The Membership Benefit that Pays

No one knows how beneficial BIGGA membership is to a technical career and personal development better than BIGGA members. As a member of BIGGA, you already recognise the benefits that are offered from a dedicated sports turf professional body. If you know somebody who shares our common vision and would benefit from being a member of BIGGA then why not recommend him or her for BIGGA membership?

Help your Association grow by sharing the value of your BIGGA membership with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to join. Every time you recruit a new member, you strengthen BIGGA.

A vital and growing BIGGA means greater recognition of the sports turf professional, improved educational and networking opportunities for all members and the advancement of sports turf maintenance worldwide.

Tips on Recruiting New Members

• Invite a prospective member to attend a Section Golf Day or Education seminar form on the BIGGA website.
• Start a discussion about BIGGA membership with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to join.
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For more information on new members log in to the Members’ Area of the BIGGA website.

Continue to Learn 2011

With the launch of the Continue to Learn Programme for 2011 in last months Greenkeeper International we have been experiencing lots of interest and bookings.

This year we have introduced the ‘Tuft Managers’ Conference, we have also kept the very popular How to be an Outstanding Manager Workshop, Part 1 is Setting and Managing Expectations and Part 2 is How to Motivate and Engage Your People (this is a very popular so if you want a place book quickly).

This year we have also included a Volunteers Workshop, this is for any BIGGA member who is currently a volunteer or is thinking about volunteering on section, region or national committees, it will hopefully give you a better understanding on what is involved.

For those looking at their own personal finances we have a free seminar on Wills and Estate Planning (Tuesday, January 19, 2-4pm), this will be a highly interactive workshop devised for Assistants to learn about key skills in workplace communication and train working tips.

As we all gear up to face unprecedented financial turmoil the need for greenkeepers and other sports turf professionals to get together to plan the way ahead is more vital than ever. Conferences and Exhibitions such as Harrogate Week are a very cost effective way of learning new tricks and testing your own ideas.

For those Golf Clubs who cut off opportunities for their greenkeepers development could, in the end, find this detrimental to their golf course.

Membership
Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

The day will begin with a presentation entitled “The Effects Of Climate Change” and given by Felicity Liggins from the Meteorological Office, Exeter.

This will be followed by Simon Watson or Rod Burke from Syngenta speaking on “The Changing Face Of Disease”.

The final presentations in the morning will be made by Rhys Nevill, Two Student Of The Year 2009 and Matthew Worster, Conservation Greenkeeper of The Year both telling us about their “Experiences In The USA”.

The afternoon session commences with Peter Todd, Course Manager at The London Golf Club who will be speaking on “A Modern Approach “ and he will be followed by Dan Duffy, Head Groundsman at The Liberty Stadium, Swansea and Groundsman of The Year.

His presentation is “A Pitch For All Occasions” and this will give an insight into the diverse requirements of stadium today.

BIGGA Regional Conferences

All forthcoming conferences are as follows...

**REGIONS**

Scotland
North
Midlands
South East
South West and South Wales

**DATE**

1 March 2011
To be announced
To be announced
To be announced
18 November 2010

**LOCATION**

Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline
To be announced
To be announced
Plumpton College

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