



A guide to who's who at BIGGA

President
Sir Michael
Bonallack, OBE

BIGGA Board of Management
Chairman - Andy Campbell, MG CGCS
Vice Chairman - Kerran Daly, MG
Past Chairman - George Brown

Board Members
Ian Semple
Paul Jenkins
David Walden
Iain Macleod
Bert Cross

Chief Executive: John Pemberton
Email: john@bigga.co.uk

Deputy Chief Executive
Education & Training Manager: Ken Richardson
Email: ken@bigga.co.uk

Communications Manager/Editor: Scott MacCallum
Email: scott@bigga.co.uk

Sales Manager: Rosie Hancher
Email: rosie@bigga.co.uk

Membership Services Officer: Rachael Palmer
Email: rachael_p@bigga.co.uk

Contact us

You can contact The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association in any number of ways:

Post: BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark,
Aine, York, YO61 1UF

Email: reception@bigga.co.uk

Internet: www.bigga.org.uk

Tel: 01347 833800

Fax: 01347 833801



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Greenkeeper INTERNATIONAL

The official monthly magazine of the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association

Editorial

Communications Manager/Editor: Scott MacCallum
Tel: 01347 833800 Fax: 01347 833801
Email: scott@bigga.co.uk

Assistant Editor: Gareth Jones
Tel: 01347 833800 Fax: 01347 833801
Email: gareth@bigga.co.uk

Advertising

Sales Manager: Rosie Hancher
Tel: 01347 833800 Fax: 01347 833802
Email: rosie@bigga.co.uk

Advertising Sales Executive:

Amy Newport
Tel: 01347 833800 Fax: 01347 833802
Email: amy@bigga.co.uk / sales@bigga.co.uk

Printing

Warners Midlands Plc, The Maltings,
Manor Lane, Bourne, Lincolnshire PE10 9PH
Tel: 01778 391000 Fax: 01778 394269

The advertising copy deadline for inclusion in the November 2004 edition of Greenkeeper International is Friday 15 October 2004

Greenkeeper International:

Contents may not be reprinted or otherwise reproduced without written permission. Return postage must accompany all materials submitted if return is requested. No responsibility can be assumed for unsolicited materials. The right is reserved to edit submissions before publication.

Although every care will be taken, no responsibility is accepted for loss of manuscripts, photographs or artwork.

Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Association, and no responsibility is accepted for such content, advertising or product information that may appear.

Circulation is by subscription. Subscription rate: UK £42 per year, Europe and Eire £55. The magazine is also distributed to BIGGA members, golf clubs, local authorities, the turf industry, libraries and central government.

ISSN: 0961-6977

© 2004 British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association



12 More than just a Golf Club.



22 STRI - A Rich History.



24 Ecology on a Shoestring



36 John Deere National Championship

October 2004

Your next issue of Greenkeeper International will be with you by 3 November 2004

REGULARS

News

Pages 4, 5 & 7

6 Tip of the Month

Master Greenkeeper David Hannam MG launches the first of a new series of handy course management tips.

9 Education

Ken Richardson gears up for the busiest part of the education and training year.

10 GTC News

David Golding explains how the GTC's role in greenkeeper education and training influences the future of maintenance standards

11 Membership

18 Health and Safety

26 Continue to Learn:

Soil Aeration and the Rooting Environment

Martyn T. Jones delves into the complexities of soil aeration, its importance and how to preserve it.



35 Letters

40 News from the Chief Executive

John Pemberton keeps you up-to-date with the latest developments at BIGGA.

40-44 Around the Green

54 As I see it ...

BIGGA National Chairman, Andy Campbell, discusses the busy Autumn ahead.

FEATURES

12 More than just a Golf Club

Reigning BIGGA environment competition winners, Kenwick Park is more than 18 holes of golf as Scott McCallum found out.

19 The Ten Points to Top Dressing

Ian McClements, of STRI, highlights the ten important points to consider before starting top dressing.

22 STRI - A Rich History

Scott McCallum meets Gordon McKillop and Anne Wilson to discuss the Institute's 75th anniversary.

24 Ecology Management on a Shoestring

Will Bowden takes a look at the issue of ecology and how it can be managed at little cost.

29 Saltex Review

GI reviews the show, including new products launched.

36 John Deere National Team Championship

Steve Mitchell reports on a successful national final.

40 Nothing to Fear from Best Practice

The R&A's Steve Isaac explains the role of the Best Practice website.

45 Scotsturf Preview