

This month, Tracey and Susannah from BIGGA's Membership Services Department, would like welcome almost 60 new members to the Association and update you on the new Membership Card

It's never too late to renew!

If your membership expired in December 2001 or January 2002, it is still not too late to renew. Just return your form with confirmation from your Golf Club that you are still a Greenkeeper, payment and a photograph of yourself and we will process your renewal as soon as possible. If you have not yet got a photograph just send us your old membership card already containing your photograph and we can use that.

If you have retired from greenkeeping or are about to retire, your membership doesn't have to retire with you. Why not apply for retired membership and keep in touch with your friends and the industry and carry on receiving your valuable copy of Greenkeeper International. Just ring Tracey at BIGGA HOUSE.



Good News ...

After last month's successful BTME show in Harrogate, BIGGA joined over 60 new members to the Association, and renewed over 130 at the show. It was a pleasure to meet so many new and existing members face to face. At this very busy time of the year for Membership we endeavour to process your requests as quickly and efficiently as possible, however, should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sad News ...

On Friday 15th February, BIGGA's Membership Department will be saying a sad goodbye to Susannah Sweeney, Membership Services Assistant. Susannah is leaving the Association to join her husband RAF Sgt Mark Sweeney, who has been posted to Kinloss. I would personally like to thank Susannah for all her hard

work and on behalf of all the Staff and Members, would like to wish Susannah and Mark all the very best in their new posting. News of Susannah's replacement will be printed in a future issue of Greenkeeper International.

Membership Photocard update

The new Membership Photocards are now in circulation. We would appreciate any feedback on the new type of card, please send your comments to tracey@bigga.co.uk

Today, almost all ID cards or Membership cards carry a photograph of the member, your Association is no different. For many years each greenkeeper member has had to place their own photograph on their card, to save each member from repeatedly doing this each year, we are now producing plastic cards with your photograph pre-scanned. You only have to supply us with one photograph and this will be re-printed each year on to a new card. The new cards will continue to promote the professional image that the Association has achieved.

February'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 Clock/calculator/calendar and alarm. Our congratulations go to February's winner, Michael Frappell of Lamerwood Golf Club.

International welcome

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 the bordering countries of Austria and Switzerland.

Austria

- Jovan Antunovic, Golf Club Linz
- David Baker, Ernegg
- Sean Baxter, Colony Club Gutenhof
- Wayne Beasley, Golf Club Adamstal
- Simon Cooper, Colony Club Gutenhof
- Martin Dumbrell, Golf Und Freizeitpark
- Julian Farrimond, Golf Club Linz
- Tryggvi Gunnarsson, Oddfellow
- John Jackson, Colony Club Gutenhof
- Nicholas Lush, Colony Club Gutenhof
- Paul Marsden, Gut Altentann
- Jason Mitchell, Colony Club Gutenhof
- David Shaw, Golf Club Ottenstein
- Adam Turner, Colony Club Gutenhof

Switzerland

- Robert Beeby, Gstaad Saanenland
- Kevin Caples, Niederburen Golf Club
- Steve Elms, Golf Club Blumisberg
- Viviane Lalandre, Syngenta Crop Protection AG
- Richard McGlynn, Golf Club Ybrig
- Jose Milan, Syngenta Crop Protection AG
- Jean-Bernard Mittaz, Lausanne Golf Club
- Nicolas Morlet, Delavaux
- Austen Sutton, Syngenta Crop Protection AG
- Steven Tierney, Golfpark Nuolen AG
- Arne Van Amerongen, Harradine Golf
- Rolf Von Avx, Golf Club Nuolen AG
- Mark Zajac, Syngenta Crop Protection AG

A BIGGA welcome...

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members ...

Scottish Region

- Mark Cummine, West
- Graeme Latto, West
- Martin Smith, East
- John Thorburn, West
- Wallace Wilson, West

Northern Region

- Robert Drake, N West
- Jonathan Gable, N Wales
- Mark Heald, N West
- Max Hedingham, N West
- John Lea, N West
- David McCormack, N West
- James O'Neill, N West
- Gary Parker, N Wales
- Mark Shuttleworth, N West

- Jamie Swallow, N West
- Graham Swarbrick, N West

Midland Region

- Justin Bygrave, Mid Anglia
- Kevin Mills, Mid Anglia
- Richard Padbury, E of England
- Wayne Smith, Midland
- Gary White, Midland
- Gary White, Midland
- Barry Wright, Midland

South East Region

- Chris Dawson, London
- Jon Goodman, Essex
- Christopher Gurton, Essex
- Richard Linnen, Essex
- Gavin Mason, Surrey
- Trevor Ockenden, Kent
- Trevor Ockenden, Kent

S West & S Wales Region

- Mark Fowler, S West
- Peter Havard, S West
- Paul Long, S Wales
- James Mason, S Coast
- Roger Roberts, S West

Northern Ireland

- Steven Henry
- Brain McConway
- Allister McEwen
- Chris McIlroy
- Robert Patterson

International Members

- Jason Mitchell, Austria
- Bajarni Hannesson, Iceland

Associate Members

- Vincent Gregory, Sheffield
- Robin Snow, Sheffield
- Jean Jegard, Mid Anglia
- John Murray, BB&O
- Lawrence Dennis-Smith, Sussex
- James Edwards, Essex
- Matthew Fowler, Surrey
- Andrew Creed, S Coast
- Henrik Hansen, Denmark

Student Members

- Stephen Blackwell
- Dean Talbot

YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

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
tracey@bigga.co.uk

Take a time-honoured look back through the pages of Greenkeeper International from a decade ago



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'Greenkeeper International' reported that if ever proof was needed that the greenkeeping profession is in a very healthy state - along with the industry it services - the undeniable evidence was to be found in Harrogate at the fourth and best ever BTME. From the opening ceremony, when a relaxed and smiling Viscount Whitelaw announced the launching of the new Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund, offered congratulations to Laurence Pitthie on his Master Greenkeeper achievement and praised all members of the greenkeeping profession for having "arrived and come of age" in no uncertain measure, the feeling throughout was one of upbeat optimism. The show refused to lie down in the so-called doom and gloom of current business fashion, whilst one informed wag likened the letters BTME to Brilliant Times, Magnificent Enthusiasm!

The magazine reported that at the launch ceremony at the BTME, there were three worthy recipients of somewhat special awards. In 1987, when the former greenkeeping associations amalgamated to form BIGGA, the British Golf Greenkeepers Association placed its funds in trust for the very purpose of promoting greenkeeper training. Now those trustees, Alan Gamble, Alan Kite and Ivor Scoones had begun to wind-up the trust and to transfer monies held to the new Education and Development Fund. It was for their selfless service as trustees that Viscount Whitelaw made the awards.

It was announced from Somerset's Cannington College that a Higher National Diploma in Golf Greenkeeping with European Studies had been developed and would commence in September 1992, coupled with the revelation that a new resource, a full length nine hole golf course, was to be built with stunning views overlooking the Quantock Hills and within sight of the Bristol Channel.