



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

Greenkeepers and Groundsmen...

...two words here at BIGGA we are now using more in unison with each other.

It was very encouraging to receive so much positive feedback at Saltex last month from both greenkeepers and groundsmen regarding the inclusion of groundsmen into full membership of BIGGA. It was quite apparent that many do believe that there is much to learn from each other.

We view both greenkeepers and groundsmen (working on sports turf) as our core membership business and both receive our utmost attention. We are not under any illusions and realise that we have to work hard at promoting the services, benefits and reasons why greenkeepers and groundsmen (working on sports turf) should be members of BIGGA.

Harrogate Week

As we are now into October some of you will be thinking as far ahead as January and Harrogate Week. The dates for your diary are –

Exhibition dates – Tuesday 19th January to Thursday 21st January 2010 and

Education dates – Sunday 17th January to Thursday 21st January 2010.

There is a full programme of exciting seminars and workshops to choose from, you will probably find some that are “interesting, but not for me”, while others will have triggered that “Ah ha” moment, whatever your reaction there is certainly something of interest for everybody. Don’t leave it too late, when you have made your mind up, book!

Fancy Improving your IT Skills?

Why not try online learning, you can learn at your own pace, in your own time with Microsoft® online learning.

As a membership benefit, BIGGA members can access an official Microsoft® Office 2003 training library that includes programs such as Excel, Word, Powerpoint and Outlook.

A BIGGA member can access these practical and effective online courses at a discounted rate of £15 (plus VAT at the prevailing rate) thanks to the support from the Learning and Development fund.

To take advantage of this membership benefit or for further information contact the Learning and Development Department on 01347 833800 option 3.

BIGGA Membership Benefit of the Month – Stress Advice Helpline

Stress, health and wellbeing are becoming more and more of a serious issue.

BIGGA recognises that stress is becoming a real concern, especially work-related stress. In order to help you address any issue that may be causing you to feel stressed BIGGA is pleased to offer a stress advice helpline as a new service to full members.

This membership benefit can help you proactively manage stress by providing immediate emotional support, advice and practical information 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Stress Advice Helpline can work with a wide range of concerns from emotional issues such as anxiety, stress, depression and low self-esteem to family and relationship issues, marital and relationship problems, critical illness and bereavement, this list is not exhaustive.

One telephone call to the helpline could be all that someone needs to begin to manage their own work-related or personal problems and improve their situation.

Full Members of BIGGA can now call the helpline on 0800 174 318, this is a freephone telephone number 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and speak to a professionally qualified counsellor.



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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

Stewart Carbray, West
Ryan Copland, East
Tao Gao, Central
Ben Gourlay, East
Jamie McGrogan, West
Rongxue Xu, Central
Kun Zhang, Central

Northern Region

Keith Dodd, North East
Mark Dodd, North East
Charlie Emsley, Northern
Craig Kilgour, North East
Andrew Shaw, North East
David Thompson, Northern

Midland Region

Michael Bithell, East of England
Peter Dunkley, Mid Anglia
Richard Hawker, Midland
Jonathan Lewis, Midland
Mick Marvell, East Midland
Richard O'Hara, East Midland
Simon Oakes, East Midland

South East Region

Geoffrey Beauchamp, Kent
James Brazil, Surrey
Adrian Cox, Essex
Robert Dowling, Essex
Steven Gaines, Surrey
Matthew Jupp, Essex
Christopher Phillips, Surrey
Douglas Roofe, East Anglia
Matt Scobbie, Surrey
Mike Seaton, Surrey
Neil Ward, Sussex

South West/South Wales Region

Kyle Knight, South West
Stephen Milton, South West
Paul Neilson, South Coast

Northern Ireland

Ian Moore, Northern Ireland

Overseas

Giles McDonagh, Republic of Ireland
Benjamin Lovett, Turkey
Guizhou Peng, Far East