This month, Rachael Palmer, BIGGA’s Membership Services Officer would like to welcome 79 new members to the Association and asks if getting a photo taken for the new membership cards is causing problems.

Renewals: No photo – no problem!

Are you delaying returning your renewal form as you have still to get your photo taken? By putting off the return of your form you could risk missing out on all the benefits of membership including receiving your monthly copy of Greenkeeper International, use of the Legal Help Line to mention access to the members exclusive section of the website. If getting to a photo booth is really impossible for you then you can send in your old membership card and we can reuse your photograph. Alternatively as long as you provide us with a clear picture of yourself which is approximately passport sized there should be no reason why we can’t use it. However if sorting out a photo is still going to take several weeks, return your green renewal form to us without one and we will still be able to process your membership so that you can continue to enjoy the benefits of membership. You can then send in your photograph at a later date remembering to write your name and date of birth clearly on the back. Upon receipt of your photo we will despatch your new style plastic membership card.

Remember you only have to supply us with one this photograph and we will reprint the image onto a new card each year.

June’s 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 Clock/calculator/calendar and alarm. Our congratulations go to June’s winner, Ross Wilson, of Pararamsey Golf Club.

It’s never too late to renew!

If your membership expired in December, January, February or March it is still not too late to renew! Just complete your renewal form and return it to the Membership Services office and we will update your membership with a new expiry date. If you have mislaid your renewal form or would like details on paying by direct debit then call Rachael Palmer on 01347 833900.

Sami Collins

Name: Semantha (Sami) Collins
Position: Education and Training Administrator

What does your role involve?
Organising delegates attendance at Continu in Learn and BTME; Regional Training; Golf Environment Competition; Toro Student of the Year Award; running CPD scheme and Master Greenkeeper Certificate

How long have you worked for the Association? Nine years

Where were you born and brought up? Born in Edinburgh, brought up in Harrogate, with a year living in the USA when I was 17.

Where did you work before you joined BIGGA? I can’t remember it was so long ago! (a computer company).

What are your hobbies? Going to concerts, the movies, travelling and reading trashy novels.

What is your favourite food?
Mexican. It’s spicy and you get tequila

What is your favourite film? Can I have a top five in no particular order? 1. Some Kind of Wonderful; 2. All the President’s Men; 3. JFK; 4. Almost Famous; 5. High Fidelity.

What was the last book you read? I don’t know the title, but it was trashy!

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John Lennon

What is your claim to fame?
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