

Membership

This month
BIGGA welcomes
the following new
members...

AN UPDATE FROM BIGGA'S MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

BIGGA Membership Categories are streamlining

From 1st April 2009 we will be streamlining the membership categories. Currently, a member has from over 20 fee structures to choose from this will be simplified.

Why the change?

To improve administration procedures within the BIGGA Membership Department, to help new and existing members when renewing and joining the Association and to help simplify the administration for employers who pay their employees membership subscriptions.

What are the changes?

1. Full Member

Any person employed in the keeping of the green at a golfing establishment.

Split into: Category 1A = Greenkeeper in a Managerial Role, i.e. Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper
Category 1B = All other greenkeeping employees who have gained a minimum qualification or who hold a minimum of three years continuous relevant experience.

(Incorporating: Category 1A - Course Manager, Head Greenkeeper, Category 1B - Deputy Course Manager, Deputy Head Greenkeeper, First Assistant, Greenkeeper aged 21 years and above, Greenkeeper aged 20 and under and Mechanics)

2. Associate Member

Any person employed in the keeping of the green at a golfing establishment and is not eligible to be a Full Member.

Split into: Category 2A = Greenkeeper aged 21 and over (no minimum qualification, less than three years continuous experience)

Category 2B = Greenkeeper aged 20 years and under (no minimum qualification, less than three years continuous experience)

(Incorporating unqualified aged 21 years and over and unqualified aged 20 and under)

3. Life Member

At the discretion of the Board of Management any Full Member recognised as having contributed in an outstanding manner to the Association or profession.

(Proposals for the election of a Life Member shall be made only by the Board of Management following Regional Board nomination and the election shall be by the Association in General Meeting).

4. Retired Member

Any Full Member who has been a member for a minimum of five consecutive years and has retired from work.

(Incorporating Retired Member (full) and Retired Member (limited benefits).

5. Student Member

Any person studying full-time towards an appropriate qualification in turf management.

(Incorporating full time Students).

6. International Member

Any person employed in the keeping of the green at a golfing establishment outside the UK.

(Incorporating International Course Manager and International Member).

7. Affiliate Member

Any person who does not come within the provisions of categories 1-6 above.

(Incorporating Associate and Corporate categories of membership).

8. Honorary Member

At the discretion of the Board of Management any persons recognized as having contributed in an outstanding manner to the Association or profession.

NOTE: The notes in italics are to clarify the changes to the present structure.

Winners of the Magazine Gift Subscription offer at Harrogate Week

Congratulations to Clive Walton, Calverley Golf Club, Anthony McGeough Richmond Golf Club and Ian Noble, Moors Valley GC, who are the winners of the magazine gift subscription for introducing a member at Harrogate Week.

NORTHERN

Tim Pearson.....Cleveland
Matthew Thompson.....Cleveland
Euan LittleNorth
Shaun Collier.....North East
Peter WroeNorth West
Robert Mann.....North West
Daniel Hall.....North West
Kevin Sweeney.....North West
Tim Mason.....North West
Peter MooreNorth West
Alan MartinNorthern
Steve Gott.....Northern
Roy HaywoodNorthern
Lee CarpenterNorthern

MIDLAND

Greig Easton.....Central
Leigh CarterMidland
Nicholas FallowsMidland
Mark ColeMidland

EAST

Nicola TownendEast
Marc Gentles.....East
Ross Ovens.....East
Brian Hunter.....East
Gloria DeanEast Anglia
Craig Judge.....East Anglia
Simon JacksonEast Anglia
Stephen Willmot.....East Midland
Matthew Farrant.....East Midland

SOUTHERN

Paul Wilding.....Essex
Chris Clements.....Essex
Luke Fitz-JohnEssex
Richard GoodingSurrey
David Cox.....Surrey
Arthur Howel.....Sussex
Paul Kennedy.....Kent
Keith RogersKent
Allen Smith.....South Coast
Christopher Marshall.....South Coast
Daniel GriffithsSouth Coast
David Taylor.....South West
Leigh MordySouth West
Robert CleishamWest
Clive SelbySouth Wales

NORTHERN IRELAND

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