



BIGGA's Membership Services Officer, Tracey Maddison, starts the new year with a warm welcome to some new members of the Association, and some important renewal information to existing members...

HAPPY reNEWal YEAR

Welcome to the first Membership Update for 2001. BIGGA would like to wish all existing members and prospective new members, a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your 2001 Membership Renewal Pack contains important information, which as a Greenkeeper Member of BIGGA, you need to be aware of. For example, all Greenkeeper Members are covered by a personal accident insurance scheme. You can increase this personal protection benefit yourself by reading the form in your pack and using the tear off slip attached. A simple, one off payment could secure you up to £50,000 in increased benefits in addition to your standard BIGGA personal protection package.

For 2001 BIGGA have joined forces with Westfield Health Scheme to bring you a specially designed health care plan. You can choose a plan that most suits your lifestyle, to cover you for the cost of minor medical treatments not normally covered by the NHS. In this way, you will always have the funds to pay for dental treatment, glasses or contact lenses, physiotherapy and a whole host of other treatments, including consultation by a specialist. By ensuring that you have the funds, you can ensure that you have the treatment when you most need it, as opposed to when you can afford it.

When your 2001 Renewal Pack arrives check the contents carefully. The address card in the front contains your membership card - **DO NOT THROW THIS AWAY**. All Greenkeeper Members are required to sign the card and attach a passport size photograph to the card before sealing it in the wallet provided.

Finally, a reminder to all Greenkeeper Members whose membership expires this month. You should have received your renewal pack through the post for completion. If you are still awaiting your pack, please telephone the Membership Services Department on 01347 833800.

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

Robert Brown, West
Scott John Henderson, Ayrshire
Gordon Ewan Logan, West
Robert McDowell, West
Michael McLerie, West
William Hamilton Muir, West
Michael Bruce Romaszkiwicz, Central
Darren Welsh, West

Northern Region

Andrew Chambers, N West
Adam Richard Lamb, N West
Andrew Lee Morrison, N East
Darren Rimmer, N West

Midland Region

Shaun Bodkin, E Midland
Steven Cherry, BB&O
Sam Stephen Harris, BB&O
Steven David Hiron, BB&O
John Osborne, E of England
Scott Pritchett, E Midland
Ian Smith, Mid Anglia

South East Region

David John Barnes, London
Gary Branchett, Kent
Daniel Burrows, London

Ian Cole, Sussex
James George Gardner, Surrey
David Jones, London
Steven Denis Levermore, Essex
Steven John Moss, Surrey
David Joseph Newman, Surrey
Derek Robson, Surrey
Les Salmon, Surrey
Louis Arthur Tranter, Sussex
Daniel Robert Walder, Surrey
Kevin Mark Weller, Sussex

S West & S Wales Region

Neil Bennett, S West
David B Findlay, S West
Graham Anthony Henson, S West
Jamie Starr, S West
Roger Derrick West, S West
Graham David West, S Coast

Northern Ireland

Robert Crooks
Gordon McBride
Paul McFadden

International Members

Jovan Antunovic, Austria
Ian James Mitchell, Austria
Douglas L Nelson, Germany
Agust Jensson, Iceland

Gavin Edward Matthews, Norway
Roy Trydal, Norway
Craig Alexander Mackay, Spain
Ph Rasmusson, Sweden

Associate Members

Andrew Astle, E Midland
R Donald, BB&O
Graham Miller, E Anglia
Philip Ryland, South West
Adisai Ngamjitsukri, Far East

Student Members

Elisabeth Sowler, East
Jonathan Scott Crook, N West

Check out your February edition of **Greenkeeper** for all of the new members from December 2000!

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, Gary Willson of Avisford Park GC.

Get online, it's

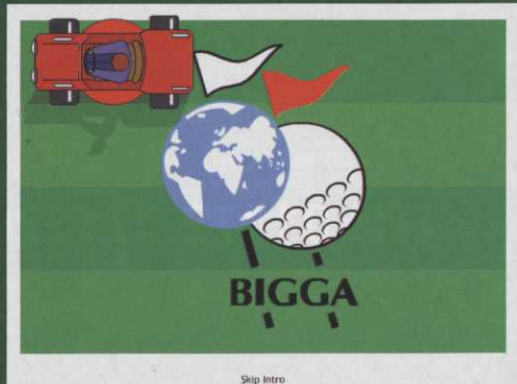
Since BIGGA relaunched its website in June this year, we have been constantly updating and adding new and improved content for members and visitors alike. As part of our continual programme of improvement we are now proud to announce the launch of our brand new 'Time to Talk' Bulletin Board. This service will enable all Greenkeeping members of BIGGA to discuss any topic of interest relevant to their profession, online.

How do I chat online?

'Time to Talk' is located in the BIGGA website Members' Area, and can be accessed by logging into the Greenkeeper Members Area. Simply enter your surname and date of birth, and once in the Members' Area, click on the Bulletin Board icon. A second window will automatically open, from where you can either register (if you are new to the Bulletin Board), or Login, if you have previously registered.

Once you have completed the registration process, you can login, and go to the Home Page of the Bulletin Board. From here you can organise your home page to meet your own requirements and select and view any of the discussions ongoing. You can create a new topic, or reply to an existing one. How about;

- Getting help and advice from fellow members?
- Renewing friendships with colleagues?
- Sharing ideas and challenges online?
- Car sharing to BTME 2001?



Whatever your question, BIGGA's 'Time to Talk' Bulletin Board is the place to ask it. So visit www.bigga.org.uk and login to the members area for an exciting and communicative experience!

