Congratulations to the BIGGA Open Support Team

Well done to members of the Open Support Team in successfully supporting Gordon Moir, Director of Greenkeeping and Gordon McIvor, Head Greenkeeper and their team in managing the Old Course at St Andrews during last month’s Open Championship.

To be part of the Open Support Team is a fantastic opportunity to see golf at the very highest level from a privileged position – inside the ropa. It’s hard work but worth the effort. To apply to be part of the team for the Open 2011 at Royal St George’s look out for the invitation to apply in the December and January editions of GI or talk to Scott MacCallum or Rachael Duffy at BIGGA HQ.

New Membership Benefit

Check out the members area of the BIGGA website for the new “How To…” guides available exclusively to BIGGA Members on a range of Human Resource topics. These short, handy guides provide practical, step-by-step guidance on a range of subjects. The guides can be downloaded and used to help you develop your knowledge and implement new processes within your workplace.

Section and Region Events

Visit the ‘Events’ Section on BIGGA’s website to have a look at what’s on around the UK. www.bigga.org.uk select ‘EVENTS’ from across the top row.

Somebody asked me the other day if it was possible to be a member of two sections, unfortunately, not, but that’s not to say that if you would like to attend an event in a different section just contact the Section Secretary and ask, I’m sure you would be made most welcome.

After all, each section is about the same thing, meeting new people, establishing new friendships and maintaining old ones, at the same time as discussing all things greenkeeping and turf.

Temperatures set to soar this summer...

At the time of writing this month’s article most places have experienced very little rain, so if any, rainfall to speak of and a fair bit of sunshine.

It’s the sunshine I want to touch on, following on from John Mair’s (Ayrshire Section) mention in his Annual the Green column last month, “Remember to put sun block on and wear a cap if possible…especially those short on top!”

If we are going abroad on holiday we pack sun tan lotion, it’s always high on our list of things to take; yet in this country we hardly give it a second thought.

Skin Cancer and the sun

Most skin cancers are caused by long-term exposure to the sun and research has shown that those who work outdoors are more at risk of skin cancer due to this fact. It is thought that there could be as many as 100,000 new cases of skin cancer each year in the UK, but many aren’t reported.

Some Sun Smart advice

• Make sure you never burn
• Aim to cover up with T shirt, hat and sunglasses
• Use factor 15+ sunscreen (sun cream)

Cheap sunblocks are usually just as good as expensive ones. They are all tested the same way and it is the level of protection they give you against the sun that matters most.

This is the ‘sun protection factor’ or SPF.

The SPF tells you the amount of protection the sun cream gives against UVB radiation.

Cancer Research UK recommend at least factor 15. This is because it gives the best balance between protection and cost.

Other Useful Numbers

Full Members only

Personal Accident Helpline (24 hour) 01454 270850
Skiing and Legal Assistance 01454 271225
Activation Support Helpline 0800 111 2000
Debt Counseling Helpline 0800 111 9999

Other Section Events

Thursday August 5th
Sussex Section Event
Haywards Heath Golf Club
Dave Allen at 07891 345678

Wednesday August 11th
East Anglia Section Event
Eaton Golf Club, Norwich
Ian Willet at info@choppeness.co.uk or mobile: 07747 203598

Thursday August 12th
Essex Section Event
Bentley Hall Golf Club
Dominic Rogers at domrogers@talktalk.net or mobile: 07747 203598

Tuesday August 17th
East Scotland Section – Willie Woods Tournament
Gullane Golf Links (No 2 Course)
Stuart Ferguson at stuartf@btinternet.com or mobile: 07961 630553

Thursday August 19th (To be confirmed, subject to change)
Central Section Event
Auchterarder Golf Club
Norrie Whytock Trophy
Andrew Mellon at dewolke@unl.edu or mobile: 07768 995602

Saturday August 21st
South West Section Race Night
Lansdown Racecourse
Adam Matthews at adam.m.matthews@hotmail.co.uk or mobile: 07732 503855

Thursday August 26th
BB&O Section Event
The East Berkshire Golf Club
Adam King at uk@blackwoodroyd.co.uk or mobile: 07378 719614

Friday August 27th
South West Section Match v’s Welsh Section
To be advised
Section Captain Wayne Vincent at wayne.vincent@googlemail.com

September

Monday September 1st
Sheffield Section Event
Silkstone Golf Club
James Stevens at jimmy_jama20@hotmai.com or 07738 719614

Wednesday September 22nd
East of England Section Event
Lincoln Golf Club
Bruce Hicks at bnrrie.hicks1@gmail.com or 07931 714922

Tuesday September 28th
Sussex Section Event
Copthorne Golf Club
Dave Allen at d38a@msn.com or mobile: 07515 428673

October

Monday October 11th
North West Section Autumn Tournament
Bolton Old Links Golf Club
Phil Dewhurst on mobile: 07768 180604

November

Wednesday November 3rd
BB&O Autumn Section Event
Dorsetwood Park Golf Club
Adam King at ajk@radley.org.uk or mobile: 07738 719614

Monday November 29th
Sheffield Section Event
Lindrick Golf Club
James Stevens at jimmy_jama20@hotmail.com or 07738 719614

December

Thursday December 2nd
North West Section AGM & Bent Cross Trophy
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Diary of Events

Details of your Section’s forthcoming events in 2010 can be found here...

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