Membership

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

Membership Benefits Update: Renew Online

Many members are now taking advantage of being able to renew their membership online, through the BIGGA Website using a secure online payment facility; this is for existing members to renew their individual membership online. Details and instructions are below, you will have had to register on the BIGGA website members area with your membership number, email address and password in order to proceed.

1. Step One – make sure your BIGGA account is activated, if you have not already registered on the revised BIGGA website you will need to do so, type the following URL into your browser http://www.bigga.org.uk/login if you have already registered that’s fine, go to step Two, if not click on ‘Activate my account’ button to be taken to http://www.bigga.org.uk/login/activate/ where you can activate your account.

   [Note: If your membership has lapsed, 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 members’ area of the BIGGA Website.]

   [For more information on renewals.bigga.org.uk to be taken active account type the following ‘BIGGA – Online Payments’ and logged in the screen should read your name, membership number and category of membership including the amount that needs to be paid, [NOTE: if this is not correct please contact the BIGGA Membership Department before continuing]. Enter your billing address then click next step and follow the on-screen instructions. Once completed BIGGA will be advised that a payment has been made and we can process your membership accordingly.]

   Any queries or problems please contact the BIGGA Membership Department on 01347 833800 select option 1.

Section and Region Events

Visit the ‘Event’s 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.

BIGGA Lending Library

Can’t book the lawn you require in your local library or College Resource Centre? Why not check the library listings to see if the BIGGA Lending Library stocks the title you are looking for? The lending library is available to ALL BIGGA members, allowing them to borrow up to two books for up to six weeks, the only cost is return postage.

Finally…Help your Association grow by discussing 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.

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

BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland

Mark Gallagher, West Coast Section
Robert McIlvenna, West Coast Section
June Wilson, South East Section
Jenny Atkinson, Mid Anglia Section
Graeme Mair, Ayrshire Section
Northern Region

David Ayliffe, North West Section
James Cole, North West Section
Neil Riediker, Northern Region
Juliette McNeals, North West Section
Chris Territt, North East Section
Midland Region

Michael Dunn, Midland Region
Martin Eve, Midland Region
Gavin Lynch, Midland Region
Charlotte Hanning, Lincolnshire Section
Neil Smith, North West Section
South East

Richard Bexon, Surrey Section
Frank Smith, London & Home Counties Section
Cath Brightley, East Anglia Section
Paul Arrowsmith, North East Section
Wendy Head, Sussex Section
Neil Smith, Surrey Section
South West/South Wales Region

Matthew Collins, South Coast Section
Richard Eaves, South West Section
Neil Hattam, South West Section
Paul Fyfe, South Coast Section
Samantha Holmes, South West Section
Annie Stimpson, South West Section
South East

Benjamin Cummings, South Coast Section
Guy Mitchison, South Coast Section
Paul Stone, South East Section
Rex Thomas, South East Section
Richard Bacon, Surrey Section
Darren Abbs, east Anglia Section
Matthew Wright, Mid Anglia Section

More dates for your diary next month

Date Event Venue Contact

JUNE 2011

June 8th South West Section Long Ashton Golf Club Wayne Vincent at wayne.vincent@owshillsgolfclub.com or telephone 07958 620590

June 15th Scottish National Golf Tournament Dukes Golf Club Peter Boyd at pj.boyd@btinternet.com or telephone 0141 616 3440

June 16th North West Section v’s North Wales Section Heaton Moor Golf Club Chris Sheehan at jahsheehan@bhayonder.co.uk or telephone 07840 706738

June 16th South Wales Section Golf Day Neath Golf Club Steve-Chappell at Chappell 124@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07970 980389

June 22nd Northern Section – Presidents Cup Moctown Golf Club, Leeds Frank Stewart at frankstewart3@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07947 401278

June 29th North West Section Summer Tournament Grange Park Golf Club Chris Sheehan at jahsheehan@bhayonder.co.uk or telephone 07798 641529

June 29th East Midlands Section Summer Golf Day Cavendish Golf Club Andrew de Wet at biggaeastmidlands@hotmail.com

June 30th South West Section Summer Tournament Knowle Golf Club Adam Matthews at adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07732 503855

JULY 2011

July 6th North West Section Cricket Tournament v’s North Wales Section Ashley Cricket Club, Attockham Chris Sheehan at jahsheehan@bhayonder.co.uk or telephone 07840 706738

July 6th South Wales Section Summer Competition Wenove Castle Golf Steve Chappell at chappell124@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07970 980389

July 11th Midland Section Summer Golf Day Kenilworth Golf Club Andrew Smith at andysmithace@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07977 145091

July 12th Essex Captains v’s Greenkeepers Romford Golf Club Dominic Rodgers at domadosone@gmail.com or telephone 07798 641529

July 13th South Coast Section Summer Competition Brockenhurst Golf Club Chris Birren at chrisbirren@btinternet.com or telephone 07796 887633

July 13th East Midlands Section Par 3 Championships Nailcote Hall Golf Club Andy de wet at biggaeastmidlands@hotmail.com

July 14th – 17th July Open Championship Royal St George’s www.opengolf.com/

July 21st Inter Section Golf Match – Northern v’s Sheffield Remishaw Park Golf Club Frank Stewart at frankstewart3@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07947 401278

July 28th East of England Section Event Blake Rochford Golf Club Bruce Hicks at brucetricholds1@gmail.com or telephone 07931 714922

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