

**This month, Tracey and Susannah from BIGGA's Membership Services Department, would like to welcome almost 75 new members to the Association and keep you up to date on 2002 Membership news**

## Get the most from your membership

If you have renewed your membership or joined BIGGA this year, you will have received a Membership Pack through the post which includes information on all the benefits and services offered to you as a BIGGA Member. This pack is important and needs to be referred to if you require further information, or in the case of a full greenkeeper member, require the use of the legal helpline or need to claim from the personal accident insurance cover. A second membership pack will not be sent unless requested.

From 1st January 2002, the Membership Department are going to issue plastic Membership Photocards for all Greenkeeping Members of BIGGA. This card will be sent to you together with a renewal letter and a leaflet updating you on the benefits and services of membership to BIGGA. If you have mislaid your membership pack you will need to contact Membership Services for a replacement. We cannot send you your membership card until we have a photograph of you! Beat the rush and send your photograph to Tracey or Susannah in the Membership Services Department today! Don't forget to write your name, date of birth and membership number on the back.

### BIGGA to introduce Minimum Qualification

As from 1st February 2002 all NEW applicants applying for Greenkeeper Membership will need to state on their application form whether they hold a minimum N/SVQ Level 2 Sportsturf qualification (or equivalent) and enclose proof of competence e.g. a copy of an NVQ certificate or indicate whether they are in training to achieve this minimum qualification. This will effect the category of membership for which the applicant is applying.

The application form, although longer than in previous years, will be easy to complete and will include guidelines. See Education Update on page 10 for further information on the minimum qualification.

### Increase your personal protection benefit

As part of the Greenkeeping Membership, all Greenkeeping Members are covered by the standard BIGGA personal protection package. This provides cover for Greenkeeper Members for any accident they may have at home, work or even on holiday. Each member can increase this personal

**Increase your personal protection benefit**  
 A simple, one-off payment could secure you up to £50,000 in increase benefits in addition to your standard BIGGA personal protection pack

During the period of insurance, a member retains a limited liability for any negligence or loss of income or loss of earnings, but the company will pay the amount of benefit awarded.

Claims arising from this insurance should be notified to the underwriter as soon as possible. Details of the underwriter and the terms and conditions of the policy can be found in the pack.

Single members (not married, widowed or divorced) can increase their personal protection benefit to £50,000 by paying a one-off fee of £10.00. Married members can increase their personal protection benefit to £50,000 by paying a one-off fee of £15.00. This fee is payable to the underwriter.

protection by completing the tear off slip attached to the information leaflet in the membership pack. A simple, one off payment could secure members up to £50,000 in increased benefits. If any member would like further information please contact the Membership Services Department.

### Important news for members

The December and January membership renewals will be mailed out in November, if you have moved and need to advise us of your change of address please contact Membership Services as soon as possible to amend your records. BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwick, Aine, York YO61 1UF, telephone 01347 833800, fax 01347 833801 or email: tracey@bigga.co.uk/susannah@bigga.co.uk

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...



## Ian Holoran

Board Member

Name: Ian Holoran

Golf Club: Middlesbrough Municipal

Association Position: National Board of Management

How long have you been a member of BIGGA? Since 1987

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

To have an improved image, so that every greenkeeper wants to be an active member

For what would you most like to be remembered?

Apart from being a lottery winner, it would be making a contribution to running a members' Association that we can be proud of. And for the Whitelaw Bowl Golf Tournament in Cumbria

For what would you least like to be remembered?

The Section golf match with North East Section and being beaten by Jimmy Richardson who has never let me forget

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

To give something back after taking so much out

Name one thing which would improve the Association?

Members to have immediate access to support systems if problems arise in the course of their work

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

Being asked to present Prince Andrew with a gift on behalf of the Association

Describe BIGGA in 15 words

Association forming a communication link for all greenkeepers. Helping to improve standards in the greenkeeping profession



## Leisurewear that's well worth a look!

BIGGA now offer you a fantastic choice of BIGGA logo Leisurewear

### Cutter & Buck Classic Polo Shirts complete with BIGGA logo

Available in sunflower with navy trim, and navy with cream trim 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, p+p

### 2. V-neck long sleeve, available in navy only, sizes from 40" to 46", larger sizes available on request. £34.95 inc. VAT, p+p

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

### 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, p+p

### Slazenger Baseball Caps

Available in khaki with navy peak, one size fits all with adjustable strap. £12.95 inc. VAT, p+p

### BIGGA Members Lapel Badge

BIGGA has introduced a new "Members" enamel lapel badge. Available to all members at the special rate of £2.50 inc. VAT, p+p

For further information contact Tracey or Susannah in Membership Services.

## 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 October's winner, Martin Mabey, Wareham Golf Club.



## BIGGA welcomes ...

### Scottish Region

Kevin Bunyan, Ayrshire  
 Mark Carey, Ayrshire  
 David A Jeffrey, Ayrshire  
 Sandy Laurie, Ayrshire  
 Ian McEwan, North  
 Andrew W Nixon, North  
 Euan Scott, Central

### Northern Region

Stephen Cresswell, N West  
 Anthony V Gibson, N East  
 Thomas W Melia, N East  
 Paul M Roberts, N Wales  
 Richard Storey, Sheffield

### Midland Region

Robert A Coppack, Midland  
 James W Martin, Midland  
 James Newton, E Midland

Malcolm O'Brien, Midland  
 Neil A Robinson, Mid Anglia  
 Gary D Salisbury, E of England  
 John L Walters, E Midland

### South East Region

David Ballantyne, Kent  
 Darren J Batchelor, Sussex  
 Paul A Brown, Essex  
 Robert S Burr, Kent  
 Andrew P Butcher, Kent  
 Neil M Coleman, Kent  
 Roy J Eaton, Surrey  
 Steven Everett, London  
 Mark Foster, Kent  
 Kevin Francis, Kent  
 Alastair Hollingsbee, Kent  
 Darren J Kenward, Surrey  
 Alexander E McDermott, Kent  
 Andrew Orme, Kent  
 Mark A Pattenden, Kent  
 Gary P Sargent, Kent

Ian Smith, Surrey  
 David R Stenton, London  
 Michael T Wheaton, Sussex  
 Christopher Wright, Kent

### South West Region

Kevin P Cailles, S Coast  
 Paul J Cooper, S Coast  
 Christopher P Desmond, Dev & C'wall  
 Philip Duckett, S West  
 Paul J Heath, S Coast  
 Kevin J Hensman, S Coast  
 Craig Reeve, S West  
 Ian P Reeves, S Coast  
 Justin M Smith, S Coast  
 Barry Stevens, S West  
 Wayne Townsend, S West  
 Dan J Young, S West

### Northern Ireland

Gerard Cooper

### Republic of Ireland

Christian J O'Sullivan  
 Alan Walsh

### International Members

Gordon MacGregor, Germany  
 Paul E Summers, Germany  
 Joseph R Swing, Germany  
 Donald J Bain, Norway  
 Mikael Waldner, Norway  
 Michael Arat, USA  
 Gareth J Davies, USA  
 Brian R Haum, Canada  
 Rhod Trainor, Canada  
 James M Farrar, Africa

### Corporate Members

David P Snowden, Northern  
 Ken Day, France  
 Bill Byrnes, USA

### Brian Goodwin, USA

### Associate Members

David Storey, Northern  
 Peter Helps, BB&O  
 Ryan Peddle, Surrey  
 A Liddiard, S West  
 Kevin N Munt, S Coast

### Student Members

Mark S Crossley, N West

Next month ...  
 September's  
 latest members