



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

BIGGA Members save money on Education

BIGGA Members are eligible for a 50% saving off the price of the two-day and one-day workshops and 55% saving off the half-day workshops on the Continue to Learn programme at Harrogate Week 2010.

Example of how to save money...

A Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper who is a member of BIGGA attends the 'How to be an Outstanding Manager' one day workshop on Monday, January 18, and 'Good Soil Chemistry and Biology the Answer to Practical Sustainability' half day workshop on Wednesday, January 20, saving themselves or their golf club £165. See table below for comparison.

Monday 18th January 2010

How to be an Outstanding Manager

Member Rate	Non Member Rate
£105 + VAT	£210 + VAT

Wednesday 20th January 2010

Good Soil Chemistry and Biology

Member Rate	Non Member Rate
£50 + VAT	£110 + VAT

TOTAL

Member Rate	Non Member Rate
£155 + VAT	£320 + VAT

By being a member of BIGGA this Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper will save a total of £165, which is more than the price of one years membership of BIGGA.

It makes great financial sense, if you are attending the workshops from the Continue to Learn programme at Harrogate Week, to be a member of BIGGA.

If you or somebody you know is planning on booking a seminar or workshop on the Continue to Learn Programme and is not a member of BIGGA, then point out the savings they can make.

BIGGA Membership Benefit of the Month – Section and Networks

The Association's Sections and networks are active throughout the UK, with 26 Sections hosting events there is something for everybody. Current members of BIGGA can gain access to the Bulletin Boards (in a recent BIGGA Membership Survey 86% of respondents indicated the bulletin boards were either "Very Useful" or "Useful") where members can gain access to a vast amount of useful, important and vital information for greenkeepers and other sports turf professionals, golf clubs and businesses involved in the fine turf industry. Here you can discuss popular topics such as '2mm all summer anyone?' or 'What's the difference between a Course Manager and a Head Greenkeeper?' and keep updated about Section seminars and events.

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



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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

Graham Anderson, East
Mike Boyle, Central
Jamie Dunnett, East
Stuart Harkern East
Brett Hochstein, Central
Alan Jeffrey, Ayrshire
Marc Lawrence, Central
Joseph Loffelmann, East
Colin Mason, Central
Lorn Mcluckie, West
Scott Poole, East
Andrew Scott, North
Lifen Song, Central

Northern Region

Christopher Chapman, Northern
Daniel Draper, Sheffield
Michael Goodhind, North West
Marc Kerr, Cleveland
Jonathan Mellor, North West

Midland Region

Paul Ashcroft, Mid Anglia
Alex Blanchard, Mid Anglia
Damien Bowe, Mid Anglia
Sam Breakes, Midland
Lee Cole, Midland
Nikki Colin Mortimer, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Keith Grist, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Matthew Haynes, East of England
Matthew Hughes, East Midland
Gary Knight, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Chris Notley, Mid Anglia
Nicholas O'Dell, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Mark Pettit, Mid Anglia
David Spencer, East Midland
Graham Vyce, East Midland
Reece Watson, Mid Anglia
Adam Wilkinson, Midland
Stuart Wilson, Mid Anglia
Craig Winkless, East Midland
Andrew Wood, East Midland

South East Region

Ryan Bezzant, London
Ian Cannell, Essex
Dennis Crompton, East Anglia
Adam Djalalpour, London
Alistair Flint, Essex
Ashley Fox, East Anglia
Daniel Hartley, Essex
Robert Hill, Sussex
Barry Jennings, London
Liam Mulkerrins, Surrey
Stuart Olive, Essex
Anthony Thacker, East Anglia
Michael Weekes, Kent
Christopher Woodcock, Surrey

Northern Ireland

Richard Barbour
Michael Crawford

Overseas

Ian Camp, USA