

Rachael and Gemma, from the Membership Department, would like to welcome 47 new members to the Association this month and discuss the unique chance of being part of the BIGGA Greenkeeping Support Team.

Membership Update



BIGGA Needs You!

As you may have seen in the News Section of the February magazine we are currently looking for volunteers for the Greenkeeping Support Team that BIGGA will be providing at both the Open Championship, at St Andrews, and the BMW PGA Championship, at The Wentworth Club, this year.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to help out at a major golf event, get close and personal to all the action and represent your Association.

BMW PGA Championship The Wentworth Club, May 26-29 2005

BIGGA will once again be providing a Greenkeeping Support Team for the BMW PGA Championship, at The Wentworth Club, May 26 - 29.

Chris Kennedy and his team will have the West Course in a testing state for the cream of the crop, and you can be there to witness it all from inside the ropes.

As with the Open Championship, a BIGGA Support Team member will be involved in walking with a match and raking any bunkers found by the players, as well as aiding the Wentworth green staff should a typical British summer do its worst.

Your involvement may well stretch further than you think, just ask David Miller, of Merrist Wood GC, after being allocated with Scott Drummond last year, on the third day. After having such a great third round the Scotsman, being the superstitious type, asked David to team up him and his caddie again for the final day. Swapping allocations for the final day's play allowed David to complete the request and aid in history as Drummond went on to shoot a 65 and claim a superb PGA Championship victory.

As a Team member at this event you will be responsible for your own transport to and from the course and there is no overnight accommodation provided.

Helping at the BMW PGA Championship will not hinder an application to be part of The BIGGA Open Championship Support Team.

Applications for the BMW PGA Championship Support Team should be sent to: Clive Osgood, BIGGA Regional Administrator, 34 Howard Close, Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 7QF

Or for more information, contact Clive on 01737 819343.



The Open Championship St Andrews, July 14-17 2005

As always, the Open Championship is the golfing highlight of the year and the 2005 Tournament, which is the 134th Open, is to be held at St Andrews, the home of golf.

Ewan Grant, Gordon Moir and their St Andrews' greenkeeping team will be at the heart of the action and you can be a major part of it all by becoming a member of the BIGGA Greenkeeper Support Team.

Members of the team will be involved in all sorts of activities during the Championship, including course preparation, such as raking the course's 112 bunkers before the start of play each day, evening course repair and aiding the St Andrews' greenkeeping team as and when needed.

The major responsibility of a BIGGA Support Team member is to walk with a match and rake any bunkers found by an unfortunate player.

The team all meet the day before the Tournament starts and each member is given their kit, which normally includes polo shirts, caps, waterproofs and the magic armband that allows you inside the ropes. Once all stocked up for the four days ahead the entire team are taken to the course to meet with the greenkeeping team and learn in which style to rake the bunkers during the Championship.



When not out with a match, BIGGA has its own marquee, where greenkeepers and guest can relax, watch the action on TV and get refreshments.

Transport, accommodation and meals are all provided during the Championship, but it will be the team member's responsibility for travel to and from their home to St Andrews.

Only full BIGGA members are eligible for selection onto the Support Team and to apply write to: Scott MacCallum, BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Alne, York, YO61 1UF.

For further information contact Scott on 01347 833800 or via email: scott@bigga.co.uk.

BIGGA welcomes...

SCOTTISH REGION

James Clement, Central
Mark Inglis, Central
William Mackenzie, North
Steven Paul, Central

NORTHERN REGION

Stuart Butler, North East
Andrew Lindsay, North East
Adam Lund, North East

MIDLAND REGION

Paul Dolton, Midland
Nathan Heywood, Midland
Andrew Kenny, East Of England
Richard Parsons, East Of England

SOUTH EAST REGION

Alan Anderson, Sussex
Victoria Buist, Surrey
Daniel Clark, Essex

Robert Crosbie, Surrey
Daniel Landers, Essex
Kevin Martin, Surrey
Iain Mead, Surrey
Liam Springett, Essex
David Taylor, London
Gary Threadgill, Kent
Thomas Woolford, Essex

SOUTH WEST/WALES

David Chapman, South West
Jack Critchley, South West
Leon Hook, South West
Daniel Relph, Devon & Cornwall
Nicholas Reynolds, South Coast

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Miloslav Trojan, Czech Republic
Jeff Sutherland, USA
Eric Johnson, USA
Howard Roberts, Germany
Hahan Blusi, Sweden

STUDENT MEMBERS

Kenneth Adams, Ayrshire
Inaki De La Cuadra, Ayrshire
Kenneth Imrie, Ayrshire
Benjamin Lindsay, Ayrshire
Murray Mannall, Ayrshire
Sang Oh, Ayrshire
Brad Russell, Ayrshire
John Golby, East Scotland
Nicholas Connell, West Scotland
Snorri Vilhjalmsson, London

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Jerel Reynolds, USA

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 FM DIGITAL SCAN RADIO/ALARM CLOCK, with a detachable speaker and headphones.

Our congratulations go to Marc Rossiter, from Tall Pines Golf Club, who wins the last 0.5 litre isolating flask.



NEW PRIZE