’ll certainly be back again next year and I will too.”

**Paul Bishop**  
**Course Manager, Manor House**  
**Golf Club**

“The education has been brilliant. The ‘Stepping up to Head Greenkeeper – The Realities’ presented by a current Head



Greenkeeper was a real eye-opener and brought to life the areas I need to work on to further my career.

“Every year I take away even more from Continue to Learn, the whole set up is fantastic.”

**James Bledge**  
**Assistant Links**  
**Superintendent, Royal Cinque**  
**Ports Golf Club**

