



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

BIGGA Membership Handbook 2009/2010

We are currently working on the next edition of the BIGGA Membership Handbook. Contained within the handbook is a listing of all current members. To ensure your listing is up to date, make sure the Membership Department have your latest contact details. Please note that no personal information is contained within the listings.

The BIGGA Membership Handbook continues to be a vital industry tool that goes from strength to strength each year, this edition will be no different, packed with information, facts and figures it is designed to help you find that crucial member with ease, whether it be supplier or fellow member. The Handbook is valued and viewed by many as being an important membership benefit.

BIGGA Membership benefits...

...You

Whether you come to us as a Full, Associate, International, Affiliate or Student Member we will work with you to help you get all you can from membership of BIGGA.

...The Golf Club

The learning and development available through BIGGA assists in developing well trained, motivated teams – a valuable asset to any golf club. This in turn will help to produce a high standard of course maintenance.

...Your Business

If you are a business looking to promote your product within the fine turf industry, whatever your budget the BIGGA Sales Team can provide valuable advice on maximising your advertising and promotion.

Visit the BIGGA website for information on the benefits membership to BIGGA offers you, a golf club or a business at www.bigga.org.uk select "Join" from the options along the top and "Benefiting You" from the choice on the menu on the left hand side.

The Importance of Networking

With 26 Sections around the UK there is always a 'friend' nearby.

Whether you are just starting out as a sports turf professional (greenkeeper or groundsman) or at the pinnacle of your career, networking is likely to play a large part in your success.

Networking is about creating a set of contacts and subsequently building a trust and creating a genuine relationship with the people you meet. It provides the opportunity for you to discover people who may be able to help with queries/problems you encounter during your career as well as the opportunity for you to offer your assistance to others.

For people new to networking, it might seem a daunting prospect. But by investing time in other people you might soon find that your career is reaping the rewards.

Top tips for networking: Be yourself, Be open, Smile, Let people talk, Push yourself, Know what you want, Enjoy it.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

If you are a Full Member of BIGGA you are encouraged to be registered on the BIGGA CPD Scheme. You may think that CPD isn't for you, but everyone can benefit.

What is CPD?

The Institute of Continuing Professional Development, or CPD Institute for short, defines CPD as:

"Continuing professional development is the systematic maintenance and improvement of knowledge, skills and competence, and the enhancement of learning, undertaken by an individual throughout his or her working life".

A bit wordy perhaps, but in essence CPD is a combination of approaches, ideas and techniques that will help you manage your own learning and growth. Remember, one size doesn't fit all. Wherever you are in your career now, and whatever you want to achieve, your CPD should be exactly that: yours.



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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

(Full Members only)

Personal Accident Helpline
02075 603013
Greenkeepers Legal Assistance
0800 177 7891
Greenkeepers Support Services
0800 174 319
Debt Counselling Helpline
0800 174319

BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

Scottish Region

Grant Dilasser, Ayrshire; Fraser Allan, East Kieran Close, West; Scott Douglas, East Kevin Duncan, North; Bruce Gray, Ayrshire Derek Green, North; Grant Hope, North Stephen Logue, West; Robert Mackinnon, North John Mair, Ayrshire; Brian McNair, Central Robert Mullins, East; Susan Murray, Ayrshire Ian Oglivie, East; Darren Skinner, North

Northern Region

Ben Burrill, Northern; Leigh Bush, North Wales Rhys Butler, North Wales; John Ganderton, Northern; Mark Jackson, North Wales; Greg Letij, North West; Maurig Lumley, North Wales; Jason Parry, North Wales; Kevin Perry, North Wales; Chris Stirk, Northern Joe Sykes, North East

Midland Region

Peter Allen, Midland; Phil Dodd, Midland Daniel Gascoyne, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Clive Harper, Midland; Michael Lovatt, Midland Matthew McVeigh, Midland Bruce Poynter, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Matthew Sargeant, East of England Julian Sliwinski, Berks/Bucks & Oxon Richard Tranter, East of England Paul Young, Midland

South East Region

Chris Allen, Surrey; Jennifer Ball, Kent Kevin Bass, Kent; Christopher Boakes, Kent Andrew Bowers, Surrey; Benjamin Brandreth, Kent; Ryan Casteldine, Surrey Daniel Chaplin, Sussex; Tom Clark, Surrey Carl Curtis, East Anglia; James Curtis, East Anglia; Paul Giles, Surrey; Stephen Golesworthy, Surrey; Joe Green, Sussex Thomas Gurney, London; Darcy Jury, Surrey Graham Kimble, Surrey; Miroslav Kisely, London John Schiltz, London; Jack Sims, London Jonathon Smart, East Anglia; Tom Smith, Surrey Stephen Turner, Essex; Christopher Wheatcroft, Surrey; James Wilkinson, Sussex Clive Winter, Sussex

S West/S Wales Region

Thomas Bath, South West; Tom Brearley, South Coast; Lee Carter, South West Paul Chester, South Coast; Greg Chick, South West; Ray Mitchell, South Coast Jack Nicholas, South West; Tom Nicholas, South West; Kevin Sanders, South West; Raymond Scourfield, South Coast; Joseph Silvester, South Coast; Robert Wood, Devon & Cornwall Tom Wright, South West

Overseas

Eamonn Ahern, David Beamish, David Begley, Thomas Begley, Michael Calnan, Donal Coleman, Gerard Donnellan, David Dukelow, Martin Finegan, Gerard Finnegan, Kieran Galvin, Conor Healy, Sinead Healy, Patrick Kent, Kevin O'Byrne, Edmond O'Dowd, Thomas O'Meara, Claran O'Sullivan, Shane O'Sullivan, Tony O'Sullivan, Patrick Skerritt, Eoghan Walsh; all Republic of Ireland Abel Edinomo, Nigeria Abushie Odihill, Nigeria Shaheed Odihill, Nigeria Matthew Baddiley, New Zealand