A Warm Welcome Awaits

BTME and Clubhouse 2003 will be a first for both Gemma and I. We are both looking forward to meeting as many members as possible and hope to see you there. We will be on hand on the BIGGA Stand in Hall O Stand Q69 to deal with all your membership queries.

Rachael and Gemma will be available on the BIGGA Stand to:
• Collect membership renewal forms
• Hand out replacement renewal forms
• Change Personal and Golf Club details
• Collect new membership application forms
• Hand out membership information
• Hand out field guides on production of your membership card
• Answer questions on your membership package
• Hand out details of the direct debit scheme and tax relief forms

Why not come along and find out more about the new SilverKnight benefits introduced this year and what else is new to your membership package.

As ever copies of the BIGGA produced education and training videos will be available for purchase as well as three of the most popular books borrowed from our library. Practical Greenkeeping by Jim Arthur, Golf Course Presentation by John Hacker and George Shiel and A Practical Guide to Ecological Management of the Golf Course by Bob Taylor.

Membership UPDATE
Rachael Furmer

Keep your feet dry without wellies!

Have you ever wished you could banish your wellingtons and keep your feet not only dry but warm in more comfortable shoes or boots. Well Sealskinz have come up with the answer, WATERPROOF SOCKS. Yes they do really work. My husband, Stuart, is a keen cyclist and he absolutely swears by them. The socks are 100% waterproof and breathable and they can go in the washing machine on a 40 degree wash. They are absolutely ideal for any activity where you are out in the rain, be it at work, playing golf or indeed on your bicycle.

Sealskinz also produce waterproof gloves which are designed to offer excellent grip and dexterity in wet conditions and again they are machine washable.

BIGGA have teamed up with Sealskinz to offer members an exclusive deal on these unique products

The gloves usually retail at £20 per pair but we are offering them at £16.00 plus £1 p+p

BUY ANY COMBINATION OF TWO FOR ONLY £29.50 plus £1.50 p+p
Available from BIGGA House and the BIGGA Stand at BTME and Clubhouse 2003. For more details please contact Rachael Foster on 01347 833800.

JANUARY'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/calender and alarm. Our congratulations go to January’s winner, Steven Curtis, of Richmond Park Golf Club.

Message of the Month Winner
Each month the person who has written the best message on the BIGGA Bulletin Board, which is found on the BIGGA website www.bigga.org.uk, receives one of these FM desktop scan radios.

Our congratulations go to January’s winner Robert Holland, from Birchwood Park Golf Centre, whose message was posted on the 22nd November under the Education and Training for Greenkeepers section.

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region
Allan Bain, North
(Joint Chair)
Northern Region
Benjamin Beau, Northern Region
John Bond, North West
David Gardiner, Northern Region
Christopher Harding, North West
Tim Randall, North East
Kerry Jones, North East
David Reade, North East
Scott Robinson, North West

Midland Region
Paul Bowen, Midland
John Crowe, Bigga
James Nicholls, Midland

South East Region
Jeffrey Diment, South Coast
Kevin Joyce, Devon & Cornwall
Dylan Rimmick, South Coast
Ben Scully, South West

South Wales Region
Justin Austin, South West
Richard Bater
Dewi & Cornwall
Dave & Cornwall

Student Members
Roboghan Buckley
Rep of Ireland
Craig Cameron
Central Scotland

Nets Dooksma, Netherlands
Michel Dill, Belgium

Central Scotland
Robert Tosh, Ayrshire

Koen Verhelst, Netherlands
Paul Kaufman, USA

8 Weeks Wales Region
Timothy Cannon, East of England

Wesley Emerson, N Ireland
John Graham, N Ireland
John Jones, South West

International
Gold Star Member
Gary Smith, West Scotland

Corporate Members
Mark Booker, Rep of Ireland
Gerry Coffey, Rep of Ireland
Chris Faulkner, Bigga
Dick Holgiate, Bigga
Jason Scott, Bigga
Rod Townsend, South West

Associate Members
Ken Richardson
Position:
Education and Training Manager
What does your role involve?

Where have you worked for the Association?
9 ½ years
Where did you work before you joined BIGGA?
Royal Air Force
What are your hobbies?
Gardening, Walking, Reading
What is your favourite food?
Meat
What is your favourite film?
Joint: Great Escape/Battle of Britain
Where did you work before you joined BIGGA?
Apart from Jim Arthur’s Practical Greenkeeping, Dad’s Army
Who is your all time hero?
Leo Lennon (My lecturer at college)
What is your claim to fame?
Playing football at Valley Parade. Eating lunch with Princess Margaret. Introducing Sentry E3-D AWACS to service in 1991
What is your favourite book you have read?
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