



In October, more than 90 new members joined BIGGA, and began to take advantage of the many savings and benefits available to them. Tracey Maddison gives details on just a few of them...

Membership renewal time?

Many of you will be due to renew your membership at the end of this month or January 2001. Don't forget if you pay for your own subscriptions, you can take advantage of paying by direct debit and spreading the cost over 10 equal monthly payments. 25% of members are already taking advantage of this service, why don't you?

If you are retiring from greenkeeping at the end of this month,

congratulations! However, your BIGGA membership doesn't have to retire with you, why not apply for retired membership of BIGGA and keep in touch with your friends and the industry? Contact Tracey in Membership Services for further details.

Once you have returned your completed renewal form, together with payment, we will send you a new 2001 Membership Renewal Pack, containing your membership card and useful information including telephone numbers regarding the many benefits and services available to you as a valued member of BIGGA. Read it and keep it for future reference - one day you may be glad you did!

If you have any queries or any general enquiries regarding membership services or benefits, please contact Tracey on 01347 833800.



November's Monthly Membership Draw Winner

Just introduce one or more new greenkeeping members to BIGGA and your name will be placed into a draw to win a fantastic BIGGA sportswatch. Our congratulations go to November's winner, Andrew Holdsworth of Sturminster Marshall GC.

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

Garry Anderson, West
Graeme L Bryce, Central
Richard W Cutler, North
Keith Robert Hedley, Ayrshire
Steven Peter Hemsley, Central
Graham MacKie, North
Stuart Manattini, Central
James Muir McGowan, West
Brian David Needs, Central
John Roxburgh, Ayrshire

Northern Region

Bryan William Berry, N West
Andrew Halifax, Sheffield
Andrew Graham Hullah, Northern
Stephen Kenyon, N West
Gary Ian McKie, N West
Scott Lee Ratchford, N West

Midland Region

Paul Bramley, E Midland
Dale Ian Coates, Midland
Mark Terrance Coppage, Midland
Brian Fox, BB&O
Michael Ginger, BB&O
Russell Mark Heathcote, E Midland
Peter John Holden, E Midland
Andrew Holloway, Midland
Stephen William Hutchinson, BB&O
Norman John Knox, BB&O
Richard Alan McCrohan, BB&O
Graeme Reeves, BB&O
Richard Shropshire, Midland
Russell Philip Swanwick, Midland
Ben Ronald Swift, BB&O
Trevor John Ward, Midland

South East Region

Paul James Andrews, Kent
Louis Alan Ayres, Surrey
John Paul Bell, Sussex
Adrian Bryant, Surrey
Ian William Carby, Surrey
John Graeme Clarke, London
Luke Denton, Sussex
Steffan Elliott, Kent
Darren Elliott, Kent
Ian Faulkner, Kent
Lee Felton, Kent
Dominic Foster, Surrey
Andrew Stuart Furness, London
Philip William Gill, Surrey
Andrew Greedy, Surrey
Paul Greenfield, Sussex
Alan Edward Jiggins, Essex
Paul Olaf Larsen, Kent
Sarah Mardon, Kent
Darren Pettengell, Sussex
Richard Henry Phillips, Essex
Kelvin Sales, Kent
Robert Cameron Welford, Surrey
James Peter Wells, Surrey

S West & S Wales Region

William Martin Clarke, Dev/C/wall
Simon Peter Clarke, Dev/C/wall
Thomas Lewis Gleason, S West
Christopher John Gowen, S West
Colin Green, S West
Martin Haydn Howell, S West
Gary L Vile, S West
Richard Woods, S West

Northern Ireland

Lee Michael Edwards,
Paul Johnston,
Michael Edward Kennedy,

Jeffrey Lamb,
Joel Robinson,
Alan William Simpson,
Alastair Andrew Smyth,
John Ward,
Fintan Peter Ward,

International Members

Stewart MacIntosh, Germany
David Mallinder, Germany
Frank Schafer, Germany
Roy Douglas Machray, Spain
Javier Nunez, Spain

Associate Members

Kate Entwistle, Northern
Tom Henry, Northern
David Burton Smith, E Midland
Clive Dryden, Surrey
Gene Bates, USA

Student Members

Glenn Cameron, East
Graham Grant, North
Richard Cowpe, N West
Tony Owen, N Wales
Ben Corby, E England
Timothy Parker, Mid Anglia
James Peter Lowe, Surrey
Gavin Yeoman, Surrey
Daniel Robbins, S West
Mark Farragher, Rep Ireland

Check out January's edition next year for November's new members!



BIGGA's Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson reports on the latest education and training developments

I hope that by now, all of you have applied for your Individual Learning Accounts. If the number applying matches the entries for this year's essay competition then they will have to take on extra staff.

The Learning Experience 2001

Applications for the Learning Experience 2001 are flooding in to BIGGA HOUSE and places on the Workshops are filling fast. The deadline for applications for the Learning Experience 2001, sponsored by Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products, is January 10, 2001. Make sure of your place by sending in your entry NOW. Extra copies of the Learning Experience brochure and application form are available from BIGGA HQ.

Visit the Royal Hall on Thursday 25 January and receive even better value than previously advertised in the Learning Experience brochure. Appearing at 11am until 11.30 will be Chris Byrd, from Milliken Chemicals, speaking on Drainage Improvements with Soil Structure Management. Simon Barnaby, from Scotts UK Professional, will follow at 11.30 with a session on the USGA Specification.

TORO Competitions

The Finals of the TORO Excellence in Greenkeeping and Student of the Year Competitions were held at BIGGA HOUSE at the end of October. Full details are printed elsewhere in this magazine but I would



like to congratulate all finalist, especially Iain Ritchie, the Excellence Award winner and Jonathan Clelland the Student of the Year. The weath-



er almost caused problems and three finalists had to be evacuated from South Lodge. It was a difficult job to separate the finalists and select the winners in both competitions as the Standard was as high as ever. Thanks to the continued sponsorship by TORO these competitions go from strength to strength.

Regional Training Courses

There are still plenty of places available on a number of courses being held in the New Year. These are:

Essential Management Skills for Greenkeepers

Moat House Hotel, Sheffield,
5 and 6 March, Brin Bendon
Cost for BIGGA Members £120.00 + VAT

Interviews and Appraisals

East Cliffe Hotel Bournemouth,
21 and 22 March, Frank Newberry
Wokefield Park, Reading,
12 and 13 March, Frank Newberry
Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, Northern
Ireland, Brin Bendon
Cost for BIGGA Members £120.00 + VAT

Making Budgets Count

Quality Hotel, Walsall,
12 and 13 February, Brin Bendon
East Cliffe Hotel Bournemouth,
15 and 16 February, Frank Newberry
Cost for BIGGA Members £120.00 + VAT

Health and Safety Update

Old Fold Manor Golf Club, Barnet,
6 February, Tony Rees
Cost for BIGGA Members £50 + VAT

Negotiation Skills

BIGGA HOUSE, 28 February, Brin Bendon
Cost for BIGGA Members £50.00 + VAT

Manual Handling and Risk Assessments

Old Fold Manor Golf Club,
7 February, Tony Rees
Cost for BIGGA Members £50.00 + VAT

On Course

Remember to visit the OnCourse stand at BTME if you want to obtain more information on this extremely useful software package. Designed to assist greenkeepers to maintain records on staff, machinery, the golf course, stock, budget and health and safety, the package is available from BIGGA priced at £800. Demo disks are available from BIGGA HOUSE.

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