

Vanessa and Gemma would like to welcome 14 new members to the Association and this month talk about renewals

Membership Update



BIGGA Welcomes

SCOTTISH REGION		
Stewart	Brown	North
Stuart	Harley	Central
Stuart	Speirs	East
James	Wilson	East
Derek	Young	West
NORTHERN REGION		
Dylan	Cammack	North West
Robert	Hill	North East
James	Mccarthy	North East
MIDLAND REGION		
Stuart	Collar	Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Peter	Gotheridge	East Midland
Ian	Gough	Mid Anglia
Christopher	Horsler	Mid Anglia
Mark	Lloyd	Mid Anglia
Brendan	Searle	Berk/Bucks & Oxon
SOUTH EAST REGION		
Mark	Shuter	Sussex
Joe	Simpson	East Anglia
Craig	Sisson	East Anglia
STH WEST & WALES		
Andy	Fincher	South Coast
Christopher	Payne	South West
INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS		
Henk	Stuyvem	Belgium
Marc	Vandevijvere	Belgium
Michal	Engler	Slovakia
Christian	Pilon	Canada
STUDENT MEMBERS		
Danny	Partridge	Scottish Region
Neil	Plenderleith	Scottish Region
Robert	Corlett	Northern Region
Richard	Drake	Northern Region
Martin	Bird	Sth West & Wales Region
David	Daw	Sth West & Wales Region
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
Hugh	Fraser	Scottish Region
Nicola	Gemmell	Scottish Region
Christine	Hunter	Scottish Region
Brian	Inglis	Scottish Region
Douglas	Shearer	Scottish Region
Phil	Allen	Northern Region
Steve	Barnes	Northern Region
Stewart	Brown	Northern Region
Julia	Campey	Northern Region
Craig	Fort	Northern Region
Jean	John	Northern Region
Andy	Law	Northern Region
Jon	Mentell	Northern Region
David	Newton	Northern Region
Lee	Ashcroft	Midland Region
John	Briggs	Midland Region
James	Buckholt	Midland Region
Miranda	Chambers	Midland Region
Keith	Collingwood	Midland Region
Richard	Fortmuller	Midland Region
Simon	Harrison	Midland Region
Eddie	Bullock	South East Region
David	Cole	South East Region
Sheena	Shah	South East Region
Charles	Worsfold	South East Region
Alex	Burnand	Sth West & Wales
John	Daniel	Sth West & Wales
Alan	Boyd	N Ireland
Denis	O'regan	Rep of Ireland
Jonathan	Mcnally	Dubai
CORPORATE MEMBERS		
Graham	Purse	South East Region
Vic	Purse	South East Region
Bill	Stimson	South East Region

Keep in touch

We would like to be able to keep in touch more with our members and because regular mail is very time consuming, slow and pricey we would like to email you all more often. If you want to receive more regular updates and we don't already have your email address then email us on: vanessa@bigga.co.uk and we'll add you to our list of contacts.

Time's running away. Don't forget to get those renewals in as soon as possible if you don't want to lose the BIGGA membership benefits you are currently getting.

If your membership expired in November or December 2006 or at the beginning of this year it is not too late to renew your membership. If you've lost your renewal form just ring us and we'll send you a new one.

If you don't want to pay your subscription fee all in one go you can pay us in five or 10 instalments by Direct Debit. If you want a Direct Debit Instruction form get in touch with us on: 01347 833800 and we'll get one to you immediately.

Also, don't forget that if you are paying your own BIGGA Membership subscription fees you can apply to the tax office for a refund of 23% of the subscription amount. If you are a Head Greenkeeper or Course Manager paying £117 then this could save you nearly £27.

This is because BIGGA is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a legitimate professional body. Membership fees to such bodies are eligible for tax relief. All you need to do is get a form from us and send the completed form to your local tax office.

If you are retiring or leaving the trade, you don't have to say goodbye to your BIGGA Membership. There are many different types of memberships that BIGGA can offer you. For retiring greenkeepers BIGGA has a Retired Membership with full benefits or a Retired Membership with limited benefits. Just give us a call for more information. If you are leaving the greenkeeping profession, why not join BIGGA as an associate member so you can still be a part of the Association?

Message for the Section Secretaries

At BIGGA Headquarters we would like you to send us your dates so that we can update the website. Please email them to: vanessa@bigga.co.uk along with any other information that you would like us to publicise on the BIGGA website.