

Important tax benefits for BIGGA members

The Inland Revenue has published its updated list of "professional bodies and learned societies" whose members may claim tax relief on the cost of subscriptions. The Daily Telegraph reports that new entrants to the list whose activities are so vital they deserve subsidy, include the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association.

Members are reminded that the Association is now recognised as an approved body under Section 201 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Should any member experience difficulty in obtaining a deduction for their subscription, they should refer their local tax inspector to the updated list and can additionally quote reference SAPP1644/47/1989.

Rapid take-up of stands for '92 Exhibition

Plans are now under way for the 1992 BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition to be held in Harrogate from 22 - 24 January.

Already, half of the exhibiting companies from 1991 have pledged a firm commitment for next year. Applications for stands are also arriving all the time from companies, keen to use the success of the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition for the first time.

An exciting Seminar Programme is being prepared, which will begin on Monday Jan-

uary 20, with two-day Workshop Sessions, followed by a general Seminar Programme during the course of the exhibition itself.

The first meeting of the 1992 steering committee, which consists of representatives from exhibiting companies, will take place this month. A report will follow in next month's issue.

More details of the 1992 exhibition from Debbie Savage at BIGGA HQ, telephone 03473 581/2.



David Royle

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden, untimely death of David Royle, Ransomes Northern Area Sales Manager. David was well known to many BIGGA members, especially for his involvement at the Association's National Golf Tournament, where he always assisted with the scoring. David made many friends in the industry and was particularly admired for his loyalty to Ransomes, liking nothing better than discussing machinery with greenkeepers and listening to constructive comment. It earned him huge respect wherever he went. A great supporter of the Association, David will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with Susan, his wife, and his family at this sad time.

David Golding

● Pictured: David Royle (right) presenting the Ransomes Prize to David Murtagh at Ganton GC at the 1990 National Tournament.

The BIGGA Code of Ethics – a reminder

As a reminder, the Code is as follows and members pledge themselves to:

1. Set standards of personal conduct which will enhance the stature of the profession of golf course management.
2. At all times carry out their duties and responsibilities in such a manner as to reflect favourably on the profession and Association.
3. Seek to use every opportunity to broaden their professional expertise for both self-improvement and the good of the profession.
4. Follow, as a basic tenet, sound business and turf management principles in exercising the responsibilities of my post.
5. Observe the highest standards of personal integrity in their relationship with fellow greenkeepers as well as other associated individuals and at all times, as far as they are able, assist fellow greenkeepers.
6. Pursue job advancement only where vacancies arise

and not at the expense of a fellow greenkeeper and abstain from any action, comment or communication not founded on truth which is likely to harm the professional reputation or practice of another greenkeeper.

7. Give endorsements of any kind only upon satisfactory personal experiences of the item identified.

8. Refrain from encouraging or accepting considerations of any value which might be deemed an inducement to find favour for a particular party or influence decisions in relation to that party and at all times avoid any exploitation of my Association, Industry or Profession.

9. Support at every opportunity the Association, its Regions and Sections in seeking to improve the public understanding and recognition of the profession of golf course management.

10. Report to the Association any evidence likely to be in violation of this Code of Ethics.

THE BIGGA PERSONAL PENSION PLAN

BIGGA is pleased to announce that with immediate effect, the minimum premium for the BIGGA Personal Pension Plan is reduced to only £15 per month for all greenkeepers. So now you can take full advantage of the tremendous benefits that the plan offers for a lower monthly outlay.

THE BIGGA MORTGAGE SERVICE

BIGGA is pleased to announce a new service for all members, which will make it easier for greenkeepers to secure the best mortgage offer when they are either buying a new house or refinancing the purchase of their existing property. The Association is well aware of the exceptional demands placed upon its members because of the nature of their work. Greenkeepers do not always have the time to explore all the mortgage possibilities available.

NOW is the time to find out more. Please complete the form below and post to:
Executive Director, BIGGA, Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO6 2NF

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| 1. I will soon be/am in the process of buying a house. Please send me details of the new BIGGA Mortgage Service | Tick box <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I already pay for a mortgage on my house, but I wish to know if any better mortgage arrangements are available to me | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I am/am not in a Golf Club Pension Scheme. Please send me details of the new 1991 BIGGA Pension Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name.....Date of Birth.....

Golf Club and Job Title.....

Home Address.....

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Tel No. (Work)..... (Home).....



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