



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

BIGGA Policy on Courtesy Golf Open Support Team

Over the last few months the membership department have received telephone calls from members and golf clubs enquiring about the use of courtesy golf.

The guidelines below are to clear up any confusion among BIGGA members and golf clubs. We are aware the majority of members do behave sensibly when seeking courtesy golf.

Guidelines

- Only those with full membership should seek courtesy golf.
- Courtesy golf is only given at the discretion of the individual golf club and is not an automatic benefit of membership.
- Members wishing to seek courtesy golf at a club should contact the club at least 24 hours in advance of wishing to play.
- On arrival at the club, members should report to the Secretary/ Pro Shop and follow normal procedures for playing golf.
- Members should always produce a valid membership card as proof of status to the club.
- Members should make a point of thanking the club for their courtesy on completion of their round of golf.
- Members should not seek courtesy golf at any one golf club more than twice per year.

Golf Clubs wishing to verify membership or requiring further details should contact the Membership Department directly.

All suspected abuses of the card should be reported immediately to BIGGA headquarters where such complaints will be investigated and appropriate action taken.

Well done to all those who were part of the Open Support Team at Turnberry in July. As always, the team assisted the home greenkeeping staff in their usual professional supportive way.

Being part of the Open Support Team is one of the great benefits of being a full member of BIGGA, as Richard Saunders, Course Manager at Mowsbury Golf Club, Huntingdon found out:

"To be a member of the Open Support Team is an honour and a privilege.....as a member of the team we get to see behind the scenes as it were - with the staff out on the course early in the morning and late at night - the side the public doesn't see.....I just hope I am lucky enough to be selected to be a member of the team in future years".

BIGGA Membership Benefit of the month - Telephone Debt Advice Helpline

Managing money well is sometimes overlooked in the pressures of our daily lives.

Full Members of BIGGA can now talk about any financial concerns or worries through the Arc Legal 24/7 Debt Advice Helpline.

Expert confidential help is at hand through their trained independent counsellors ready to assist with counselling, support, advice and help.

If your debt is complicated the counsellor can also direct your call to specialist debt experts who will talk through the stages of prioritising the debts and steps to resolution.

Importantly once you are managing your money concerns the support of the counsellors is available 24/7 to help you find better ways to control future spending and deal with money related issues.

Call the Debt Advice Helpline on 0800 174 319 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days of the year, have your membership number to hand.



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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

Craig MacEachen, Ayrshire

Northern Region

Matthew Eastwood, Northern
Brendan Hardman, North West
Stuart Murphy, North Wales
Neil Myatt, North West
Barry Parsons, North East
Alexander Vaughan, North West
Rob Wells, North West

Midland Region

Paul Allen, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Philip Bennett, Midland
Joe Drummond, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Dayl Foley, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Stuart Job, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Lee Knight, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Edward Lewis, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Ben Rees, Mid Anglia
James Royle, Mid Anglia
Christopher Slimm, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Maks Wyard, Midland

South East Region

Clifford Anderson, Kent
Craig Batts, Surrey
Adam Constable, Surrey
Paul Curtis, East Anglia
Stan Harrison, London
Paul Holloway, Essex
Nicholas Kikkides, Essex
Mark Logan, Surrey
Fabien Maisonnay, Surrey
Ryan Marangoni, Surrey
Philip Mayes, Surrey
James Morton, Essex
Neil Pareira, London
Mark Severn, Essex
Chris Smith, Surrey

South West / South Wales Region

Christopher Allen, South West
Gerald Clements, South West
Laurence Davis, South West
Matt Hubball, South West
Matthew James, South West
Ryan Marshall, South West

Northern Ireland

Jonathan Hutchinson, Northern Ireland

Overseas

Tom Stephen, Canada
Graham Johns, Sweden