

**Tracey Maddison, BIGGA's Membership Services Officer, would like to welcome over 130 new members to the Association and encourage them to take part in their section's events**

## Section seminars well worth a visit!

In March and April I had the opportunity to visit three fantastic and informative Educational Seminars at section level. This not only gave me the opportunity to meet BIGGA members and for them to meet me, but it also provided me with a valuable insight and an essential overview into what a skillful job greenkeeping is. That's why it is important for you to try and attend and support these seminars, they provide an excellent opportunity to improve knowledge, mix with fellow greenkeepers, the trade and to engage in interesting conversation regarding your chosen profession. Many people spend a lot of their own personal time organising these seminars and section events. Don't let them down, please make every effort to attend.

We realise you cannot attend them all but it would be nice to see you at one or two. I know it can be difficult if you are new to the section, but if you never go along you will always be new and never meet your fellow section members! Go on take the plunge, check your fixture card for the next section event and go along. If you haven't got a fixture card contact your section secretary, the numbers can be found in March's Greenkeeper International.

### Don't Drift Away ...

If you're membership expired on 31 December 2000, 31 January 2001, 28 February 2001, 31 March 2001, don't miss out any longer, renew your membership this month. Providing you are working as a greenkeeper, we will still have your details on our



database and can renew your membership with a new expiry date, you can even pay by direct debit if you wish. Don't leave it any longer, if you need a renewal form or further information contact Tracey or Susannah in Membership Services today, ring 01347 833800.

### This was your chance ...

... did you take it? As mentioned in both March and April's magazine BIGGA have commissioned an independent market research study. Financially supported by the R & A and carried out by Mike Williamson of MW Associates, based in Edinburgh, 2000 questionnaires were sent out to a random sample of members. If you received one of these surveys from Mike and have returned it - thank you for taking part! Just to remind you of the two main aims of this survey:

We want to know what our members, and those with whom we

### You've got m@il!

If you've got an email account why not send an email to the membership department, where we can place you into our exclusive members email address book. We can then keep you up to date with membership news and events as they happen.

**Send an email to:**  
 membership@bigga.co.uk  
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work most closely in the golf industry, think of the services we offer and the way we deliver them.

We are also looking for new ideas, particularly in the areas of sales and marketing, so that we can protect and enhance the income base on which our continuing growth depends.

### Eurocheque reminder to Overseas Members

For all those overseas BIGGA members who have previously or are thinking of paying for their membership by Eurocheque, unfortunately, the UK banks are no longer accepting these as valid forms of payment. Included within your renewal form should be information on other ways to pay including BIGGA's banking details.

If you are in any doubt please send an email to either tracey@bigga.co.uk or susannah@bigga.co.uk, for further information.

## April'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 April's winner, Tony Gerrard of Halifax GC.

## BIGGA welcomes ...

### Scottish Region

Derek Adams, East  
 James A Aitken, Central  
 Andrew M Brake, East  
 Gary A Bryden, Ayrshire  
 Daniel M Campbell, East  
 David J Drummond, East  
 Blair Edgley, East  
 David Gibson, West  
 David Hannan, Wests  
 Graeme D Hope, West  
 Steven Laird, West  
 Tony McCourt, West  
 Iain McFarlane, West  
 Gary McKenna, Central  
 Andrew Muir, West  
 Paul C Murray, North  
 Andrew H Ramsay, Central  
 Heenan Scott, Ayrshire  
 Edward Smith, East  
 Alexander Stewart, East  
 Stuart J Thomson, Central  
 Gareth Williams, Ayrshire  
 Jim Wilson, West

### Northern Region

Neil J Austin, N West  
 Christopher Barnacle, Northern  
 David Bateman, Northern  
 Tom R Bennett, Northern  
 Leigh Dyson, N West  
 Gary Dyson, Northern  
 Martin Eccleston, N West

John Grainger, Northern  
 Simon J Grugan, N West  
 Graham Kellett, N West  
 Carl Matthewman, Sheffield  
 Brain P McCrae, N West  
 Grant T McDougal, N West  
 Liam A McGeough, Cleveland  
 Steven Millar, N West  
 Stuart A Morrison, N East  
 Paul Rendle, N West  
 David B Sayer, Northern  
 Shaun Stokell, Cleveland  
 George S Thomas, N West  
 Steve Trowsdale, N East  
 Robert Turner, Northern  
 Kristian Webster, N West  
 Peter J White, N West

