The week that was ‘Harrogate Week 2012’

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

Although smaller than previous years (reflecting the current economy) the show offered the same buzz, excitement and atmosphere 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 welcomed 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
Membership 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 information on the different categories of membership and the benefits and services each one offers with testimonials from members of BIGGA.

Application forms for membership 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 established itself as the professional body for golf greenkeepers and of course now BIGGA welcome applications for membership from other sports turf professionals working at sports facility.

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

Well, as a professional Association also called a professional body, professional institute, professional 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 qualifications. 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. Management and greenkeeping often require very different skills from those which have got you where you are.

BIGGA could help you bridge that gap in a number of ways. We can put you in contact with others in your field, and as a result can provide information about best practice. BIGGA also offer training for managers 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 Robbie, West Section
Jason Austin, East Coast
Gordon Wood, North Section
Ian Brown, Central Section
Paul Rolls, Central Section
Leads the West Section
Shane Mclan, Central Section

Northern Region

Glyn Harwood, Stafford Section
Lee Beattie, Stafford Section
Rich Jones, Stafford Section
Mark Allen, East Section
Eddie Shearer, East Section
Gavin O’Callaghan, York Section
Duncan Gaff, North West Section
David Gann, North West Section
Gill Picken, East Section

Midland Region

Christopher Harris, Mid Anglia Section
Michael Fisk, East Midlands Section

South East Region

Gary McCluskey, North West Section
Jamie Jacklin, Sussex Section
Martin Moller, West Kent Section
Peter Owens, Central Section
Dave Green, Central Section

South West & Wales

South East Region

Ray Lee, West Section
Paul England, South Coast Section
Paul Molle, South Coast Section
Jane Jones, South Coast Section

Scotland & Northern Ireland

Jamie Jacklin, Central Section
Paul Reilly, Central Section
James Balmbro, East Section
Derek Macdonald, Central Section
Gordon Wood, North Section

Northern & Midlands

Peter Larter, Northern & Midlands

South West & Sth Wales

Jane Jones, South West & Sth Wales

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Quick ‘Hole In One’ Quiz

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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?

How Man X?

1. How many titles has Sir Alex Ferguson won?
2. How many titles has the England cricket team won?

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Recruitment

Deputy Head Greenkeeper
Leamington & County Golf Club
fill hole private members club
Golf Lane, Whinlasy, Leamington Spa. CV31 2GA

Apply to: Jason Cooper, Head Greenkeeper
- Qualified to N/SVQ level 3
- Current spraying certificates PA1/PA2 & PA6
- Chainsaw certificate
- Experienced in course machinery maintenance and irrigation systems
Please include C.V and covering letter
Salary- Good salary package available in line with qualifications

CHELMSFORD GOLF CLUB
Head Greenkeeper
An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced Head Greenkeeper at this prestigious club in central Essex. The present Head Greenkeeper will be retiring in October 2011 after 25 year’s excellent service.

Chelmsford Golf Club, an original James Brazil designed course, with major alterations by Harry Colt in 1925, celebrates the centenary of the course in its present location, this year 2011. It is a mature, undulating, parkland course of around 6000 yards and a par 68.

The successful candidate will:
- Hold appropriate greenkeeping qualifications as well as experience in a similar position.
- Have the ability to manage and motivate our experienced greenkeeping team.
- Have knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations.
- Have knowledge of irrigation systems and machinery maintenance.
- Be able to manage an annual budget and capital projects.

A competitive remuneration package is available for the successful candidate.
Closing date for applications is Friday 15th April 2011.
Please apply with full CV to:
The Manager
Chelmsford Golf Club
Widford Road
Chelmsford
Essex CM2 9AP
e-mail: graham@chelmsfordgc.co.uk

Qualified Greenkeeper
The Richmond Golf Club is looking to appoint a qualified & experienced greenkeeper to join their hard working, dedicated team. This 120 year old club is currently enjoying a strong membership position and has a progressive on-going course development programme.

This is an excellent opportunity for any ambitious greenkeeper to further their career and work at a high quality private members club located next to the world famous Richmond Park.

Minimum 3 years experience in a similar position and NVQ2 or equivalent. Salary negotiable but in line with CGCS recommendations.

Please apply with full CV to Les Howkins MG, The Richmond Golf Club, Sudbrook Lane, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 7AS.
Or via e-mail coursemanager@richmondgolfclub.co.uk
Closing Date March 7th 2011
Tel:07859 126 286

The BIGGA/GCMA Safety Management System, sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen, has been developed to:
- Make golf clubs safer
- Introduce best practice
- Standardize Health & Safety throughout golf
- Reduce costs for golf clubs

Why do you need a Safety Management System?

Because:
- It incorporates all your legal requirements to comply with Health & Safety Legislation
- Clubs have responsibilities
- There are penalties for not complying – up to £20,000 fine and/or course closure
- Golf clubs are hazardous places to work

The Safety Management System is accessed through the Members area of the BIGGA website (www.bigga.org.uk) and the GCMA website (www.gcma.org.uk) sponsored by

RU International Golf Course

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2. 15
3. 49
4. 11
5. 39
6. 51
7. 63
8. 766
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