Membership Update

Rain, Rain Go Away!

As I sit here at the beginning of August the North Yorkshire area is in the middle of a long spell of rain and gloomy weather.

This summer has not exactly been the best on record, so I thought I would talk about keeping dry. Normally I might highlight our waterproof range around the November issue of the magazine but with the weather as it is I thought I'd start early this year.

Waterproof Socks

Keeping your feet warm, dry and comfortable must be a priority to those who work outdoors in all weathers. BIGGA's merchandise range

contains waterproof socks, which are 100% breathable and can even go into the washing machine on a 40

The beauty of waterproof socks is you no longer have to wear cumbersome wellies but can use them with more comfortable shoes and boots. BIGGA also do a range of waterproof gloves, which are designed

to offer excellent grip and dexterity in wet conditions. Normally the Sealskinz socks and gloves retail at £20 and £22 respectively.

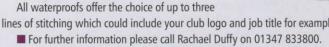
BIGGA is able to offer them to members at £16.00 plus £1 p&p or you can purchase any two for only £29.50 plus £1.50 p&p.

Waterproof Suits

For further protection from the elements BIGGA has a mix and match range of waterproofs. The most expensive suit in the range is the "Greenkeeper" at £70 featuring a high performance waterproof breathable lining system and a Teflon coated microfibre outer shell.

The trousers are available in a variety of lengths and have long zips on the bottom. The "Greenkeeper" comes with a two year guarantee. The "Highlander Cargo Suit", great value at £55, is available in two colour ways and has a one-year guarantee.

All waterproofs offer the choice of up to three lines of stitching which could include your club logo and job title for example.



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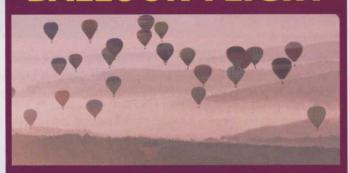
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A CHAMPAGNE BALLOON FLIGHT



Imagine soaring through the skies watching the sunset on a perfect evening. To be in with a chance of winning a balloon flight at one of over 50 locations UK wide just introduce one or more new greenkeeping members to BIGGA. Make sure you write your name on the application form as the person who referred them and we will enter you into the prize draw. The more new members you refer the more chances you have to win.

The draw will take place on the 15th October 2004 and the winner will be announced in the November edition of Greenkeeper International.

Please call Rachael or Gemma for application forms or for more details on 01347 833800.

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. The Rucksack features a multi function organiser, two mesh pockets and a grab handle.

Our congratulations go to September's winner, Ian Tomlinson from Rungsted Golf Club, whose message was posted on the 30th July 2004 under the 'Talk about Turf' section.

SEPTEMBER'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. Our congratulations go to this month's winner, Kevin Tregartha of Coventry Golf Club.