Who Are BIGGA?

The British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association was formally created on January 1, 1987 from an amalgamation of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association, The English and International Golf Greenkeepers Association and The Scottish and International Golf Greenkeepers Association, forming a membership of 1,200. Today BIGGA boasts over 7,000 members which not only include Greenkeepers but also Associate Members and Student Members.

Eleven years later, in October 1998, BIGGA was proud to welcome His Royal Highness The Duke of York to officially open BIGGA HOUSE, the Associations' new headquarters. Housing 17 members of staff and with a state-of-the-art training room, the Association has the facilities to enhance further its services to its members and the greenkeeping profession.

Mission Statement

BIGGA is dedicated to the continuing professional development of its members and in serving their needs will strive through education and training for standards of excellence in golf course management throughout the greenkeeping profession.

Organizational Structure

The Association has a three-tiered structure, ensuring that there is a steady flow of information between grass roots level and the administrative headquarters. The major policy making body is the Board of Management comprising of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Past Chairman together with one representative from each of the five Regions and two Guardians.

BIGGA's five Regions covering Scotland, Northern England, the Midlands, the South East, the South West and South Wales together with a section in Northern Ireland form the second tier. Each region has its own Board consisting of a representative from each of the Sections and is serviced by a Regional Administrator.

The Sections constitute the third and final tier. There are currently 27 Sections each with its own committee responsible for organizing events for Section members and administering Section matters on behalf of the Association.