



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

Congratulations to the BIGGA Open Support Team

Well done to members of the Open Support Team in successfully supporting Gordon Moir, Director of Greenkeeping and Gordon McKie, Head Greenkeeper and their team in managing the Old Course at St Andrews during last month's Open Championship.

To be part of the Open Support Team is a fantastic opportunity to see golf at the very highest level from a privileged position – inside the ropes. It's hard work but worth the effort. To apply to be part of the team for the Open 2011 at Royal St George's look out for the invitation to apply in the December and January editions of GI or talk to Scott MacCallum or Rachael Duffy at BIGGA HQ.

NEW Membership Benefit

Check out the members area of the BIGGA website for the new "How To..." guides available exclusively to BIGGA Members on a range of Human Resource topics. These short, handy guides provide practical, step-by-step guidance on a range of subjects. The guides can be downloaded and used to help you develop your knowledge and implement new processes within your workplace.

Section and Region Events

Visit the 'Event's Section on BIGGA's website to have a look at what's on around the UK, www.bigga.org.uk select 'EVENTS' from across the top row.

Somebody asked me the other day if it was possible to be a member of two sections, unfortunately, not, but that's not to say that if you would like to attend an event in a different section just contact the Section Secretary and ask, I'm sure you would be made most welcome.

After all, each section is about the same thing, meeting new people, establishing new friendships and maintaining old ones, at the same

time as discussing all things greenkeeping and turf.

Temperatures set to soar this summer...

At the time of writing this months article most places have experienced very little, if any, rainfall to speak of and a fair bit of sunshine.

It's the sunshine I want to touch on, following on from John Mair's (Ayrshire Section) mention in his Around the Green column last month, "Remember to put sun block on and wear a cap if possible...especially those short on top!"

If we are going abroad on holiday we pack sun tan lotion, it's always high on our list of things to take; yet in this country we hardly give it a second thought.

Skin Cancer and the sun

Most skin cancers are caused by long-term exposure to the sun and research has shown that those who work outdoors are more at risk of skin cancer due to this fact. It is thought that there could be as many as 100,000 cases of skin cancer each year in the UK, but many aren't reported.

Some Sun Smart advice

- Make sure you never burn
- Aim to cover up with T shirt, hat and sunglasses
- Use factor 15+ sunscreen (sun cream)

Cheap sunblocks are usually just as good as expensive ones. They are all tested the same way and it is the level of protection they give you against the sun that matters most. This is the 'sun protection factor' or SPF.

The SPF tells you the amount of protection the sun cream gives against UVB radiation.

Cancer Research UK recommend at least factor 15. This is because it gives the best balance between protection and cost.



The Open Support Team 2010

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Greenkeepers Legal Assistance
0800 177 7891
Greenkeepers Support Services
0800 174 319
Debt Counselling Helpline
0800 174319

BIGGA welcomes the following new members

Scotland

Ryan Brennan, West
Dean Cormack, West
Steven MacLeod, North
Mark McManus, West
Greg Ronald, East
Callum Wark, West

Northern Region

Nathan Connor, Northern
Stephen Dale, Northern
Daniel McGuckin, Cleveland
Rick Sagar, Northern
Miles Skehan, Northern

Midland Region

Andrew Clark, Mid Anglia
Jonathan Farrell, Mid Anglia
Vincent Gilroy, Midland
Michael Kemmett, Mid Anglia
Alex Kinnaird, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Richard Lloyd, Midland
Naomi Wallace, Berks/Bucks & Oxon

South East Region

John Bartlett, Surrey
Jay Clark, Essex
Daniel Crow, Essex
Garath Ellis, Sussex
Jeff Foulger, London
Adam Frampton, Essex
Ian Gosling, Sussex
Dan Harrison, Surrey
Chris Holdham, Sussex
Oliver Homewood, Essex
Andrew Rogers, Essex

South West Region

David Chammings, Devon & Cornwall
Tim Harmer, South Coast

Northern Ireland

Adrian McCullough, Northern Ireland

Overseas

Ulrich Kayser, Germany
Maurizio Russo, Italy
Brian Anderson, USA