



## Where do your Subscriptions go?

It is a popular misconception among some members that their combined subscription forms the major part of the income for the Association and that these funds are used to maintain an 'ivory tower' at Aldwark Manor.

In reality the bulk of the Association's income comes from commercial activities, mainly its annual exhibition, advertising and sponsorships as shown in Chart 1 which is taken from the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2003. The profit from these ventures is used, in part, to fund a wide range of member benefits which are automatically given to members or which are available through the Association's provision for education.

These benefits include: free accident insurance, free legal help for the member and his/her household, 12 issues of Greenkeeper International magazine, access to both free and heavily subsidised training, free entry to a variety of competitions, free inclusion in a national discounted purchasing scheme, the opportunity to receive educational grants and access to specially negotiated rates on a variety of products. The average cost of tangible benefits per member for 2003 was £68.93 (Chart 2) compared with an average income from each member of £58.75, this does not include related staff and administration costs at Headquarters. The discount scheme, introduced in 2004, costs an additional 80p per member.

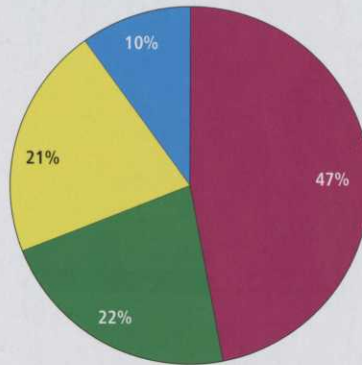


CHART 1 - INCOME ANALYSIS

- BTME/ClubHouse
- Membership
- Advertising
- Other

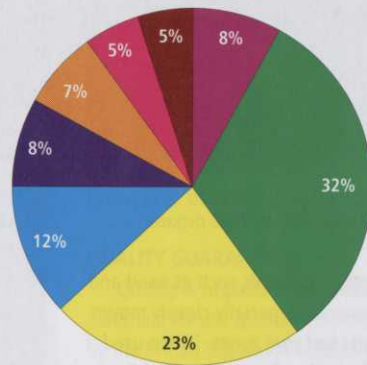


CHART 2 - MEMBER COST ANALYSIS (excluding headquarters)

- Accident Insurance
- Greenkeeper International
- Regional & Section Support
- Legal Help
- Courses
- Learning Materials
- Grants
- Directory

### BIGGA welcomes...

#### SCOTTISH REGION

Paul Armour, Central  
Neil Cunningham, Central  
David Feeley, West  
Colin Haldane, Central  
Mervyn Hernaman, West  
Steven Kelly, Ayrshire  
Darren McKenna, East  
Marc Millar, North  
Fraser Munro, North  
Mark O'Brien, Ayrshire  
Kenny O'Donnell, Central  
Michael Robertson, Central  
Neil Smith, Central  
Douglas Smith, East

Matthew Butterworth, North West  
Andrew Clough, North West  
Gary Curran, North West  
Steven Dudley-Brown, North West  
David Edmondson, North West  
Stephen Hesk, North West  
Phillip Hind, North East  
Matthew Keigher, Sheffield  
Alan McMonagle, North West  
John Moyses, Sheffield  
Ryan Stirling, North West  
Matthew Stone, North West  
Thomas Story, North Wales  
Jody Stroud, Sheffield  
Craig Williams, North West  
Jonathan Wilson, North West  
David Womack, Sheffield  
Adam Wrigley, North West

#### MIDLAND REGION

Leon Brant, BB&O  
Chris Coles, Midland  
Ian Favell, Mid Anglia  
Thomas Harrison, Midland  
Paul Kendall, East Midland  
Brendan Kingston, Mid Anglia  
William Lewis, Midland  
Andrew Marsh, East Midland  
Philip Oldham, East of England  
Philip Pleasance, Midland  
Ivan Simmans, Mid Anglia  
Peter Smith, BB&O  
Michael Smith, Mid Anglia  
John Tomlin, 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

Peter Brett, South Coast  
Maurice Campbell, South Wales  
Andrew Edwards, South West

Paul Escott, South West  
Dave Escott, South West  
Peter Fletcher, South Coast  
James Hallett, Devon & Cornwall  
Declan Healy, South West  
Denis Jay, South Coast  
Kevin Maher, South West  
Adam Tunmore, South West

#### INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Niklas Denzel, Germany  
Alan Hess, USA  
Jonathan Jennings, USA  
Jon Maddern, USA  
Jim McGarvey, Canada  
Jim Nix, Canada

#### STUDENT MEMBERS

Bryan Barkley, East Scotland  
Paul Blann, Midland  
Vince Clegg, Kent  
Darran Johnston, East Scotland

Jose Piza, East Scotland  
Stephen Ridgeway, East Midland

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dave Axland, USA  
Geoffrey Fall, Sussex

#### CORPORATE MEMBERS

Peter Butler, BB&O  
Chris Camfield, BB&O  
Geoffrey Medhurst, BB&O  
Keith Thorne, BB&O

#### SILVER KEY MEMBERS

Richard Freeman, Essex  
Steve Haynes, Surrey

#### GOLDEN KEY MEMBERS

Iain Booth, East Midland  
Marcus Morris, North Wales  
Gwynfor Preece, East of England

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

Our congratulations go to John Gubb from The Bedfordshire 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](http://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 May's winner, Graeme Taylor from St Andrew's Links Trust whose message was posted on the 31st March 2004 under the 'Talk about Turf' section.

