

Prestigious events require volunteers

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal St. George's Kent, July 17-20 2003

The BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team at The Open Championship will be involved in early morning course preparation, bunker raking while matches are in play and evening course repair. You must be available from Wednesday evening 16 July, through to the close of play on Sunday 20 July.

Whilst all transport, accommodation and meals will be provided between these dates it is the team member's responsibility for travel from home to the venue and return.

Full BIGGA members only may apply to be considered for the Team, and must apply to: John Pemberton, BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Alne, York, YO61 1UF. Should you require any further information then John can be contacted on 01347 833800 or via e-mail: john@bigga.co.uk

The closing date for applications for the Open is Friday 14 March 2003.

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The Wentworth Club

The Association will again be providing a support team for the final two days of this prestigious event which this year are Saturday 24 May and Sunday 25 May. Each member will be allocated a match and will walk the course with the game, raking any bunkers found by the players.

In addition, should adverse weather conditions prevail, you may be required to assist the Wentworth greenkeeping staff in keeping the course playable.

You will be responsible for your own transport arrangements to the course and there is no provision for overnight accommodation.

You may apply to help on either or both days and usually all those who apply are given the chance to participate on at least one day.

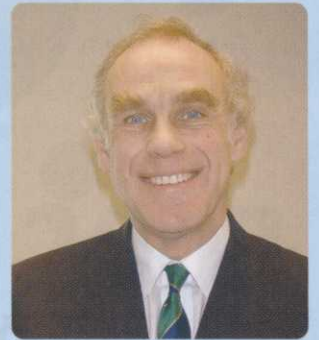
When applying please give details of your polo shirt size as this may be provided together with daily meal vouchers.

Helping at this event will not prejudice your chance of a place on The Open Championship Support Team.

Applications to Derek Farrington, BIGGA Regional Administrator, 35 Cleveland Road, Worthing, Sussex BN13 2ES Tel: 01903 260956 Email: derek.farrington@tesco.net

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



Tony Cocker

Position:
Assistant Accountant

What does your role involve?
Looking after the receipts and accounts and preparing monthly management accounts

How long have you worked for the Association?
Since January '97

Where were you born and brought up?
Lancashire - Red Rose forever!

Where did you work before you joined BIGGA?
Newspaper publishers in York

What are your hobbies?
Transport, travelling and watching sport

What is your favourite food?
Thai and Indian

What is your favourite film?
Die Hard with a Vengeance

What was the last book you read?
John Simpson's autobiography

Who is your all time hero?
Ian Botham

What was the best event you've ever attended?
1961 FA Cup Final where my team, Blackburn, played - but lost!

What is your claim to fame? (None not acceptable)
Winning a cricket cap when playing at Old Trafford for North Lancashire Schoolboys

MARCH'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 March's winner, Anthony Woolley of Piltdown 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 March's winner Timothy Allard from Charnwood Forest Golf Club, posted on the 5th February 2003 under the 'Talk about Turf' section.

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

Thomas Adamson, Central
Neil Cross, Central
Jamie Downie, Central
Euan Ferguson, Central
Neil Henderson, Central
Derek Lithgow, Central
Scott Reid, West
David Twaddle, West
Mark Wilson, West

Northern Region

Nicholas Davenport, North West
Paul Farrelly, North West
Gary Robertson, North West
Phillip Wrigley, North West
Jonathan Conway, Northern
Andrew Hunter, Northern
Gary Rollinson, Northern
Matthew Davies, North Wales
Jamie Williams, North Wales

Midland Region

Steven Kirk, East Midland
Katherine Walls, East Midland
Andrew Allcock, Midland
Michael Deakins, Midland
David Harding, Midland
Ian Holden, Midland

Jarrold Hughes, Midland
Krzysztof Misiaczynski, Midland
Gareth Morgan, Midland
Filip Naglak, Midland
James Neale, Midland
Alan Parton, Midland
Philip Rainsford, Midland
Tom Shinkins, Midland
Greg Smith, Midland
David Steventon, Midland
Bevan Tattersall, Midland
C Warr, Midland
Gordon Cooke, East of England
Anthony Hore, BB&O
Paul Appleby, Mid Anglia
Ian Ballard, Mid Anglia
Robbie Butler, Mid Anglia
Robert Duncan, Mid Anglia
David Kinchella, Mid Anglia
Charlie Milbourn, Mid Anglia
Kevin Miller, Mid Anglia
Alastair Ogilvie, Mid Anglia
Leigh Welford, Mid Anglia

South East Region

Sam Bethell, Surrey
Alan Dyer, Surrey
Nick Foley, Surrey
Moray Juby, Surrey
Richard Pennell, Surrey

Adam Pierson, Surrey
Robert Wallis, Surrey
Matthew Gray, Kent
David Bircham, East Anglia
Matthew Jordan, East Anglia
Carl Taylor, East Anglia
Robert Coughlan, Essex
Andrew Holman, Essex
Tommy Hunter, Essex
Terry Hunter, Essex

S West/S Wales Region

Desmond Watts, South West
Benjamin Hosking, Devon & Cornwall
Justin Searle, Devon & Cornwall
Francis Austen, South Wales
Clive Moran, South Wales
Wayne Tregonning, South Wales

International

Gary Baxter, Austria
Stig Helm-Petersen, Denmark
Nigel Prestwich, Germany
Joroen Brouwer De Koning, Netherlands
Colin Fenby, USA
Dick Gray, USA
Alan Hospes Cgcs, USA

Student Members

Sean Berry, Central
Calum Brydon, Ayrshire
Steve Newell, Central
Craig Spruce, North West
Mark Bell, Essex
Richard Butler, South Coast
Robert Mitchell, South Coast
Craig Reid, South Coast

Corporate Members

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Eric Hunter, North East
Ian Robinson, North East
Paul Gardiner, BB&O
Ian Geoffrey, Midland
Tony Snaith, East Midland
Nigel Howe, South West

Associate Members

Bob Twaddle, East Scotland
Michael Caplan, North West
Nick Gladstone, Northern
Michael Lukar, Kent
Desmond Meharg, South Coast
Tracey Criaik, Spain