

This month, Tracey and Susannah from BIGGA's Membership Services Department, remind you of the fantastic BIGGA Waterproof suits for sale and introduce members from Germany

Remember remember the rain in November!

Do you remember last November? How much rain did the UK have? Don't leave it too late to order your waterproof suits from BIGGA. Made by Sun and Rain, the suits are available in navy colour consisting of a jacket with inside pocket, the BIGGA logo is subtly placed on the left chest with a small logo on the back of the collar, matching trousers with drawstring waist complement the jacket making this a smart looking suit. Sizes available are medium, large, extra large and extra extra large and at £59.95 inc VAT and post and packing this a great value suit. To order suits or for further details contact Tracey or Susannah in Membership Services on 01347 833800.

BIGGA Membership Photocard Update

Keep those photo's coming in! Once again, thank you to all those members who have sent us a passport photograph of themselves for processing. Don't wait for the rush to begin, please help us by sending us your photograph as soon as possible 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 so we know who you are!

October'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 November's winner, Andrew Miller, Stockbrook Golf & CC



BIGGA has almost 300 international members situated throughout the world in as many as 31 different countries. This month we would like to welcome our members from Germany and give some interesting facts about the country

Willkommen – Focus on Germany



Location:

Central Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, between the Netherlands and Poland, south of Denmark

Currency:

Deutsche mark (DEM); euro (EUR)
 Note: on 1 January 1999, the EU introduced the euro as a common currency and from 1 January 2002 the existing national currency will be replaced by the euro resulting in the deutsche mark no longer being legal tender.

Population:

83,029,536 (July 2001 est)

Official Languages:

German

Time Zone:

1 hour later than GMT

Capital:

Berlin. Other main cities include: Hamburg, Munich, Cologne, Essen

Places of Interest:

The Black Forest, Harz Mountains, Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains), Bavarian Alps, Fichtelgebirge. Rivers include: the Rhine, the Danube, the Oder, the Elbe and the Ruhr.

Golf Clubs:

There are over 600 Golf Courses located throughout Germany, with over 250 listed in the R & A Golfer's Handbook 2000.

Useful contacts:

Greenkeeper Verband Deutschland e.V., the German Greenkeeping Association have more than 700 members, they can be contacted at:

Greenkeeper Verband Deutschland e.V. Geschäftsstelle, Viktoriastrasse 16, D-65189 Wiesbaden, Germany
 Tel. +49 611 901 87 25
 Fax: +40 611 901 87 26

On the German Menu

Westphalia ham with buttered bread and Steinhager (juniper-flavored brandy)
 Wurst, sausages: Brunswick Mettwurst (Smoked pork), Weisswurst (veal & herb), Leberwurst (liver sausage).
 Tafelspitz = braised beef with horseradish
 Rosti = potato pancakes fried with onion and butter
 Himmel und Erde = Heaven and Earth: pureed apples and potatoes topped with blood sausage
 Schwarzwälder = Black Forest Cake, a chocolate cake with cherries, whipped cream, grated chocolate
Prosit!

Cheers! Whatever language you use, raise a toast of either beer or wine. German beer is clearly the beverage of choice, with hundreds of varieties produced. Dark, light, aged, young, berry-flavored — the varieties are endless. Part of the fun of travelling through Germany is tasting the wide range of these brews. Look for those with full heads that leave foam, known as Brussels lace, clinging to the sides of your glass.

Scottish Region

David Leys, West
 Lorraine Paterson, Central
 Andrew Paterson, West
 Eric Wilson, Central

Northern Region

Richard Barnes, N Wales
 Matthew J Dobbs, N West
 James R High, Northern
 Mark A Jones, Midland
 Steven Pickering, Sheffield

Midland Region

James Arthur, Midland
 Paul Bowen, Midland
 Glyn Buckley, E Midland
 James Canham, E of England
 Paul J Crowther, BB&O
 Barrie J Darsley, Midland
 Robert Duval, E Midland
 Wayne Gun-Munro, Midland
 Gary Hill, Midland
 John Hislop, Midland
 Philip Lewis, Midland
 Robert Massey, Midland
 Mark Minton, Midland
 Richard Osgood, BB&O
 David Rotheram, Midland
 Dennis W Sherlock, Midland
 Keith Swan, Midland
 Frank Tong, Midland
 Andrew Tudor, Midland

South East Region

Ashley Clark, E Anglia
 Niall J Costello, London
 Paul Edwards, Essex
 Graham Goldrup, Surrey
 Ivan J Killip, Surrey
 Timothy D Maynard, Kent
 Barry Sharma, London
 Matthew D Thomas, Surrey
 Jason D Woodger, Surrey

S West Region

Thomas Glover, Devon & Cornwall
 Paul Hazell, S Coast

Republic of Ireland

Eamonn Delaney,

International Members

Johnny Mortensen, Denmark
 Eva Ek., Sweden
 Karel Marik, Czech Republic

Associate Members

George J Uzans, N West
 Paula N Dickson, London
 Lynda Green, E Anglia
 Jeremy R Cole, S West
 Tor Senstad, Norway

Willkommen...