### Midland Region

Timothy Bloodworth, E Midland  
 Michael D Chua, BB&O  
 Liam M Daley, Mid Anglia  
 Richard Dexter, E of England  
 Matthew D Forbes, Mid Anglia  
 Gregory Swan, Mid Anglia  
 Iain J McNab, Mid Anglia  
 Stewart D Pendleton, BB&O  
 Pasquale Ruocco, BB&O  
 Neil Stevens, Mid Anglia  
 Daniel J Waterman, Mid Anglia

### South East Region

Wayne Batson, Sussex  
 Andrew R Brown, Sussex  
 Douglas Budd, Surrey  
 Stuart A Collins, Kent  
 Adam Flood, London  
 David Freestone, Surrey  
 James R Hickmott, Kent  
 Oliver D McAllister, Surrey  
 Keith A McQuillan, London  
 Robert J Middleton, Surrey  
 Matthew Nutter, Surrey  
 Lee Russell, Surrey  
 Robert Sadler, Surrey  
 Chris Smith, Kent  
 David M Tomlin, Kent

### SW & S Wales Region

Kevin Arnold, S Coast  
 Andy Balcombe, S Coast  
 Dave Bell, S Coast  
 James Davies, S Coast  
 Andrew J Dunstan, Dev & C'Wall  
 James Hoyer, Dev & C'Wall  
 James Kennedy, S Coast  
 James Kennedy, S Coast  
 James Lang, S Coast  
 Lawrence W Osborne, S West  
 Richard D Parsons, S Coast  
 Thomas Prosser, S Coast  
 David Ross, S Coast  
 Matthew Stewart, Dev & C'Wall  
 Mark Woolley, S Wales

### Northern Ireland

Michael Feeney  
 Edmund A J Morrison  
 Gordon E Nimmo

### International Members

Sean D Baxter, Austria  
 Mark A Mascolo, Norway  
 Peter Standen, Spain  
 Bo Goransson, Sweden  
 Leif Mattsson, Sweden  
 Fredrik Seeger, Sweden  
 Tapio Tuoma, Sweden  
 Len Curtin, USA  
 Kenneth B Ingram, USA  
 Stephen Matuza, USA  
 John O Keefe, USA

### Corporate Members

Jock Eddington, Central  
 Michael Eddington, Central  
 Steve Isaac, North  
 Neil MacDonald, Central  
 Willie Whitfield, Central  
 Richard Windows, West  
 Henry Bechelet, Northern  
 Emma Beggs, N West  
 Alistair Beggs, N West  
 Daniel Binns, N West  
 Stuart Ormoundroyd, Northern  
 Jeff Perris, Northern  
 Robert Taylor, Northern

Tim Lodge, E Anglia  
 Steve Gingell, S Coast  
 Neil Squires, S Coast  
 Peter Winter, Dev & C'Wall  
 Ian McClements, Rep Ireland

### Associate Members

Gary Cooper, N East  
 Peter J Davison, E of England  
 David Robins, Dev & C'Wall  
 Kevin M Kenny, Rep Ireland  
 Eva Meyle, Denmark  
 Santesson Gerber, Sweden

### Student Members

David P Edmondson, N West  
 Alastair B Gauld, N West  
 Ashley A Williams, N Wales  
 Glen J Brooks, E Midland  
 Wally Sweetman, Sussex  
 Oliver Butler-Henderson, S West  
 Gregory Jackson, Australia

Check out June's edition of  
**Greenkeeper**  
 INTERNATIONAL  
 for all of the new members from  
 April 2001.

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club.

Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star.



**Name:** Stephen Smees

**Club:** Southwick Park Naval Recreation Centre, Portsmouth

**Position:** First Assistant

**Age:** 31

**1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?**  
 10 years

**2. What education are you currently undertaking?**  
 NVQ Level 3, Sparsholt College

**3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?**  
 Irrigation

**4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?**  
 Digging Ditches

**5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?**  
 Plumber

**6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?**  
 Head Greenkeeper, Nick Beadle

**7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?**  
 Better understanding between golfers and greenkeepers

**8. What are your hobbies?**  
 Football and darts

**9. What do you get out of BIGGA?**  
 Good magazine and a chance to meet other greenkeepers from the area

**10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?**  
 Be a Head Greenkeeper of a course somewhere