Welcome to 2010

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new year and to thank all the many BIGGA members who currently volunteer in one role or another to help the team at BIGGA Headquarters. Without their valuable help, advice and countless hours of volunteer work your Association would not be what it is today.

By working closely with your Section committee the membership team are looking forward to a successful and prosperous new year.

But the best people to promote any membership professional body are the members themselves.

Please encourage your fellow greenkeepers or groundsmen working on sports turf to take a look at what BIGGA can do for them.

Membership Renewals

Traditionally, BIGGA used to operate a membership year that ran from January to December, but to allow more flexibility BIGGA now operate a rolling year. This means that a new member will gain 12 months membership from the month of joining BIGGA.

However, if any member has an expiry date, for example, December 31 or January 31, which doesn’t fit in with their personal circumstances and wish to change to a different month please contact the Membership Department directly so that we can discuss your options with you.

We are also finding that some teams of greenkeepers, at the same golf club, have differing expiry dates; if your golf club wishes to pay for membership of BIGGA for all the greenkeepers at the same time, again, please contact the Membership Department so that we can discuss your options.

New workplace problem-solving process

Following the Dispute Resolution Review (DRR) and since April 6, 2009, the Government has changed the way we deal with problems at work.

There is now:
• Less emphasis on the mechanics of how to manage disciplinary issues, grievances and dismissals
• More flexibility to resolve problems at an early stage and in a way that suits you best.

Encouraging better and more direct workplace communication will reduce the chance of problems going to an employment tribunal.

BIGGA has produced a “Guide to Problems at Work” help sheet to advise members of the procedure used regarding a grievance or disciplinary at work. This can be downloaded from the Members Area of the BIGGA website.

Welcome to new members

As well as welcoming new members on this page each month, we will be reproducing this list with a bit more information, i.e. Golf Club and job (as per BIGGA categories) on the Members’ Area of the BIGGA website.

Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

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Greenkeepers Legal Assistance
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Debt Counselling Helpline
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Personal Accident Helpline
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Section Officers

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BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scottish Region
Ralph Carson, West
Anthony Farrell, West
Gary Jones, Central
Des Kerr, East
Chen Kuang Yen, East
Alay Mattiarta, East
Cathum Mathewson, Central
Naimi Newlands, East
Nichold People, North
Philip Smellin, Central

Northern Section
Scott Hall, Sheffield

Midland Section
Thomas Ablewhite, East of England
Matthew Clark, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Sam Davies, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Jason Gowland, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Duncan O’Connor, Berks/Bucks & Oxon

South East Section
Philip Rennister, Essex
Andrew Darnell, Essex
Peter Driver, East Anglia
Tom Kean, East Anglia
Mark Lambert, London
Barry Mann, Essex
Tom Murray, East Anglia
Christopher Wight, Essex

S West/S Wales Section
John Critchley, South Coast
Frederick Saunders, South West
Nicholas Thomas, South Wales
Rikki Worrall, Devon & Cornwall
Christy Worthington, Devon & Cornwall

Other Useful Numbers

(Personal Accident only)

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