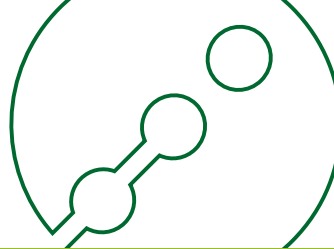


Membership



JUSTINE DE TAURE, MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICER, UPDATES US ON MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Well at last the big move is completed and all is starting to get back to normal! Please accept our apologies for any delays this has caused with new members applications and processing renewals within the membership department.

REASONS TO BE A MEMBER OF BIGGA

After updating you on Personal Accident and the Legal Helpline in April and May's Greenkeeper International, we thought it would be a good time to remind members of all the benefits of being a BIGGA Member. In the months to come we will give more details on each individual benefit.

Educational Opportunities

BIGGA offers a variety of ways to improve your education throughout the year, including "Continue to Learn" at Harrogate Week. Many Learning and Development Services are supported by companies and individuals committed to the continuing professional development of greenkeepers. Please contact Sami or Rachael in the Learning and Development Department for more information.

Free Legal Helpline - Tel: 0800 177 7891

Access 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for you and your family (living at the same address). Advice on employment matters, health and safety issues, consumer rights and any other legal matter. Medical costs and expenses: should personal injury be sustained in an accident: and legal expenses up to £50,000 per annum.

Personal Accident Insurance - Tel: 020 7560 3013

Cover for time off work due to an accident at home, work or even on holiday as well as one off payments, dependent on the type of injury.

BIGGA Website - www.bigga.org.uk

On the BIGGA website you will find a host of information. The events section will keep you up to date with what is happening and coming up in your Section.

As a member you will be able to network with others in the profession by exchanging ideas, opinions and giving advice on the Greenkeepers bulletin board. Access is limited to BIGGA bulletin board is reserved for BIGGA Members only.

There is also an up to date list of Greenkeepers jobs if you are looking for a new position.

Networking Opportunities

Members can choose to be assigned to a Section of their choice. As an active member you can attend golf days and other social events on a regular basis, enabling you to network among others in the industry.

If you wish to change Section and affiliate yourself with another, please call membership and we will change your details.

Car Leasing - Tel: 0870 191 6950

Driving a brand new car couldn't be easier. BIGGA has teamed up with Lex FreeChoice Leasing to offer an exclusive scheme that allows you and your family members to drive the car you always wanted at an affordable price.

Car Rental - Tel: 0870 191 6950

BIGGA has enrolled in the National Affinity Leisure Programme, which offers members exclusive rates both on car and van hire in the UK and in 80 countries abroad.

Insurance Quote Service - Tel: 01924 207000

A quotation service is available to members on a wide range of insurance products.

BIGGA Delegation

For the last five years, 10 greenkeepers have been sponsored by Bernard & Company to take part in the BIGGA Delegation to the GCSAA Golf Industry Conference and Show. This also gives an opportunity to visit golf courses around the host city. All BIGGA members can apply to be part of the delegation.

Open Championship Support Team

An opportunity to be part of the Support Team that assist at the Open Championship each year, supporting the home greenkeepers through a BIGGA member accompanying each match to rake bunkers before and after each day's play. This also includes other Championships held throughout the year.

This year's team has already been chosen but should you wish to apply for next year, applications will be available in December and January's issues of Greenkeeper International. Alternatively please contact Scott MacCallum at BIGGA at the beginning of 2009.

Membership Handbook

A free annual copy of this indispensable tool, enabling you to track down professional help and keep in touch with industry colleagues. Please contact either Justine or Brad on 01347 833800 option 1 for any further membership details.

BIGGA Sub Committees

Sub committee meetings for the Learning & Development and Communications departments will be held at 8.30am on Monday, June 30 at BIGGA HOUSE.



If you have any matters you would like raised at these meetings, please contact a member of the board or BIGGA staff.

The new members list can now be found in the members section at www.bigga.org.uk