UPDATE UPDATE UPDATE

Membership

This month, Rachael Palmer from BIGGA's Membership Services would like to welcome 47 new members to the Association and also welcomes Gemma Lee to the department

Remember your benefits!

Now that summer is well and truly here we are all more likely to be out enjoying the sunshine, playing sport or even indulging in a spot of DIY or gardening.

Whatever you get up to this summer it's worth remembering that all Greenkeeper members are covered by the personal accident insurance that is provided as a benefit of membership.

The personal accident package provides cover for any accident you may have at home, work or even on holiday subject to certain exclusions. The schedule of benefits include payments for total disablement through to loss of fingers or toes and temporary disablement. You can also increase your own personal protection with a one off annual payment which could secure you up to £50,000 in increased benefits.

In the event of an accident likely to give rise to a claim you should immediately call 0161 935 2935 remembering to have your BIGGA membership number ready.

Personal Accident Insurance

If during the period of insurance a member sustains accidental bodily injury resulting solely and independently of any other cause within two years in Death or Disablement the Company will pay the amount of benefit specified.

Principal Exclusions

Claims arising from the following causes are excluded - being under the influence of drugs; having a blood alcohol/drugs level in excess of the legal limit whilst driving a motor vehicle; war & terrorism; pregnancy; sickness or bodily injury resulting from a gradually operating cause. Intentional self injury, suicide or any attempt thereat, engaging in any form of aerial flight other than as a passenger. Active service in any of the Armed Forces of any nation. Own criminal act, deliberate exposure to needless peril (except in an attempt to save human life).

Claims Procedure

In the event of an accident likely to give rise to a claim you should immediately notify:
Heath Lambert Group, Riverside, Chester House, New Bailey Street, Manchester M3 5AG
Telephone: 0161 935 2935 Fax: 0161 839 2839

To avoid delays please quote your membership number and give brief details of the claim. You will be advised of any further action to take. Medical Certificates will be required, at your own cost, to substantiate your claim.

All policies operate from receipt of your membership application by BIGGA.

Insurers

The scheme is insured by Royal & SunAlliance Group.

Brokers

The Scheme Brokers are: Heath Lambert Group, Tower House, Merrion Way, Leeds LS2 8PQ
Telephone: 0113 246 1313
Heath Lambert Ltd is a member of the General Insurance Standards Council (GISC)

Note: This is a summary of cover only, a full policy wording is available on request from the Scheme Brokers.

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0161 935 2935

A warm welcome

With Rachael having taking over from Tracey Maddison as Membership Services Officer her role of Membership Services Assistant has been taken by Gemma Lee (below).

Gemma (19) was born in Bradford but moved to the York area eight years ago, and now lives in Easingwold, just a few miles from BIGGA HOUSE. In fact she was at Easingwold School at the same time as another BIGGA staff member, Brad Anderson.

Prior to joining the Association she worked in the Customer Services Department of Norwich Union, based in York, having previously achieved her NVQ in Advanced Health and Social Care at York College. Her interests include socialising with friends, going out for meals, cinema and swimming.

"I'm delighted to have joined the Association and am looking forward to getting to know many of the members over the next few months and years," said Gemma.

July'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 July's winner, Alan Gibson, of West Lothian Golf Club.

Membership renewals

Keep those renewal forms coming in! Remember we can use any clear photograph of yourself on your new membership card as long as it is approximately passport photo size. If you are still having difficulty getting a photo organised send your renewal form back to us anyway so that you don't miss out on the benefits of membership and we will sort your photo out at a later date. It's not too late to renew if your membership expired in December, January, February, March or April just return your green renewal form and we will issue a new expiry date.
If you have mislaid your form then call either Rachael or Gemma in Membership Services on 01347 833800 and we will issue a replacement.

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

Thomas Aitchison, Central
Alan Brown, West
Martin Fabiani, West
Marc Gray, North
Mark Roberts, Central
Jeff Ryce, Central
Edmund Wood, West

Northern Region

Alex Haworth-Law, N West
Eliot Parker, N West
Paul Roocroft, N West
Andrew Somerset, N West
Guy Webster, Cleveland

Midland Region

Adam Amos, Mid Anglia
Daniel Barnes, E England
Robert Collins, BB&O
Lee Folbrigg, Mid Anglia
David Gass, Mid Anglia
Paul Harris, Mid Anglia
Michael Johnson, BB&O
David Knight, BB&O
Tim Needham, E Midland
Marc Pritchard, Mid Anglia
Robert Sandilands, Midland
Robert Siggers, BB&O

South East Region

Stuart Ashley, E Anglia
Keith Howard, Surrey
Murray Long, Surrey
Jason McBride, Surrey
David Parker, Surrey
Christopher Parratt, Surrey
Matthew Summerfield, Surrey
Chip Thompson, Surrey

S West/S Wales Region

Jamie Evans, S Wales
Andrew Gogan, S West
Matthew Perry, S West
Graham Smedley, S West

International

Gary Finnerty, Ireland
Steve Gonyea, USA
Paul Malone, Ireland
Patrick Truchan CGCS, USA

Associate Members

Martyn David, S Wales
Tim Hath, Northern
Dennis Humphries, N West
Sean Malherbe, Midland
John Wanklyn, S West

Corporate Members

Geoffrey Burgess, S West

Student Members

Steven Porteous, W Scotland

IN THE NEWS

People

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 Foster

Name: Rachael Foster

Position: Receptionist/Administrator

What does your role involve? Organisation of the reception area; booking Key Room hire; the magazine database; merchandise and BIGGA blazers

How long have you worked for the Association? One year and five months

Where were you born and brought up? Marlbrough, Wiltshire but spent 17 years living in Jersey before moving here two years ago

Where did you work before you joined BIGGA? Kleinwort Benson (Jersey) Ltd

What are your hobbies? Teaching aerobics/step/boxercise and personal training. Also swimming, touch rugby and cooking

What is your favourite food? Seafood/Spanish

What is your favourite film? Dances with Wolves

What was the last book you read? How to be Good by Nick Hornby

Who is your all time hero? Jimmy Connors

What was the best event you've ever attended? 1. The birth of my daughter, Stephanie. 2. Seeing Robbie Williams in concert

What is your claim to fame? (None not acceptable) 1. Taking an aerobics/boxercise class for 100 people to raise £5000 for Cancer Research. 2. Meeting Ian Woosnam at a party in Jersey