

Membership



TRACEY MADDISON, HEAD OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES GIVES A DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE...

It's May already...how did that happen so quickly?! It's been a year since I returned to BIGGA and I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 12 months.

I was able to get out and about towards the end of last year and attended many section AGM's and golf events and I would like to thank all those people I met for making me feel very welcome. I hope to do the same again this year and look forward to meeting as many members as possible.

While I am out and about please feel free to chat to me about any issues you may have regarding your BIGGA Membership or BIGGA in general, let me know how we (BIGGA HQ) are doing, whether it's positive or negative your feedback is invaluable to us, it lets us know what we are getting right and wrong!

Valuing Your Section

As you are aware, the 26 sections within our five regions are run by volunteers, a vital part of the Association.

Our Section Teams are involved in many local run activities both social and educational.

Information can be found by reading 'Around the Green' in Greenkeeper International, logging into the members area of the BIGGA Website and selecting 'Region and Section Pages' from the list in the left hand side panel.

Also, many local sections now have their own website pages.

I know we are coming into a busy time for all greenkeepers but please support your local section when you can, local events are a great way of making new contacts, new friends and sharing ideas or common problems!

The Integration of Sports Turf Groundscare Staff into BIGGA Membership

You may have seen the highlighted box in March's issue of Greenkeeper International (Page 9) giving some facts about this topic, which hopefully cleared up any concerns any member had.

If you haven't seen the article have a look back through your copies of Greenkeeper International and have a read.

This article answers many questions which members had about integration of groundscare staff working on sports turf into membership of BIGGA.

This month BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

Scottish Region

Andrew McCrystal, West
Liam McWilliams, West
Calum Morris, North
Ritchie Morrison, North
James Paterson, East
Scott Ribbeck, East
Scott Robertson, North
Stephen Sharkey, Ayrshire
John Stuart, North
Scott Turnbull, West
David Wason, Ayrshire

Northern Region

Alan Chappelow, Northern
Edward Chappelow, Northern
Darrell Crowley, Northern
Simon Dennis, North Wales
Gregory Howsam, North Wales
Stuart Hudson, Sheffield
Mark Hurst, North West
Neil Jackson, North West
Richard Maude, Northern
David Rooney, North West
Richard Spensley, Cleveland

Sam Wardhill, Northern
Simon Witham, Cleveland

Midland Region

Wayne Banner, Midland
Jonathon Deavin, Mid Anglia
Lewis Hackett, East of England
Mark Killingbeck, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Shannon Myring, East Midland
Miles Norton, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Stewart Pearman, Midland
Daniel Perry, Midland
Chris Rossington, Mid Anglia
Neil Smith, Midland
John Sweeney, East Midland
Tim Wood, Mid Anglia

South East Region

Phillip Benn, Surrey
Graham Booth, Kent
Paul Curtis, Kent
James Goold, Kent
Steve Gunner, Kent
Simon Hembling, East Anglia
Ian Hockley, Surrey
Andrew Kinsella, Surrey
John McPherson, Surrey
Michael Newman, Surrey
Danny Perring, East Anglia

Karen Roberts, East Anglia
Stephen Street, Sussex
Neil Waddell, Surrey
Robert Warner-Smith, East Anglia
Adam White, Kent

S West/S Wales Region

Thomas Boxall, South Coast
Robert Chandler, South West
Ceri Davies, South Wales
Gary Denton, South Coast
Ceri Fearnley, South West
Joshua Gibbs, South Coast
Christopher Higgins, South West
David Lacey, South West
Jordan Mein, South West
Ashley Millar, Devon & Cornwall
Gary Rose, South Wales
James Solloway, South Coast
Josh Wall, South West
James Webber, South West

International

Michael Anderson, Slovakia
David Haskell-Craig, MG, Australia
Curtis Tyrrell, USA
Matthew Wharton, USA

Your Vote Counts

Next month every member of BIGGA, who is eligible, will be asked to vote on the integration of sports turf groundscare staff into full membership of BIGGA.

Due to the recent changes in the Constitution this can now be done either in person or by Proxy at the EGM.

A Proxy is someone you choose to attend the meeting to vote on your behalf.

You can appoint the Chairman of the meeting or someone else.

If you appoint a Proxy to vote on your behalf and your Proxy does not attend the meeting your vote will not be counted.

A Proxy Voting Form will be sent to eligible members, during the course of the month, asking them to vote.

Please take the time to complete the form and use your vote.

To adapt Lord Kitchener's well known saying "Your Association Needs You".

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