

In June, Tracey Maddison, BIGGA's Membership Services Officer, welcomed almost 120 new members to the Association as BIGGA celebrated a total membership of over 7,000 members

Congratulations!

Your Association now has a total membership of over 7,000 members. On behalf of the Association I would like to congratulate Kevin Dinsdale of Northumberland Golf Club for being the 7,000th member. Kevin wins a whole host of goodies as well as his Head Greenkeeper, who referred him for membership, also winning educational videos.

Well done to all of you who are referring your colleagues and fellow greenkeepers for membership and introducing them to the valuable benefits, which I hope you are all taking advantage of. Don't forget if you introduce 2 or more new members to the Association, your name will be placed into a draw to win one of three fabulous prizes. Keep up the good work!

Courtesy Golf

BIGGA is sadly aware that a minority of members (and in some cases non members) have been abusing the system of courtesy golf offered by many golf clubs to greenkeeper members. This has led to a number of clubs now refusing to offer courtesy to any BIGGA member or, indeed, to Sections looking for host clubs for their golfing days. This is, obviously, of great concern to BIGGA. Once again, it would appear to be a situation of

small minority spoiling a wonderful opportunity for the majority.

BIGGA has already changed a number of its procedures to try and prevent people who are not eligible to join from obtaining membership. All greenkeeper members are now required to have their form authorised by their golf club and the membership card itself is currently under review.

In order to minimise abuse as far as possible at the present time and as a reminder to members, BIGGA has issued the following guidelines:

Members wishing to seek courtesy golf at a club should contact the club at least 24 hours in advance of wishing to play.

On arrival at the club, members should report to the Secretary/Pro Shop and follow normal procedures for playing golf.

Members should produce a valid membership card as proof of status to the club.

Members should make a point of thanking the club for their courtesy on completion of their round of golf.

Members should not seek courtesy golf at any one golf club more than twice per year.

