

This month, Tracey Maddison from BIGGA's Membership Services Department, would like welcome almost 140 new members to the Association and update you on the new Greenkeeper Membership Application Form ...

The future's bright, the future's Orange

The new orange coloured Greenkeeper Membership form is now in circulation. It includes the 2002 membership subscription prices plus details regarding sending in a passport photograph of yourself.

If you need a form, please contact BIGGA reception on 01347 833800 or via reception@bigga.co.uk, and they will be happy to send you some forms out.

Any current greenkeeper member who is due to renew their membership from 30 March 2002 will automatically receive a copy of the new membership application in their renewal pack. Don't throw it away, pass it on to a colleague and encourage them to join BIGGA, don't forget to put your name and membership number on the reverse - Section 6 Membership Introduction. You could win one of our 'all-in-one' clock/calculator/calendar and alarm.

Help increase membership of your Association by introducing a colleague. They could soon be benefiting from the many section, regional and national educational courses available and at subsidised prices, the legal helpline, personal accident insurance, naming but a few of the many benefits and services available to greenkeeping members of BIGGA.

You've got m@il!

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
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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 France and Spain.

France

David Abercrombie, Alsace Golf Club
 Richard Barnes, Kikuoka Country Club
 Peter Bird, Saint Junien GC
 Guillaume Cadic, Golf National
 Yves Kerambrun, Rain Bird France
 Daniel Lederlin, Rain Bird Europe S.A.R.L.
 Stephen Okula, Golf De Joynval
 Katrin Pelanchon, Rain Bird Europe S.A.R.L.
 Leslie Pillier, Golf De Pessac
 Francais Pujo, Golf De Saint-Cloud
 John Stevenson, Golf De Joynval
 Robert Wood, Golf Du Coiroux

Spain

Jose Manuel Barbancho Ruiz, Student Member
 Gary Blyth, Melia Sancti Petri Golf
 Vicente Coll Pons, Golf Son Saura S.A.
 Enrique, Diaz Cortes, Real Sociedad Hipica De Golf
 Roy Machray, Marriott Son Antem
 Stephen McMahon, Club De Campo Javeu Nunez, Marriott Son Antem
 Jaime Ortiz Patino, Valderrama Golf Club
 Jaime Rivera, Rain Bird Uk/Ireland
 Peter Standen, Golf De Andraxt S A

March'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 March's winner, Bruce Cruickshank of Roxburghe Hotel & GC.

A BIGGA welcome...

Scottish Region

Shaun Anderson, Central
 Neil Banner, Central
 Phil Barclay, West
 Craig Bayne, East
 Matthew Brereton, Central
 Duncan Cairnie, East
 Alistair Connell, Ayrshire
 William Craig, North
 David Eardley, West
 John Henderson, Central
 Gilbert Hepburn, Central
 Nicholas Horsfield, Central
 Keith MacKinnon, Central
 David Manson, Central
 Gordon Maxwell, West
 Colin McKay, Central
 Robbie Murdoch, Central
 Michael Petrie, Central
 Peter Phillips, West
 Andrew Pickard, Central
 Peter Robertson, West
 Brian Sharp, Central
 Alastair Storey, Ayrshire
 John Watson, Central
 Jody Wilson, Central
 Gordon Wood, East
 Gareth Wright, East

Northern Region

John Astles, N Wales
 Jamie Bayne, N Wales
 John Dales, Cleveland
 Roger Douglas, Cleveland
 Andrew Drummond, N West

Midland Region

Edward Brown, BB&O
 Terry Cheese, Midland
 Stanley Cleaver, Midland
 Benjamin Darlison, E Midland
 Darren Evans, Midland
 Sarah Gray, Mid Anglia
 Mark Holman, Mid Anglia
 Martin Hopkins, E Midland
 Matthew Huddleston, Mid Anglia
 Neil Lawrence, Midland
 Clifford Lee, Midland
 Michael Luff, Midland
 Craig Makut, BB&O
 Alan Neale, Midland
 Philip Nixon, Midland
 Peter Sherman, Midland
 Arthur Sproson, Midland
 Leigh Swann, Midland
 Mark Sweeney, BB&O
 Steven Thompson, Midland
 Craig Watt, E Midland
 Neil White, E of England

