

Membership



TRACEY MADDISON, HEAD OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES, TAKES A LOOK AT THE YEAR AHEAD

What does 2009 have in store for you?

If you're anything like me, at this time of year, you may find yourself doing a lot of thinking about what lies in store for you in the New Year. You may be thinking about making New Year resolutions, in my case go to the gym more, or just go to the gym would do! Practice more and reduce my golf handicap, explore the opportunities that membership of my professional body offers me, identify useful courses that would help me carry out my job more efficiently...I could go on - but I won't! Making a move towards the things I want is something else. I buy the books, write the lists, talk to people about it - and always find a reason not to begin the task itself! Does this sound familiar? Well not next year, I am determined 2009 will be different; I am going to turn my thoughts into goals and my goals into action. I'll keep you posted!



Make it Happen in 2009 starting with Harrogate Week

Why not join me in making 2009 a year for making it happen. Come to Harrogate Week, starting with Continue to Learn on Sunday, 18 January 2009 and sign up for one of the many workshops or attend one of the 30 FREE seminars available to you - places are limited so make sure you arrive early at your chosen seminar. For full information see the Learning

and Development article in this month's Greenkeeper International. The Membership Team will be on hand at the BIGGA Stand during Harrogate Week to chat with you about any membership issues, we can also check and change your personal details or we can take payment for membership renewals that are due, we can also take new applications from your friends and colleagues who may wish to join BIGGA.

New Year Resolutions

Why not explore the opportunities membership of BIGGA gives you. Visit the members area of the website to remind yourself of the benefits and make it your New Years resolution to attend and support your Section and Region events, all the dates of Section events are available from contacting your Section Secretary or visit 'Your Pages' in the members area of the BIGGA website.

When you get a quiet moment sit down and identify useful courses that will help you carry out your job more efficiently, keep an eye on the BIGGA website and notices from your Section Committee on courses available throughout next year. Many courses are available at a subsidised rate. Come on let's make things happen in 2009.

I will leave you with this thought, I saw it on a poster in a pub in London and it made me smile...

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity.

An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

(Anon)

Which one are you?

If you have any sayings you like to quote why not let me know at traceymaddison@bigga.co.uk

This month BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

SCOTTISH

Rory Borthwick, North
John Gammack, North
Connel McKenna, Central
Gordon Paterson, East
Grant Peters, Central
Gordon Simpson, West

NORTHERN

Robert Acheson, Sheffield
James Burkinshaw, Sheffield
Sam Gattens, North East
James McGrath, North West
Daniel Peters, North West
Ian Pogson, North West

MIDLAND

Clive Brampton, East Midland
Edward Campbell, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
John Corbett, Midland
Paul Curtis, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Antony Francis, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Alan Gee, Midland
Ashley Goy, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Robert Jones, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Noel Mackenzie, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Malcolm O'Brien, Midland
Steven Pitts, Midland
Mark Skelton, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Luke Taylor, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Andrew Wale, Midland
Alexander Walton, Midland

SOUTH EAST

Dave Beck, London
Andy Corder, Kent
Martin Dearlove, London
Danny Floyd, Surrey
Joshua Hallil, East Anglia
Martin James, Kent
Alan Joyce, Kent
Nicholas Leach, Kent
Peter Thompson, London
Adam Wicks, Surrey

SOUTH WEST & WALES

James Cooper, South Coast
Nigel Howe, South West
James Palmer, Devon&Cornwall
James Stewart, South Coast
Robert Wills, South Coast

N IRELAND

Martin Fitzpatrick, Northern Ireland
Christopher Larmour, Northern Ireland

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