Courtesy golf is always given at the discretion of the individual golf club

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

Russell G Aird, West

Cameron Anderson, East

Steven Boyle, West

Gerry Carney, West

Wayne Ford, East

John Forrest, Central

Scott Fraser, West

Michael C Grant, N

Richard Hastings, Central

Mark Lindsay, West

John Marshall, Ayrshire

Barry J McDonald, N

Michael McLeod, N

Scott N McTaggart, N

Daniel Murray, East

Gregor Norris, N

Alastair J Patterson, East

Garry Porter, West

Andrew Reading, Ayrshire

Kevin Smith, N

James Swanson, N

Paul Todd, West

Midland Region

Dean Akeman, E of England

Mark Barber, E Midland

Jason Birch, E Midland

Andrew Blunt, E Midland

Dian Cooper, E Midland

Andrew J A Davis, BB&O

Simon Douglas, BB&O

Chris R Fellows, Midland

Anthony Hand, Midland

Paul Harper, Midland

Simon Lee, Midland

Chris Lewis, E Midland

Lee E Marshall, Midland

Nigel Morris, Midland

Philip Pounds, BB&O

Lugh Powell, BB&O

James Robinson, E Midland

Northern Region

Philip Ainscough, N West

Robert J Boyle, Northern

Shaun Carroll, Cleveland

Stuart Chivers, N West

David Cook, Cleveland

Kevin Dinsdale, N East

Nigel Hamilton, Cleveland

Paul Hearn, Sheffield

Daniel J A Richards, N Wales

George Sallabank, Cleveland

Neil Siddisbotham, N Wales

Michael R Toller, N West

Andrew Townsend, N West

Matthew J Williams, N Wales

Glyn Williams, N Wales

Kevin D Wright, N West

North East Region

James Boyle, Surrey

Vincenz D G Bridge, Sussex

Steven J Bridges, Surrey

Ronald Cooper, London

Andrew D Derrins, Surrey

Paul R Feneley, East Anglia

Zach Georgiou, London

Warren Grant, Sussex

Rick Kennell, Surrey

Scott Littfield, Sussex

Dan McGrath, Kent

Steve D Scott, Surrey

Keith Skinner, Surrey

Daniel Stone, Sussex

John T Thompson, Kent

Simon R P Tiplip, Sussex

Geoffrey Woodcock, Surrey

Matthew J Wright, Surrey

Nicholas Root, E Midland

Anthony Sammut, BB&O

Matthew Seaborn, E Midland

Richard Seaborn, E Midland

Christopher Shuttlewood, E Midland

Raymond Tapper, BB&O

Amy Warley, Midland

Timothy Wile, Mid Anglia

Peter A Yeoman, BB&O

South East Region

James Boyle, Surrey

Vincenz D G Bridge, Sussex

Steven J Bridges, Surrey

Ronald Cooper, London

Andrew D Derrins, Surrey

Paul R Feneley, East Anglia

Zach Georgiou, London

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Simon R P Tiplip, Sussex

Geoffrey Woodcock, Surrey

Matthew J Wright, Surrey

S West & S Wales

Ian S Cheryny, Dev & C'wall

Ray E Cousins, S Coast

Michael T Dee, S Wales

Stephen T Finley, S Coast

Kevin Frampton, S Coast

Ian M Hatch, S Coast

Roger J Head, S Wales

Ceri Llewellyn, S Wales

Trevor Mox, S West

James W Morgans, S Wales

Jason Morgans, S Wales

Norman A Oram, S Coast

Peter F Plosscourt, S West

Jonathan Sacras, S Coast

Stephen A Southern, S Coast

Darrell R Thomas, S Wales

Darren J Venables, S Coast

John Wallwork, S Coast

Northern Ireland

Alastair J Irvine

Adrian McStraw

Ian Hunter

Aiden O Hara CCSC

Republic of Ireland

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International Members

Bent Moeller, Denmark

Thomas S O Connor, USA

Ian Bruton, Far East

Mark C Smith, Far East

Associate Members

Gordon McMurdo, West

John Eckersley, N West

Caroline Malone, N East

James S Bennett, BB&O

Darren Greenacre, Sussex

Roger J Nicholson, E Anglia

James Russell, Surrey

Neil Young, Kent

Student Members

David N Goldie, Central

Rowan Kerr, Ayrshire

William N Bates, E Midland

Check out September's edition for July's new members!

Online Education

BIGGA has provided and continues to provide a range of education and training opportunities which support professional development.

The new BIGGA Web site (www.bigga.org.uk) includes an Education and Development Area to keep you updated on the latest information. Continuing Professional Development (CPD), is a scheme which allows BIGGA Greenkeeper Members to record credits for education and training. The Web site Education and Development Area allows you to seek all the details you require to enable you to register for this scheme.

Details are now available on the Web site for BIGGA House Greenkeeper Training Courses and the 2000/2001 Regional Training Programme. Places are selling fast so check out our available courses at www.bigga.org.uk.

The Learning Experience 2001 is currently being prepared. Updates on the Programme and Speakers can be viewed allowing you to start planning your trip to The Learning Experience and BTME 2001. Other points of interest included in Education and Development Area are: The Toro Awards, The BIGGA Golf Environment Competition and the BIGGA Essay Competition. Job Specifications, Careers Information, Master Greenkeeper Certificate, BIGGA publications including books, videos and field guides and the BIGGA Book and Slide Library.

Remember, there is plenty to look at on the BIGGA Web site, so log on and Surf our Site.

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British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association - BIGGA House Supervisory and Management Courses 2000

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Education and Training courses specifically tailored for you

New for 2000, three courses are designed to meet the needs of all greenkeepers and thanks to contributions to the BIGGA Education and Development Fund we have managed to keep costs down. To give maximum flexibility, each four day course comprises two 2 day modules. You can choose to attend whichever module(s) suit your requirements. You can also save the incidental or non residential package. The choice is yours. All modules can be used to provide evidence of underlying knowledge requirements of the NSQV at shown. You do not necessarily have to be following an NSQV programme at the time shown to gain benefit from these courses. Essential Computing for Greenkeepers provides evidence for the European Computer Driving License. Additionally, candidates will also be awarded broader Continuing Professional Development and Master Greenkeeper Certificates.

State-of-the-art training facilities

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BIGGA's superb built training facility within BIGGA HOUSE, now funded in part by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, and Education and Development Fund, and offers a unique and exciting training environment for all Greenkeeper members. This training facility is equipped with the very latest in audio-visual technology. Course material is available on the Internet at www.bigga.org.uk

The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association - The Master Greenkeeper Certificate Scheme

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MASTER GREENKEEPER CERTIFICATE

The Master Greenkeeper Certificate Scheme

The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association has been working since 1991 to establish the 1000 Greenkeeper Certificate Scheme. This scheme has been designed to provide a standard of excellence for all Greenkeepers in the UK, Eire, New Zealand, Europe and the rest of the world. The scheme is currently open to all Greenkeepers who are members of the Association. It is a highly prestigious award which will enhance your professional standing and provide you with a valuable certificate to add to your CV.

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