South East Region

William Backshall, Surrey
 David Bain, Surrey
 Mark Careford, London
 Paul Enfield, Essex
 Timothy Howard, Surrey
 Robert Mills, London
 Richard Robinson, Surrey
 Bradley Sim, London
 Gary Smith, Surrey
 Andrew Taylor, Surrey
 David Theyre, Surrey
 Steven Vaughan, Surrey

S West & S Wales Region

Ben Baker, S Coast
 Matthew Coburn, Dev & C'Wall
 Craig Dunbar, S West
 Mark Gray, S Coast
 John Griffiths, S Wales
 Steven Hall, Dev & C'Wall
 David Harding, Dev & C'Wall
 Peter King, S Coast
 Anthony Moore, Dev & C'Wall
 George Pitts, S Coast
 John Powell, S West
 Simon Pratt, Dev & C'Wall
 Alan Pyne, Dev & C'Wall
 Colin Roose, Dev & C'Wall
 John Scott, Dev & C'Wall
 Andrew Steele, S Coast
 Andrew Taylor, S West

Northern Ireland

Frank Ainsworth
 Greg Ferson

International Members

Andreasen Flemmings, Denmark
 Svend Knudsen, Denmark
 Robert Holdtorsson, Iceland
 Gunnar Johannsson, Iceland
 Paolo Luongo, Italy
 Jon Wiggett, Switzerland
 Matthew Bourne, USA
 Scott Williams, USA

Silver Key Co Members

Syngenta Professional Products:
 Viviane Lalandre
 Jose Milan
 Austen Sutton
 Mark Zajac

Associate Members

Andrew Allan, North
 Edward Ainsworth, N West
 Fraser Hallingwell, Northern
 Peter Longson, N West
 Andrew Mair, N East
 Declan Kearney, N West
 Paul Taylor, Northern
 Alan White, Northern
 Eddie Bullock, BB&O
 Glenn Butcher, Midland

Chris Faulkner, BB&O
 Matthew Tutt, E Midland
 Philip Wilkinson, E of England
 Paul Grigg, London
 Graham Kingsland, E Anglia
 Christopher Mardon, Kent
 Stephen Wilson, E Anglia
 Bernard Wall, S Coast

Student Members

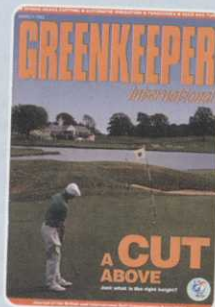
Nicholas Casson, N West
 Dale Frith, N West
 Edward Green, Northern
 Stephen Adams, Midland
 Jonathan Taylor, Midland
 Paul Coffill, Kent
 Paul Davy, London
 Matthew Salmon, E Anglia
 Adrian Curtis, S Coast
 Elizabeth Crowley, Rep of Ireland
 Jose Manuel Barbancho Ruiz, Spain

Don't miss the April edition of



for all the new members from February 2002

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



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The column this month is given over to an infamous trip to the BTME in Harrogate and the obstacles to be overcome to get there. Gordon Child takes up the story...

'Arctic Expedition'

On the clear frosty morning of January 21st, our coach arrived promptly at 9.00am to begin our 'journey into the unknown'. All seemed well at the first pick-up point - Exeter Golf and Country Club - and with half our party on board we proceeded to the M5.

Flashing lights soon revealed that our boot door had flown open and a few miles and a few more flashing lights later we also discovered the loss of an excessive amount of water. It was decided to proceed to junction 24 for our lone-ranger (waiting in a lay-by) and we just made it! Then the coach stubbornly refused to move and after some pondering it was decided to withdraw to the nearest pub and communicate the problem to those waiting 'up the line'.

After a 150 minute delay a second coach was commissioned and we continued our great adventure. A few miles further and it became painfully obvious that no heating was included in the package deal. Temperatures were falling and there was danger of hypothermia, so no-one was allowed to sleep. Great initiative was shown by the Board of Management member who turned his cap inside out and proceeded to keep the windscreen clear for the driver. Finally arriving at our destination - some three hours later - those able-bodied members of the group still capable unloaded the coach, while others tried to free themselves from the refrigerator container.

The final day proved no less exciting with a warmer journey home anticipated. Saying our farewells we prepared to leave at 12.30pm. Once again it was not to be, for our coach seemed to prefer Harrogate and after two hours delay a new coach was boarded - leaving the first vehicle to rest in peace. This proved to be the best decision made all week and a warm and comfortable journey was achieved at last - even prompting an outburst of song. Despite the trials and tribulations, everyone wished to take up the challenge next year.