

Rachael and Gemma from Membership Services would like to welcome 76 new members to the Association and talk about fraudulent use of BIGGA cards.

# Membership Update

## Be Vigilant!

As reported in the news last month it has come to our attention that fake BIGGA cards are being used to gain courtesy golf. At first we thought the problem was confined to the North Yorkshire and Manchester areas, however we have since had a call from Cornwall, indicating the use of fraudulent cards is more widespread.

We are asking all members to show the Pro and the Club Secretary their cards so they are aware of what a valid membership card should look like.

If your club is presented with a fake card please ask for additional ID and if you can record the name and address of the user. If it is possible please confiscate the card. If you are at all unsure about a particular card please give the membership department a call and we will be happy to confirm the owner's membership.

Please inform us if any of these cards are presented at your club so we can build up a better picture.

The courtesy golf scheme relies on the goodwill of golf clubs and if the system is abused then you are at risk of losing it.

▼ An example of the correct BIGGA membership card



## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

Please be ready to quote your membership number when calling.

### GREENKEEPER MEMBERS ONLY

Free Legal Helpline ..... 0800 068 1893  
 Personal Accident Insurance ..... 0800 316 1331  
 Ask for ext. 8788

### ALL MEMBERS

Privilege Platinum Card ..... 0800 587 8800  
 LEX Personal Car Leasing ..... 0800 419 930  
 Quote: 'Staffselect - BIGGA'  
 Heath Lambert Affinity Partnerships  
 Insurance Quotation Service ..... 01603 828255  
 Arco Hotline ..... 01482 611773  
 20% off Selected Products  
 Silver Knight Rescue ..... 0800 068 1893  
 Silver Knight Repair ..... 0800 068 1893  
 BIGGA Merchandise & Library ..... 01347 833800  
 Education and Training Advice ..... 01347 833800  
 Membership Queries ..... 01347 833800  
 BIGGA Website ..... www.bigga.org.uk

## National Championship 2004

The National Championships will this year be held at Alwoodley Golf Club, Leeds, on the October 4 and 5.

The Championship will produce the BIGGA National Champion over 36 holes of play, based on the lowest handicap score. This year the entry form for the championships appeared on page 10 of the May edition of Greenkeeper International. If you can't locate your May magazine then contact Sarah Norris for further details and an application form on 01347 833800 or see the website: www.bigga.org.uk and click on the 'events page'.

### BIGGA welcomes...

#### SCOTTISH REGION

Steven Arnott, North  
 Andrew Baillie, East  
 Graeme Black, East  
 Christopher Bruce, North  
 Robert Bryant, East  
 John Douglas, East  
 Stephen Grant, North  
 Mark Healey, West  
 David Leys, North  
 Ian McIntyre, Central  
 Jon Methven, Central  
 Craig Reynolds, Central  
 Richard Thompsett, East

#### NORTHERN REGION

Michael Anderton, Northern  
 Nick Armstrong, North East  
 David Bateman, Northern  
 Stewart Brown, North west  
 Joe Buckley, Northern  
 Michael Douglas, North East  
 Benjamin Greaves, Northern  
 Richard Hetherington, North East  
 Mark Hirst, Northern  
 Gavin Pickard, Northern  
 Chris Stephens, Northern  
 Gordon Street, Northern

#### MIDLAND REGION

Paul Barnes, BB&O  
 Gareth Dennett, Midland

Glenn Gibbons, BB&O  
 Lucy Giles-Townsend, Midland  
 Rodney Ludgate, BB&O  
 Kenneth Mackie, Midland  
 John Munro, BB&O  
 Alexander Piziura, Midland  
 Edward Short, BB&O  
 Paul Tustain, Mid Anglia  
 Andrew Westley, East Midland

#### SOUTH EAST REGION

Russell Bain, Kent  
 John Beamont, Surrey  
 Ian Boothby, London  
 Paul Brady, London  
 Danni Chandler, Kent  
 Paul Davy, East Anglia

Richard Edwards, East Anglia  
 Daniel Frost, Essex  
 James Gill, East Anglia  
 Glen Holman, Kent  
 Jason Hunt, Surrey  
 Justin Hunt, East Anglia  
 Alvin Huxen, Essex  
 Alex Keene, Kent  
 Paul Knight, Surrey  
 Jason Lock, Kent  
 Jonathan Marwick, Surrey  
 John McDonagh, London  
 Peter Millin, Sussex  
 Gary Moore, Surrey  
 Benjamin Scrivener, Essex  
 Warren Torch, Kent

#### SOUTH WEST/SOUTH WALES

Michael Harris, South Wales  
 Chris Trott, South West

#### INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Vincent Cowway, USA  
 Todd Raisch, USA

#### STUDENT MEMBERS

Paul Stevens, Surrey

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Kenneth Cousineau, Canada  
 Kevin Gates, N Ireland  
 Ian Henderson, East Scotland

#### CORPORATE MEMBERS

James Bragg, Kent

#### GOLDEN KEY MEMBERS

Tom Barnes, BB&O  
 T Dunlop, Ayrshire  
 S Gooch, North West  
 C Hennah, South West  
 David Roberts, BB&O  
 S Thompson, N Ireland  
 S Yamada, BB&O  
 Tim Yates, BB&O

## JUNE'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 0.5 litre isolating flask suitable for hot and cold drinks and soups.

Our congratulations go to Jeffrey Mills from Taunton and Pickeridge 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 an 18 litre Gelert Rucksack featuring a multi function organiser, 2 mesh pockets and a grab handle. (Rucksack supplied may be a different colour to that featured).

Our congratulations go to June's winner, Jason Bradbury from Royal Automobile Club whose message was posted on 30th April 2004 under the 'Talking Shop' section.

