

Rachael and Gemma from the membership department welcome 68 new members to the Association and would like to take this opportunity to wish every member a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



How well do you know the people who work for the Association?

In this new series we give you a chance to learn a little more about a member of BIGGA's Headquarters staff



Rachael Palmer

Position:
Membership Services Officer

What does your role involve?
Processing renewals and new members; dealing with queries and responding to members' requests. Also developing initiatives for expanding the membership base; improving members' benefits and giving presentations to members and non-members

How long have you worked for the Association?
Since March 2002

Where were you born and brought up?
Born in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, but brought up on the Isle of Whyte from 18 months old

Where did you work before you joined BIGGA?
Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes

What are your hobbies?
Watching Leeds United; keep fit, cycling and going to the pub

What is your favourite food?
Mexican

What is your favourite film?
Grease

What was the last book you read?
"Cat" by Freya North, a book based on the Tour de France

Who is your all time hero?
Haven't got one

What was the best event you've ever attended?
My wedding to Stuart

What is your claim to fame? (None not acceptable)
Appear very briefly on the 2001/2002 season Leeds United video


Time to renew

If you are one of the many members who renew their membership in December or January every year then you should very shortly be receiving your renewal pack. If you haven't received it by the middle of December please contact Membership Services and we will issue a replacement. You should find a pre-printed renewal form within your pack. Please check the details are correct and if not there are spaces provided for your changes. You will be pleased to note that you do not have to provide a photograph this year. A Time to Renew Newsletter is also included within your pack informing you of any changes to your membership package. If you have any questions regarding anything to do with your membership, then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01347 833800.





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RALLY DRIVING COMPETITION WINNER

Rob Rowson, of Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel, is the delighted winner of the Rally Driving Day. When BIGGA rang to inform Rob he was absolutely speechless. Martin Pitt was the new member referred to BIGGA by Rob and he wins a voucher so he can go on an activity day of his choice. Martin said he was "over the moon" with the win.

Rob Rowson
Martin Pitt

DECEMBER'S 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 Clock/calculator/calendar and alarm. Our congratulations go to December's winner, Robert Boyce, of Links (Newmarket) Golf Club.

Message of the Month Winner



Each month the person who has written the best message on the BIGGA Bulletin Board, which is found on the BIGGA website www.bigga.org.uk, receives one of these FM desktop scan radios.

Our congratulations go to December's winner Marc Haring from Cumberwell Park Golf Club who's message was posted on the 7th October under the Talk about Turf section.

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| <p>Scottish Region</p> <p>Mark Littlejohn, East
Ryan MacDonald, East
Joe Robertson, East</p> <p>Northern Region</p> <p>Jeffrey Cullen, N East
Neil, Goodman, Mid Anglia
Iain Leary, N Wales
Richard Lewis, N West
James Lord, N West
David Turner, Sheffield
Leslie Vardall, Sheffield
David Weir, N West
Alexander Wishart, N East
Michael Wiszniewski, N West</p> | <p>Midland Region</p> <p>Christopher Bailey, E Midland
David Bangham, Midland
Derek Beba, E of England
Asa English, E Midland
Jonathan Hubbard, E of England
Adam King, BB&O
Johnathan Lloyd, Midland
Jon Sharp, Midland
Jon Volans, Midland</p> <p>South East Region</p> <p>Greg Adams, Essex
Paul Andrews, Surrey
Scott Bibby, Essex
Michael Bower, London
Martin Brightwell, E Anglia
Gregory Evans, London
Richard Forbes, Surrey</p> | <p>Glenn Gardiner, Essex
Daniel Graham, E Anglia
Nicholas Hammond, Surrey
Mark Henderson, London
Richard Kennaird, Sussex
Paul Massey, Kent
Kevin Morris, Kent
John Oram, Sussex
Sillito, Sussex
Malcolm Thomasson, Surrey
Craig Wretham, Kent</p> <p>S West/S Wales Region</p> <p>Susan Dow, Devon & Cornwall
Roy Dow, Devon & Cornwall
Steven Edge, Devon & Cornwall
Scott Gregor, S Coast
David Patrick, S Coast
Michael Patrick, S Coast</p> | <p>Michael Sage, S West
Kevin Shilston, Devon & Cornwall
Martin Slater, Devon & Cornwall</p> <p>Republic of Ireland</p> <p>Johnathan Palmer
Martin Travers</p> <p>International</p> <p>Antoine Challe, Denmark</p> <p>Student Members</p> <p>Cristina Battisti, West Scotland
Judith Colley, N West
Paul Owen, N West
Graham Wickes, Essex</p> |
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