Section seminars well worth a visit!

In March and April I had the opportunity to visit three fantastic and informative Educational Seminars at section level. This not only gave me the opportunity to meet BIGGA members and for them to meet me, but it also provided me with a valuable insight and an essential overview into what it is like being a greenkeeper.

That’s why it is important for you to try and attend and support these seminars, they provide an excellent opportunity to improve knowledge, meet up with other greenkeepers in the trade and to engage in interesting conversation regarding your chosen profession. Many people spend a lot of their own personal time organising these seminars and section events. Don’t let them down, please make every effort to attend.

We realise you cannot attend them all but it would be nice to see you at other events too. I know it can be difficult if you are new to the section, but if you never go along you will always be new and never meet your fellow section members! Go on take the plunge, check your fixture card for these seminars and section events. If you haven’t got a fixture card try and attend and support these seminars well worth a visit!

This was your chance...
... did you take it? As mentioned in both March and April’s magazine BIGGA have commissioned an independent market research study. Financially supported by the R & A and carried out by Dr Mike Williams of MW Associates, based in Edinburgh, 2000 questionnaires were sent out to a random sample of members. If you received one of these surveys from Mike and have returned it - thank you for taking part! Just to remind you of the two main aims of this survey:

- We want to know what our members, and those with whom we work most closely in the golf industry, think of the services we offer and the way we deliver them.
- We are also looking for new ideas, particularly in the areas of sales and marketing, so that we can protect and enhance the income base on which our continuing growth depends.

Eurocape reminder to Overseas Members

For all those overseas BIGGA members who have previously or are thinking of paying for their membership by Eurocape, unfortunately, the UK banks are no longer accepting these as valid forms of payment. Included within your renewal form should be information on other ways to pay including BIGGA’s banking details.

If you are in any doubt please send an email to either tracey@bigga.co.uk or susannah@bigga.co.uk, for further information.

April’s Monthly Membership Draw Winner

Just introduce one or more new greenkeeping members to BIGGA and your name will be placed into a draw to win a fantastic BIGGA sportswatch. Our congratulations go to April’s winner, Tony Gerrard of Halifax GC.

Don’t drift away...

If you’re membership expired on 31 December 2000, 31 January 2001, 28 February 2001, 31 March 2001, don’t miss out any longer, renew your membership this month. Providing you are working as a greenkeeper, we will still have your details on our database and can renew your membership with a new expiry date, you can even pay by direct debit if you wish. Don’t leave it any longer, if you need a renewal form or further information contact Tracey or Susannah in Membership Services today, ring (01347) 833980.

If you’ve got an email account why not send an email to the membership department, where we can place you into our exclusive members email address book. We can then keep you up to date with membership events and as events they happen.

Send an email to: membership@bigga.co.uk

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