



As Membership reaches a record breaking 7,100 with a fantastic Greenkeeper membership figure of 6,200, Tracey Maddison, BIGGA's Membership Services Officer asks "Can you afford not to be a BIGGA member?"

BIGGA wants you!

Why become a Greenkeeping Member of BIGGA?

I had the very same question asked of me recently but with a slightly different edge... what do the Golf Club gain from their Greenkeepers being members of BIGGA?

I started with the obvious, Greenkeeper International. A monthly copy of this award winning magazine drops on the doormat of every member each month. Full of news, views, reviews and updates, section information and editorial features. (Subscription to this magazine alone would normally cost £36 per year). A must for all in the industry.

I then highlighted the new Greenkeeper Training Courses which are designed to meet the needs of all greenkeepers. These courses are heavily subsidised thanks to contributors to the BIGGA Education and Development Fund. Courses range from 2 day courses in Getting Started in Supervisory Management, Making Budgets Work, Human Resource Management - Leading Teams into the 21st Century to 1 day courses in Essential Management Skills for Greenkeepers, Making Meetings Work and Skills in Computing amongst others.

Not forgetting BTME which is held in January at Harrogate each year. With over 200 exhibitors and 7,000 delegates, this is

Europe's largest indoor fine turf exhibition and features a showcase of the latest advances in machinery, products and services within the industry. Running alongside BTME, 'The Learning Experience' is perhaps the most comprehensive education programme available to the greenkeeping profession. All BIGGA members are eligible for discounted rates on accommodation, seminars, the National Education Conference and workshops.

Then something new - thanks to contributors to the Education and Development Fund, BIGGA is encouraging the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of greenkeepers by the introduction of its free CPD scheme for members. Further information can be obtained from the Education and Training Department at HQ, or in your CPD2000 Brochure, which was free with last month's magazine.

Also, members have the use of the BIGGA Lending Library, containing over 600 books and 250 slides and FREE field guides are available.

All the above Education and Training opportunities are aimed at bringing members up to date with what's new in the industry, and helping them carry out their jobs more effectively. Golf Clubs can only continue to benefit from their Greenkeepers being members of BIGGA.

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

William Coyne, West
Brian J Cusick, West
Bryce M Houston, West
Jonathan D Lester, North
James Matthew, West
Clinton J Maxwell, West
Brian Toal, East
Fraser Wright, Central

Northern Region

David S Bennett, N West
Raymond Birchall, N West
Geoffrey K Hadley, N E
Martin L Hughes, N West
Gary P Hutchinson, Cleveland
Jonathan McIntyre, Cleveland
Christopher M Newton, N E
Philip S Niven, Northern
William R J Peake, N E
Richard Pickin, N Wales
Mark D Rawlinson, N West
Stuart Rogers, Northern
Richard Sumner, N West
Stephen Taggart, Cleveland
Jonathan Taylor, Northern
Stephen M Tomlinson, N West
Philip Watson, N West

Midland Region

Stephanie A Bell, BB&O
Mark Caldwell, E Midland
Joey M Carroll, BB&O
Charley D Carvill, BB&O
Steven Coyne, E Midland
George Crawley, BB&O
Crispin D Dew, BB&O
Charles Eastwood, BB&O

Gary Eastwood, BB&O
Tristan J Elward, BB&O
Steven M Guntripp, Midland
Jason Harriman, E Midland
Richard M Harris, E Midland
Colin Hedges, BB&O
Eric Jefferies, BB&O
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Simon Large, Midland
Richard Mason, Mid Anglia
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James Powell, BB&O
Jenz Shirra, Midland
Jacon J C Snyman, BB&O
Russell Williams, BB&O

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Terry Bush, Kent
Barry J Cooke, E Anglia
Nigel Dillon, Surrey
David A Fosh, London
Peter Hagger, London
Paul L Harrington, Surrey
Peter P Henry, E Anglia
Gavin S Kinshott Acklan, Sussex
Simon Kirkham, Surrey
Philip G Medgett, Kent
James W Mills, Kent
John M Pearl, Kent
Mark Piper, Sussex
Craig Rodwell, Sussex
Grant Warner, Essex
Scott Wilson, Kent
Alisdair D Wright, London

S West & S Wales Region

Gemma Brand, S Coast
Nicholas Dash, Dev&Cnwll
Michael J Evans, S West
Paul J Handy, S Wales
Peter Holmstrom, S Wales
Stuart C Jones, S Wales
Adam Moule, S Wales
Michael L Phillips, S Wales
Andrew Ricketts, S Wales

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Sydney Houston,
James Lindsay,

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Agnar Kvalbein, Sweden

Student Member

Piotr Maleszcy, Poland

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

Watch the web for the latest news

At the risk of being accused of excessive navel gazing - the magazine talking about the Website talking about the magazine - the BIGGA Website is an excellent complement to Greenkeeper International, giving as it does a shortened version of that month's magazine content.

There is also a database of the last 14 months of Learning Experience, in association with Textron, articles to draw from, while a similar database is shortly to be introduced to include some of the other significant articles which appear each month.



In more general terms BIGGA Website is becoming an increasingly worthwhile tool for members, as useful Association information can be posted urgently if it has become available after a magazine deadline.

So always make a point of checking the latest news on the Web, it may sometimes be more up to date than the magazine!

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The UK professional body representing over 7000 Golf Greenkeepers worldwide

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News

Redesign provides greater access for disabled

The third course at Moor Park, operated by Three Rivers District Council as a public course now has its revised and renovated facilities - 18 holes course, 9 holes par 3 course and Academy, recently opened by Trevor Brooking, Chairman of the Sports Council.

The golf course has been re-designed by Swan Golf Design, golf course architects, to add to the Old Many Cok designed course with a refurbished short course and a custom designed area with shipping and bunker practice complexes and a three tier putting green set to test all kinds of players with greatly varying abilities.

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