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BIGGA's lending library is available to all members and stocks over 800 titles on anything from turf management to IT skills and even interview techniques.

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In addition to the lending library we also stock three titles that are available to purchase at discounted prices.

A Practical Guide to Ecological Management of the Golf Course
Published jointly by BIGGA and the Sports Turf Research Institute and written by STRI ecologist R S Taylor, this book is a must for all those Head Greenkeepers/Course Managers who wish to manage their golf course ecologically. The book looks at the reasons for managing ecologically, habitat management and specific ecological problems.

Paperback, £3

Golf Course Presentation
First published in 1992 and written by John Hacker and George Shiels, this book shows how good presentation and good agronomic practice should be complimentary.

Paperback, £4.95

Practical Greenkeeping 2nd Edition
Published by the R&A and written by Jim Arthur, this is the only text book available on British greenkeeping techniques. Covering all aspects of greenkeeping, this book is a must for all greenkeepers of all ages.

Hardback, £29.95 plus £3 P&P.

NEW MEMBERS

To increase the membership of the BIGGA Association, we have this month welcomed 59 new members. Rachael and Gemma from Membership Services would like to welcome the following members to BIGGA:

- South Wales
  - David Roberts, Newport
  - Andrew Ramsey, West
- South West
  - Andrew Greedy, Bideford
- South Coast
  - Edd Bullock, London
  - Andrew Jeakings, East Anglia
- Midlands
  - John Walshaw, Midland
  - Stuart McSporran, West
- Northern
  - Stuart Earnshaw, Cleveland
  - Thomas Bradford, Northern
- Scottish
  - William Myers, USA
  - Calum Fraser, North
- Scottish
  - Victoria Cairns, West
  - Haydn Chambers, Cental
- South East
  - Andrew Greedy, Bideford
- South West
  - Mark Byron, Essex
- South Coast
  - Jamie Goldrick, Surrey
- East Anglia
  - David Finnegan, North Wales
  - John Muir, Ayrshire
- West
  - Andrew Greedy, Bideford

Our congratulations go to October's winner, David Edmondson, from Penwortham Golf Club, who's message was posted on the 5th September. David receives an 18 litre Gelert Rucksack.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH WINNER

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DESIGN A SLOGAN

In the past year the membership department has received a number of requests to issue a new BIGGA car sticker. We are hoping to launch one in time for BTME and Clubhouse 2005 and are appealing to you for help.

The competition is open to all members and the winner gets to see his or her slogan on the sticker and will also win a 'Highlander' waterproof suit. The closing date for entries is the 31st October and the winner will be announced in the November edition of Greenkeeper International.

Please send all entries to The Membership Department, BIGGA, BIGGA House, Aldwark, Alne, York, North Yorkshire, Y061 1UF.