

Rachael and Gemma from the membership Department would like to wish every member a very happy New Year and welcome 44 new members to the Association.

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

A Warm Welcome Awaits

BTME and ClubHouse 2003 will be a first for both Gemma and I. We are both looking forward to meeting as many members as possible and hope to see you there. We will be on hand on the BIGGA Stand in Hall Q Stand Q69 to deal with all your membership queries.

Rachael and Gemma will be available on the BIGGA Stand to:

- Collect membership renewal forms
- Hand out replacement renewal forms
- Change Personal and Golf Club details
- Collect new membership application forms
- Hand out membership information
- Hand out field guides on production of your membership card
- Answer questions on your membership package
- Hand out details of the direct debit scheme and tax relief forms

Why not come along and find out more about the new SilverKnight benefits introduced this year and what else is new to your membership package.

As ever copies of the BIGGA produced education and training videos will be available for purchase as well as three of the most popular books borrowed from our library, Practical Greenkeeping by Jim Arthur, Golf Course Presentation by John Hacker and George Shiels and A Practical Guide to Ecological Management of the Golf Course by Bob Taylor.



Rachael Palmer



Gemma Lee



Ken Richardson

Position:
Education and Training Manager

What does your role involve?
A wide range of tasks including: Arranging training courses for members and staff. Arranging Education Conference, Workshops and Seminars at BTME. Liaison with GTC. Controlling Education and Development Fund. Administering Student of the Year Competition. Administering Environment Competition. Administering Library. Introducing Field Guides. Producing and distributing Careers Information. Managing investors in People. Administering Master Greenkeeper Scheme. Selling and supporting OnCourse software. Running IT Training Courses

How long have you worked for the Association?
8 1/2 years

Where were you born and brought up?
Bradford, West Yorkshire

Where did you work before you joined BIGGA?
Royal Air Force

What are your hobbies?
Gardening, Walking, Reading

What is your favourite food?
Steak

What is your favourite film?
Joint: Great Escape/Battle of Britain

What was the last book you read?
Apart from Jim Arthur's Practical Greenkeeping, Dad's Army

Who is your all time hero?
Leo Lennon (My lecturer at college)

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

What is your claim to fame? (None not acceptable)
Playing football at Valley Parade. Eating lunch with Princess Margaret. Introducing Sentry E3- D AWACS to service in 1991 (No, I've got no idea either - Editor)

Keep your feet dry without wellies!



Have you ever wished you could banish your wellingtons and keep your feet not only dry but warm in more comfortable shoes or boots. Well Sealskinz have come up with the answer, WATERPROOF SOCKS. Yes they do really work. My husband, Stuart, is a keen cyclist and he absolutely swears by them. The socks are 100% waterproof and breathable and they can go in the washing machine on a 40 degree wash. They are absolutely ideal for any activity where you are out in the rain, be it at work, playing golf or indeed on your bicycle.



Sealskinz also produce waterproof gloves which are designed to offer excellent grip and dexterity in wet conditions and again they are machine washable.

BIGGA have teamed up with Sealskinz to offer members an exclusive deal on these unique products

The socks usually retail at £20 per pair but we are offering them at £16.00 plus £1 p+p

The gloves usually retail at £22.50 but we are offering these at £16.00 plus £1 p+p

BUY ANY COMBINATION OF TWO FOR ONLY £29.50 plus £1.50 p+p

Available from BIGGA House and the BIGGA Stand at BTME and ClubHouse 2003. For more details please contact Rachael Foster on 01347 833800.

JANUARY'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 January's winner, Steven Curtis, of Richmond Park 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 January's winner Robert Holland, from Birchwood Park Golf Centre, whose message was posted on the 22nd November under the Education and Training for Greenkeepers section.

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

Allan Bange, North

Northern Region

Benjamin Besau, Northern
John Bond, North West
David Gardiner, Northern
Christopher Harding, North West
Tim Randall, North West
David Reed, North East
Scott Robinson, North West

Midland Region

Paul Bowen, Midland
John Crowe, BB&O
James Nicholls, Midland

South East Region

Philip Collier, Surrey
Nigel Downs, Essex
Gregory Knight, Essex
Peter Marney, Surrey
Stuart Toop, London

S West/S Wales Region

Justin Austin, South West
Richard Barter, Devon & Cornwall
Jeffrey Diment, South Coast
Kevin Noyce, Devon & Cornwall
Dylan Rennick, South Coast
Ben Scully, South West

International

Koen Verhelst, Netherlands
Paul Kaufman, USA

Student Members

Eoghan Buckley, Rep of Ireland
Craig Cameron, Central Scotland
Neils Dokkuma, Netherlands
Michael Ellis, Central Scotland
Robert Tosh, Ayrshire

Associate Members

Timothy Cannon, East of England
Wesley Emerson, N Ireland
John Graham, N Ireland
Tom Jones, South West

Corporate Members

Mark Booker, Rep of Ireland
Gerry Coffey, Rep of Ireland
Chris Faulkner, BB&O
Dick Holgate, BB&O
Jason Scott, BB&O
Rod Townsend, South West

Golden Key Member

Gary Smith, West Scotland