

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.

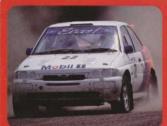
# Time to renew

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.



### Do You Pay Your Own Subs?

If the answer to the above is yes then you can apply to the tax office for a refund of 23% of your subscription amount. To make sure you benefit from this all you have to do is either inform your local tax office that you are paying your own subscriptions or fill out a completed form available from BIGGA House and send it in to them. You are entitled to this refund because BIGGA is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a legitimate professional body and membership fees to such bodies are eligible for tax relief.



## **RALLY DRIVING** COMPETITION WI

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.



**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.

Haring from Cumberwell Park Golf Club who's message was posted on the 7th October under the Talk about Turf section.

**BIGGA** welcomes..

### Scottish Reg

Mark Littlejohn, East Ryan MacDonald, East Joe Robertson, East

### Northern Region

Jeffrey Cullen, N East Neil, Goodman, Mid Anglia Iain Leary, N Wales Richard Lewis, N Wales James Lord, N West James Lord, N West David Turner, Sheffield Leslie Varndall, Sheffield David Weir, N West Alexander Wishart, N East Michael Wiszniewski, N West

### Midland Region

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

#### South East Region

Greg Adams, Essex Paul Andrews, Surrey Scott Bibby, Essex Michael Bowern, London Martin Brightwell, E Anglia Gregory Evans, London Richard Forbes, Surrey

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

## S West/S Wales Region

Susan Dow Devon & Cornwall Roy Dow, Devon & Cornwall Steven Edge, Devon & Cornwall Scott Gregor, S Coast David Patrick, S Coast Michael Patrick, S Coast

Michael Sage, S West Kevin Shilston, Devon & Cornwall Martin Slater, Devon & Cornwall

Republic of Ireland Johnathan Palme Martin Travers

### International

Antoine Challe Denmark ident Members

Cristina Battisti, West Scotland Judith Colley, N West Paul Owen, N West Graham Wickes, Essex

### Associate Members

Keith Berners, Mid Anglia Christian Moughan, Northern Matthew Salmon, Mid Anglia Howard Stephenson, Northern Brian Tebbutt, N West

### Corporate Members

Scott Banks, East Scotland Andy Church, London Dave Cryan, N East Barbara Jarman, Surrey David Jenkins, Surrey Graham Mace, Midland David Watson, Surrey

### How well do you know the people who work for the Association? In this new series we give you

People

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

Our congratulations go to December's winner Marc