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 active, if you have not 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 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.

2. Step Two - once you have an active account type the following URL into your browser: http://www.bigga.org.uk/login/ now you will be asked to log in to your account, here you will need to enter your membership number and password you created when you activated your account.

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

BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland
Mark Gallery, West Section
Mhairi MacKay, East Midland Section
David Nation, Yorkshire Section
Northern Region
David Black, North West Section
James Conn, North West Section
Andrew Duley, South Wales Section
Alice Fothergill, North East Section
Rachel Gray, South East Section
Mark Hardy, South West Section
Jon Wares, North East Section
Midland Region
Christopher Hill, Midland Section
Michael Hedges, North West Section
Benjamin Hansley, South Western Section
Matthew Hurst, South East Section
Ralph Mibach, Midland Section
Trevor Milburn, South Western Section
Matthew Oughtred, West Midlands Section
Steve Oughtred, West Midlands Section
South West/South Wales Region
Matthew Collins, South Coast Section
Mike Deakin, South Coast Section
Liz Evans, South Coast Section
Paul Fuge, South Wales Section
Benjamin Knight, South West Section
Sarah Pugh, South Wales Section
Juliette Richards, South Wales Section
Cheetham Roberts, South Wales Section
Catherine Rogers, South Wales Section
Matthew Taylor, South Wales Section
South East Region
Richard Bass, Surrey Section
Michael Caswell, South Eastern Section
Craig Bradley, East Anglia Section
John Coupe, Hampshire Section
Jane Dew, Surrey Section
Neil Smith, Surrey Section
BIGGA Lending Library

Can’t find the book 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.

Bursar's Report

Shareholders for the coming year... As you will have heard Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, gives a Membership Update.

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.

Section Secretary

Somewhere asked me the other day 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.

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More dates for your diary next month

JUNE 2011

June 8th
South West Section
Long Ashton Golf Club
Wayne Vincent at wayne.vincent@trowethills-golfclub.co.uk 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 jmcshane@bighyonder.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 980899

June 22nd
Northern Section – Presidents Day
Moortown 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 jmcshane@bighyonder.co.uk or telephone 07938 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.m.matthews@hotmail.com or telephone 07732 503855

JULY 2011

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

July 6th
South Wales Section Summer Competition
Wenov Castle Golf Club
Steve Chappell at chappell124@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07947 980899

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

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

July 13th
South Coast Section Summer Competition
Brockenhurst Golf Club
Chris Brett at chrissritten@hotmail.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 – July 17th
Open Championship
Royal St George’s
golf.com

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

July 28th
East of England Section Event
Belle Rockford Golf Club
Bruce Hicks at brucehicks1@gmail.com or telephone 07931 714922

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Diary of Events

Details of your Section’s forthcoming events in 2011 can be found here...