Gareth Anwell, Southern Golf Bad Waldsee
 Colin J Atkinson, Gut Rieden GC
 Henry Baldwin, GC Bonn
 Kevin J Barsley, Golf Akademie Dusseldorf
 David F Bartley, Golf C Schloss Myllendonk
 James Borders, Oberheisscher GC
 Denys P C Bristow, GK Braunschweig
 Andrew Buck, Golfsport Willich
 Peter W Cairns, Golf Klub Braunschweig
 Markus Christ, G C Lobenfeld-Heidelberg
 Carl S Clayton, LBN Landschaftsbau
 Paul E Crispin, G C Schloss Weitenburg EV
 Iain Douglas, GC Silt
 David Duke MG, G & CC Seddinersee
 Andrew Foyle, GC Im Chiengau
 John France, Golf Und Landhotel
 Peter A French, GC Feldafing EV
 Robert A Gorwill, Golf Park Rittergot
 Kevin Grainger, Baden Hills
 Robert Hargreaves, GC Treudenberg
 D Hart, John Deere Ltd
 Jeffrey I Heath, Golfanlage Schloss
 Andreas Heising
 Gordon J Howat, Munchener GC
 Bryan Inglis, Am Alten Fliess C.V
 Andrew T Jeffery, Golfclub Munchen Nord-
 Steven C Jones, Herford GC
 Herr U Kayser, Bernhard & Co Ltd
 Terence Kelleher, Baden Hill GC
 Ronald K P Kennedy, Gc Reichmannsdorf
 Andreas M Krichel, Bad Eilsen
 Rolf Kruger, Rain Bird Deutschland GMBH
 Malcolm Lewis, Jakobsberg Golf Hotel
 Norbert Lischka, Hamburg-Falkenstein GC
 Gordon MacGregor, Sennelager GC
 Stewart MacIntosh, GC Leverkusen
 John MacKay, Gut Wissmannshof GMBT
 David Mallinder, Schloss Myllendonk EV
 Neil L Millward, GC Mannheim
 Trevor J Mitchell, Golf Park Winnerod
 Colin Moseley, RAF Bruggen GC
 Douglas L Nelson, Andy Clark's Golf Center
 Kevin L Phillips, GC Hohenpahl
 Christopher W Ramsden, GC Hubbelrath
 Christopher J Raper, GC Hossel EV
 Jonathan M Roberts, Golf-Und Country Club
 Peter Robinson, Park Village Golf Anlagen
 Frank Schafer, Hamburger GC
 Klaus D Schmitt, GfA Of Germany
 Severin Schmitz MG, Essener Haus Oefte GC
 Hermann Schulz, Gut Kaden
 Neil C Shawcross, Baden Hills
 Graham R Shiel, GC Schloss Elkofen
 Craig L Smith, Cormorant International
 Craig H Stewart, Wittelsbacher Golfplatz
 Paul E Summers, Sennelager GC
 Joseph R Swing, Golf U.Land Club
 Mark Timberlake, Zu Gut Ludwigsberg
 Colin G Turner, GC Herford
 Karl N Waddell, Golfanlage Iffeldorf
 Andrew J Wilkinson, Brodauer Muehle GC
 Raymond E Williams MBE, Gutersloh Garrison GC
 Paul Woods, Sennelager GC

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...



David Walden

Board Member

Name: David Walden

Golf Club:

Thorpe Wood GC, Peterborough

Association Position:

Board of Management Member for Midlands Region

How long have you been a member of BIGGA?

From humble beginnings in Brighton as EIGGA

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

Improved profile and recognition as the only club for greenkeepers with ambition

For what would you most like to be remembered?

Helping BIGGA to move forward and further greenkeepers' careers

For what would you least like to be remembered?

For achieving nothing while a Board member

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

Helping to put something back into what has been a good career for myself

Name one thing which would improve the Association?

All members working together to improve all grades of membership and profession

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

ICI Greenkeeper of the Year for 1994

Describe BIGGA in 15 words

Beginning of an extremely Interesting life in Grasses and Grounds maintenance within a good Association