



Tracey and Susannah from BIGGA's Membership Services Department, would like to welcome over 70 new members to the Association and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December and January membership renewals

If your membership expires on 31 December 2001 or 31 January 2002, you should have received your membership renewal pack by now. If you haven't please contact Membership Services. Your pack will contain a pre-printed renewal form, please check

all your details are correct, if you have any changes please use the spaces provided. Don't forget to sign the form on the reverse and return to BIGGA HOUSE with a passport sized photograph of yourself.

Also included within your pack will be a Time to Renew Newsletter informing you of any new benefits and services or any changes to existing ones. Please take the time to read this, as it is aimed at keeping you up to date with all the latest news in membership. If you require new application forms please contact Tracey or Susannah, in the Membership Services Department, BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF, or ring us on 01347 833800, fax 01347 833801, email, tracey@bigga.co.uk, susannah@bigga.co.uk or click on www.bigga.org.uk



December'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 December's winner, Jonathan J Scoones, of Caversham Heath Golf Club.



BIGGA Christmas Gift ideas



BIGGA's leisurewear, branded with the BIGGA logo, would make perfect gifts for Christmas. Quality clothing made by Cutter and Buck, Peter Scott and Sun and Rain with prices starting from £29.95 inc. VAT, post and packing. Choose from ...

Cutter & Buck BIGGA logo Classic Polo Shirts

Available in sunflower and navy for only £29.95 inc. VAT, post and packing. Sizes Medium, Large, XL or XXL available.

Peter Scott BIGGA logo Jumpers

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", larger 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.

Sun & Rain Waterproof Suits

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.

Slazenger Baseball Caps

Available in khaki with light blue 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.

BIGGA WELCOMES...

Scottish Region

John Bateson, Central
Euan MacDonald, North
Craig MacKay, North
Kevin McColm, Central
Alexander Steven, West
Graham Sutherland, West

Northern Region

Lee Fletcher, N West
Scott Pavis, Northern
Lee Richardson, Northern
David Robson, Northern
Andrew Slade, N West
Kyle Stocker, N West
Andrew West, Northern

Midland Region

Harold Blackshaw, Midland
Graham Blum, Mid Anglia
John Button, Mid Anglia
Philip Byers, Midland
Benjamin Cumberland, E Midland
Maxwell Fuller, BB&O
Chris Garnett, Mid Anglia
John Glover, Midland
Richard Hawkins, Midland
Aaron Pears, E Midland
Jonathan Poole, E of England
David Seals, E Midland
Henry J Starkey, E Midland
Stephen Tunnicliffe, E Midland
Andrew Wood, E Midland

S E Region

Stephen Coates, Surrey
Edward Davison, London
Gregg Hall, Kent
Neil Kortas, London
Sean O'Connell, Sussex
Mark Poland, Sussex
Jason Sarna, Sussex
Michael Scriven, Kent
Eric Simmonds, Surrey
Roger J Smith, Kent
Raymond Victory, Sussex
James Webster, Kent
Benjamin Whibley, Kent
Jamie Wright, Kent

S West Region

Keiran Dewbery, S West
Martin Lane, S West
Howard Mogridge, S Wales
Dale Northway, S Coast
Kevin Sturney, S Coast

Northern Ireland

William Black

Republic of Ireland

Daniel Crowley
Keith Lowson

International Members

John Jackson, Austria
Francois Pujot, France
Edward Kutt, USA
Kenneth Nice, USA
Troy Russell, USA
Dean Baker, Canada

Associate Members

James Finlayson, Central
John Dobson, Northern
John Marriott, Northern
Simon Squires, Northern
Les Emery, E Midland
Daniel Beckley, London
Colin Murphy, S Wales
Oliver Sutton, Rep Ireland

Corporate Members

Stewart Finney, Sheffield
Neville Pearson, Sheffield
Martin Buckland, N West
Chris Stansfield, BB&O

Student Members

Alasdair McLeod, West
Michael Robinson, N West
Scott A Wildman, N West
Robert Dunkley, Midland
Christopher Brownlow, N Ireland



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...



Elliott Small

Immediate Past Chairman

Name: Elliott Small

Golf Club: Tulliallan GC

Association Position: Immediate Past Chairman

How long have you been a member of BIGGA?
From the start

Where do you hope the Association will be in 10 years time?

Still working for the good of all members and being given credit by some for work that has been done.

For what would you most like to be remembered?

Being Chairman in the Year 2000 and hopefully for doing the best I could over the last 30 years to improve our lot.

For what would you least like to be remembered?

For along with the late Harry Diamond and Bert Cross being the b*****s who woke poor greenkeepers at 5am for duties at The Open (poor souls only had two hours sleep). Sorry lads!

Why did you take on a more involved role in the running of the Association?

I'm old enough to remember terrible conditions greenkeepers used to work under and wanted to do something about it.

Name one thing which would improve the Association?

Bring the GTC in with BIGGA and make every golfer play for education and training.

What is your claim to fame (None, not acceptable)?

Riding in the Royal cavalcade in the Duke of York's security car to the opening of BIGGA HOUSE. I even had the cheek to wave to the crowds.

Describe BIGGA in 15 words

An Association where all the members are of equal importance from apprentice to Course Manager.