

Rachael and Gemma would like to welcome 39 New Members to the Association and this month will talk about an important change to the Legal Helpline Scheme.

Membership Update

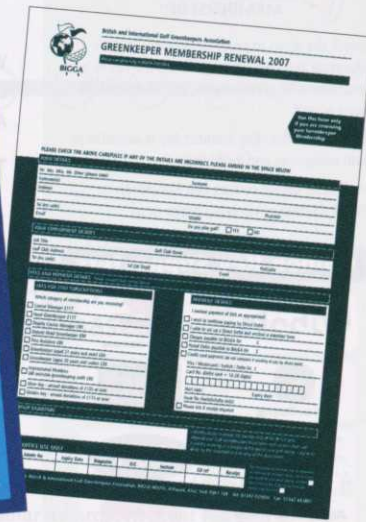
Renewal Packs

The December and January renewal packs are on their way out to those of you who renew at this time of year. Included in your pack is an application form for you to pass on to anyone interested in becoming a member and a newsletter detailing any changes to your membership.

For those of you who pay your own subscriptions you will also find a direct debit mandate and a tax relief form to assist you in claiming tax relief on your subscription. You are able to do this because BIGGA is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a legitimate professional body.

To make renewing even easier you can now pay for your subscription over the telephone.

If you have not received your pack or have any queries regarding your membership please do not hesitate to call Gemma on: 01347 833800.



A Fond Farewell

I just wanted to say a few words to you all, as I will be leaving the Association for pastures new on December 8. Thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome and for putting up with me on my many visits to regional and section events. It is down to you that I will be leaving the Association with many happy memories. A special thank you also to all those who have served as Section Secretaries in recent years, for your help and ideas. I wish you all well for the future and only hope that I have the good fortune to work for such a friendly industry again.



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY...

General Legal Protection (GLP) has provided members with a good quality service for several years and many have benefited from the advice given and legal help provided. In reviewing the scheme the Association has identified an alternative company (Arc Legal Assistance) that it feels will be able to improve on the level of service through their agents Irwin Mitchell Solicitors.

Irwin Mitchell are a leading legal practice with national cover, including Scotland, and through their bespoke call centre in Sheffield they will be able to offer advice and assistance on any aspect of the law for the member and anyone in their household. Please remember that advice is not just available on matters of employment law but also covers many of the everyday situations in which we can find ourselves.

With effect from 1st January 2007 the helpline service will be transferred to Arc although GLP will continue to give legal advice and assistance relating to incidents that occur on or before 31st December 2006. It is important that all potential claims for which GLP may be liable are reported to them without delay. All incidents arising after 31st December will be the direct responsibility of Arc.

CONTACT DETAILS:

**Before 1st January 2007 - General Legal Protection
Freephone 0800 019 2569**

**From 1st January 2007 - Arc Legal Assistance
Freephone 0800 177 7891**

Full policy details of the cover with Arc will be sent out to members as they renew however, anyone requiring a copy before that time should contact Gemma by telephone: 01347 833800 or e-mail: gemma@bigga.co.uk

BIGGA welcomes...

SCOTTISH REGION

Matthew Baird, Central
Calum Fraser, North
Brian Marmion, Central
Robert O'Donnell, North
John Wilson, Ayrshire

NORTHERN REGION

Jonathan Roberts, North West
Greg Wellings, North West

MIDLAND REGION

Luke Fogarty, BB&O
Matthew Howes, East Midland
Wayne Oseman, Midland
Robert Reeves, BB&O

SOUTH EAST REGION

Wayne Aris, Kent
Richard Gugacz, Essex
Michael Hind, Sussex
Liam Somers, Surrey
David Taggart, Essex

SOUTH WEST REGION

Darryl Gardner, South Wales
Luke Habgood, South Coast
Graham Hastie, South Coast
Vincent Ley, South Coast
Robert Patrick, South Coast
Adam Payne, South West
Clive Staddon, South West

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Philip Laws, Spain
Paul Monaghan, Germany

STUDENT MEMBERS

John Casserly, North West
Rob Jones, North West
Andrew Knott, North West
Will Law, North West
Ian Lucas, South Coast
Allan Macdonald, East Scotland
Michael Slater, Devon & Cornwall
Matthew Thomas, South West

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

David Binks, Midland
Ceri Davies, South West
Andrew Eckley, South West

GOLDEN KEY MEMBERS

Mark Keysell, East Anglia
Mark Robinson, Sheffield

DECEMBER'S MEMBERSHIP DRAW WINNER

Just introduce one or more new greenkeeping members to BIGGA and your name will be placed into a monthly draw to win a £10 Music Voucher. Our congratulations go to Angus Macleod of Newport Golf Club.

