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

The week that was ‘Harrogate Week 2012’

Each year the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition (BTME), Continue to Learn Clubhouse serve as vital components of the membership benefits and services BIGGA offer and 2011 didn’t fail to deliver.

Although smaller than previ-
ous years (reflecting the current economy) the show offered the same buzz, excitement and atmos-
phere as last year, in fact Continue to Learn experienced a growth in numbers. Many of the workshops were already full before the week started.

The BIGGA Stand in Hall C wel-
comed many visitors, from those who visit us year on year to say hello and catch up on the past twelve months to new visitors who come and see us for the first time to chat about the benefits of being a BIGGA Member.

Membership Benefits Brochure (see pic inset)

This year we were able to launch the new BIGGA Membership Benefits brochure, a guide to the opportunities and rewards of being a BIGGA member.

The brochure contains informa-
tion on the different categories of membership and the benefits and services each one offers with testi-
monials from members of BIGGA.

Application forms for mem-
bership are available from the BIGGA website at www.bigga.org.uk. Select ‘MEMBERSHIP’ from the options along the top and select ‘Application Form’ from the options on the left hand side, here you can download the information you need.

BIGGA has now firmly estab-
lished itself as the professional body for golf greenkeepers and of course now BIGGA welcome applications for membership from other sports turf professionals working at a sports facility.

So what makes BIGGA different to other organisations that provide a platform for people to interact and exchange information?

Well, as a professional Asso-
ciation (also called a professional body, professional institute, profes-
sional organisation, or professional society) BIGGA is a non-profit organisation seeking to further a particular profession, the interests of the individuals engaged in that profession and the public interest. This means that any profit made on commercial activities is put right back into the Association for the benefit of its members.

Why join a professional body?

Professional bodies aim to raise standards among those in their industry, promoting best practice, training and recognised qualifica-
tions. Members can benefit from support, networking and access to news and training opportunities.

How BIGGA can help you become a better Head Greenkeeper/Course Manager

As a Head Greenkeeper/Course Manager you may be faced with challenges for which you feel you are not completely prepared. Man-
agement and greenkeeping often require very different skills from those which have got you where you are.

BIGGA could help you bridge this gap in a number of ways. We can put you in contact with others and team leaders.

Now is the time to get involved in your section events, if you don’t already, make a deal with yourself to go to at least two section events this year and take advantage of meeting other BIGGA Members in your area. The golf industry is facing some challenging times, the section events provide you with the opportunity to discuss relevant issues with your colleagues from other golf clubs. It’s reassuring to know that you do share some common problems and there may be somebody out there who can give you the benefit of their experience.

This month BIGGA welcomes the following members...

Scottish
Duncan More, West Section
Robert Baker, Central Section
Myles Black, Midlands Region
Gareth Eastwood, South East Region
Duncan Waddell, South West & Wales Region

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South West & Wales
Tel: 01736 755500
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Northern Region
Gary Housden, Stafford Section
Les House, Stafford Section
Neil Winter, Stafford Section
David Green, North West Section
David Gage, North West Section
Darran Evans, Stafford Section
North West
Tel: 0161 888 2571
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Midland Region
Christopher Hudson, Mid Anglia Section
Michael Fans, East Midlands Section
South East Region
Tel: 01795 535144
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South West & Wales Region
Tel: 01279 788506
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Sth West & Sth Wales Region
Layla Williams, Devon & Cornwall Section
Charlotte Zambon, Devon & Cornwall Section
North East
Tel: 0191 203 9999
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North West
Tel: 0161 888 2572
Fax: 0161 888 2571
International
Vojta Drabek, Stavanger Section
Nils Pehrson, Sweden
Olly Lynch, USA

For more information on new members log in to the Members’ Area of the BIGGA Website.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS
(Pull Members only)
Personal Accident Helpline - 0844 467 0444
Greenkeepers Legal Assistance - 020 75 603 013
Purgatory - 020 75 603 014

MONSTER SUDOKU
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 4x4 box contains the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.

A .. .. BB
9 Brainwaves (4)
8 The author of 95 poems, 1.1.83
10 Roman poet, and Dante’s guide through Hell and Purgatory (6)
11 Comic, dancer and courtesan, executed for espionage in 1917 (4,4)
12 Man, enemy of the Nation in 1939 (6)
13 Original host of Radio 4’s Counterpoint (3,7)
17 Footballers’ partners and a happy dog does this? (4)
18 Electric gun, named after the fictional Tom Swift’s electric rifle (5)
19 Card game similar to poker (4)
20 Glee of the ‘Friends’, Roman, Countrymen’s speech in Julius Caesar (5,6)
22 Brothers, name of two Spaniard Ballet band members (4)
23 Gangster, nicknamed ‘Scarface’ (2,5)
27 Discworld, two dots placed over a vowel to change its pronunciation (6)
28 US actor who stars as ‘Nimsey’ in Curl Your Enthusiasm (5,5)

DOWN
1 Capital of Ethiopia (5,5)
2 People willing to debate a fair price (6)
3 Protective boot, popularised by Arthur Wellesley (10)
4 1917 Oswald film starring Ray Winstone (4)
5 Miss (4)
6 Strung instrument - used to score The Third Man (6)
7 In Terry Pratchett’s Discworld, the name of every male servant in Uberwald (4)
14 1970’s type of dance music (5)
15 Strung instrument - also known as a whiffler (5,5)
16 NZ born speedway star who won six world championships (4,4)
19 Old tradename of a thermostatic plastic (9)
21 Maori for ‘I’m healthy’ (3,3)
24 Author of The Owl and the Pussycat (4)
25 The gambling piece, such as evens (4)
26 Coventrass (4)

QUICK ‘N’ HOLE QUIZ

1. How many tennis Majors has Roger Federer won?
2. How many times has AP McCoy been Champion Jockey?
3. How many goals did record England scorer Bobby Charlton score?
4. How many Majors did Seve Ballesteros and Nick Faldo win between them?
5. How many trophies has Sir Alex Ferguson won as a manager?

8 A S B 9 C 2
3 6 7 8 A
1 C B 8
5 9 7 6 A
4 1 5 8 C
6 8 7 5 3
9 5 4 2 6

Puzzle Answers on page 73

in the shed
Our monthly puzzle page to keep you entertained when you’re forced indoors.

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