UPDATE UPDATE UPDATE

Membership

This month, Tracey and Susannah, from BIGGA's Membership Team, welcome over 70 new members to the Association and give some important news about the 2002 Membership cards.

Picture perfect membership cards

Get prepared. It's coming your way! The new plastic Membership Photocard is what you've all been waiting for! As from 1st January 2002, BIGGA's Membership Department will be issuing plastic credit card size Membership Photocards (at no extra cost to the member). This will not only provide you with an extra form of ID but it will continue to promote the professional image that the Association has achieved.

The Challenge...

to obtain 6,400 passport size photographs, that is one photograph for each Greenkeeper Member, to enable the Membership Services Department to scan each photograph onto each members file, which can then be reproduced onto your new card!

The Challengers...

Tracey and Susannah from the Membership Services Department have accepted the challenge, but they need your help. To start preparing for the launch of the new card, they need a photograph of each of you! If you have a passport size photograph please send it to Tracey or Susannah, Membership Services Department, BIGGA, BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF, don't forget to write your full name, date of birth and membership number on the back. Alternatively, if you have mastered the art of digital cameras why not send us a photo by email to tracey@bigga.co.uk or susannah@bigga.co.uk

Watch out for more information on the new Membership Photocard next month.

New BIGGA merchandise now in stock

Polo Shirts
BIGGA can now offer BIGGA logo classic polo shirts. Made by Cutter & Buck and available in sunflower and navy for only £29.95 inc. VAT, post and packing. Sizes Medium, Large, XL or XXL available.

Jumpers
Add to your range by purchasing a BIGGA logo jumper, made by Peter Scott and available in three styles:

1 Round neck, available in navy and charcoal, sizes from 40" to 48". £34.95 inc. VAT, post and packing.

2 V-neck long sleeve, available in navy only, sizes from 40" to 46", larver sizes available on request. £34.95 inc. VAT, post and packing.

3 V-neck no sleeves, available in navy only, sizes from 40" to 46", larger sizes available on request. £29.95 inc. VAT, post and packing.

Waterproof Suits
Due to popular demand BIGGA have re-stocked this suit. Available in navy consisting of a jacket with matching trousers with a drawstring waistband. Sizes from M to XXL. £59.95 inc. VAT, post and packing.

Baseball Caps
BIGGA have re-stocked this popular Slazenger baseball cap. Khaki with navy peak, one size fits all with adjustable strap. £12.95 inc VAT, post and packing.

BIGGA Members Lapel Badge
BIGGA have introduced a new "Members" enamel lapel badge. Available to all members at the special rate of £2.50 inc VAT, post and packing.

The new BIGGA logo merchandise can be seen at the BIGGA stand at the Saltex Show on 4/5/6th September. For further information contact Tracey or Susannah in Membership Services. Watch this space!

July'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 July's winner, Charles McKay of Aberdeen Petroleum Club.

BIGGA welcomes ...

Scottish Region

Iain Elliott, West
Keith Gray, North
Roy Green, North
Archie Hempstead, West
Michael McCabe, North
Alexander McCaw, North
Ritchie Morrison, West

Northern Region

Michael Ian Averill, N West
Timothy John Barnes, N West
Gary Lee Clowes, N West
James William Cope, N Wales
Paul Matthew Farrelly, N Wales
Robert Galloway, N Wales
Andrew Gannon, N West
John C F Mather, N West
Jason John Mitchell, Northern
Kenneth Geoffrey Moreland, N East
Simon Olver, N East
Kevin Platt, Northern
Ian Sidebottom, N West
Christopher Sperrin, N West

Midland Region

Matthew John Axton, Midland
Colin Michael Beech, Midland
Carl Broad, Midland
Christopher Brown, E Midland
Thomas Brown, Midland
James Causer, Midland
Luke Spencer Davis, Midland
James Evans, Midland
Jonathan Peter Farrell, Mid Anglia
Luke D Foley, Mid Anglia
Neil Hawkins, Midland
Matthew Johnson, Mid Anglia
Andrew McLaren, Midland
Adam Christopher Moss, Midland
Matthew Newton, BB&O
Joe Sheward, Midland
Kelvin Lee Walker, Midland

S East Region

Martin John Acres, Kent
Tony Clark, Surrey
Ian James Coote, East Anglia
Terry Edmonds, Essex
Martin Pearson, Surrey
Matthew Philip Rich, Surrey
Tony Sharman, Surrey
James Peter Skinner, Kent
Stuart James Waite, Surrey
Richard Mark Young, E Anglia

S West & S Wales Region

Robert Leslie Cole, S Wales
Ben Dilling, S Coast
Sean Peter Prior, Dev & C'wall
Alan Robertson, Midland
Dave Clarke, Kent
Austin Davies, Essex
John Hall, Essex
Brian Richardson, East Anglia

International Members

Paul Darren Marsden, Austria
Kevin John Barsley, Germany
Brian Phillips, Norway
James J Nicol CGCS, USA

Corporate Members

David Drummond, East
John Somerville, West
Peter Hall, North East
P Cawood, East Midland
Paul Clifton, Midland

Associate Members

Stewart Clayton, Sheffield
Richard Newman, E England
Gavin P Judge, Surrey

Student Members

John Gregor Smith, Ayrshire
Peter Jones, Rep of Ireland
Nicholas Holmes, Northern
Jacqueline North, Essex

Next month ... July's latest members

IN THE NEWS IN THE NEWS

People

You may have heard their names mentioned in conversation, or even seen them in print, but have you ever wondered who the individuals are who help BIGGA to run so smoothly as the leading Association in the fine turf industry? Read on...

Paul Jenkins

BIGGA Board Member for the S West/S Wales region

Name: Paul Jenkins

Golf Club: Lilleybrook GC

Association Position:
Board Member for South West and South Wales Region

How long have you been a member of BIGGA?
Since its inception in '87.

Where do you hope the Association will be in 10 years time?
Equal or better recognition and profile within the industry

For what would you most like to be remembered?
Good greenkeeper, good Board member and all round a good egg!

For what would you least like to be remembered?
Letting a Past Captain of Lillybrook tell a joke at a BIGGA event!

Why did you take on a more involved role in the running of the Association?
Having benefited from BIGGA I wanted to re-invest some time and commitment to the Association and help it move forward in the coming years.

Name one thing which would improve the Association?
I would like to see every British greenkeeper join the Association and for a higher percentage of international greenkeepers to become members.

What is your claim to fame (None, not acceptable)?
Supporting Gloucester RFC when they win the Premiership and the Heineken Cup (It will happen)

Describe BIGGA in 15 words.
An Association run for members, by members for the benefit of members