

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

In accordance with the Constitution –

General Meetings 12 a) “Notice of resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Chief Executive in writing not less than 40 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting which shall be circulated to the membership not less than 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The following proposal has been lodged and will be raised at the AGM to be held in the Queens Suite of Harrogate International Centre at 5.15pm on Wednesday, January 23, 2008

“That the Association puts aside a sum of money with the intention of purchasing land, laying out a golf course and building a clubhouse which will also serve as BIGGA Headquarters.”



SCOTTISH GOLF ENVIRONMENT GROUP

I write in reference to a letter from Tom Murray of Ratho Park Golf Club, regarding the funding of SGEG.

I am afraid that Mr Murray is mistaken in his assertion that the Scottish Golf Union has cut back its funding of SGEG. The reality is that funding from the environmental sector and Scottish Government has been cut drastically, meaning that the Board had to take the very difficult decision not to renew Elspeth Coult's contract.

We are only too aware of the excellent work that Elspeth did and she will be missed. However, we retain a firm commitment to an ongoing environmental service to Scottish golf clubs and to retaining our two excellent advisors.

In addition to the funding from the SGU, the SGEG Board is very grateful to the R&A Golf Course Committee for its ongoing commitment to this vital environmental service for golf in Scotland.

*Colin Wood
Chairman SGEG*

PASTURES NEW

Hi, my name is John Davenport and I am a member of the North West Section.

I've been Head Greenkeeper at Turton Golf Club in Bolton for 10 years now, but will be moving to pastures new in the New Year.

I will be going from a semi-moorland course set in 127 acres to Dunnerholme Golf Club near the Lake District, a links course with 138 acres of land.

A unique opportunity and hopefully a better quality of life!

I would be ecstatic if you could post this in your next issue of Greenkeeper International.

*Yours kindly
John Davenport*

BIGGA HQ TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS A REMINDER...

As you should already be aware, BIGGA HQ recently had a new telephone system fitted. When you phone the usual number: 01347 833800, it will ask if you know the extension of the person you would like to speak to. For reference, the extensions of BIGGA staff are printed below (you can also find these on our website – www.bigga.org.uk):

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