Be Vigilant!

As reported in the news last month it has come to our attention that fake BIGGA cards are being used to gain courtesy golf. At first we thought the problem was confined to the North Yorkshire and Manchester areas, however we have since had a call from Cornwall, indicating the use of fraudulent cards is more widespread.

We are asking all members to show the Pro and the Club Secretary their cards so they are aware of what a valid membership card should look like.

If your club is presented with a fake card please ask for additional ID and if you can record the name and address of the user. If it is possible please confiscate the card. If you are at all unsure about a particular card please give the membership department a call and we will be happy to confirm the owner’s membership.

Please inform us if any of these cards are presented at your club so we can build up a better picture.

The courtesy golf scheme relies on the goodwill of golf clubs and if the system is abused then you are at risk of losing it.

National Championship 2004

The National Championships will this year be held at Alwoodley Golf Club, Leeds, on the October 4 and 5.

The Championship will produce the BIGGA National Champion over 36 holes of play, based on the lowest handicap score. This year the entry form for the championships appeared on page 10 of the May edition of Greenkeeper International. If you can’t locate your May magazine then contact Sarah Norris for further details and an application form on 01347 833800 or see the website: www.bigga.org.uk and click on the ‘events page’.

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 an 0.5 litre isolating flask suitable for hot and cold drinks and soups.

Our congratulations go to Jeffrey Mills from Taunton and Pickeridge 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 an 18 litre Gelert Rucksack featuring a multi function organiser, 2 mesh pockets and a grab handle. (Rucksack supplied may be a different colour to that featured).

Our congratulations go to June’s winner, Jason Bradbury from Royal Automobile Club whose message was posted on 30th April 2004 under the ‘Talking Shop’ section.