



# Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

## BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition (BTME) 2011

Important dates for your diary – Tuesday 18 – Thursday 20 January 2011.

It will soon be here (where has this year gone?)...Europe's largest turf management exhibition.

Be one of 6,000 valuable visitors to descend on the pretty town of Harrogate, that is 6,000 individuals who all have one thing in common - a passion for turf.

Join visitors from around the world to attend an education event, which many industries can only envy and an exhibition packed with experts showcasing the latest turf care technologies.

## New for 2011

- Turf Managers' Conference, promising to attract Course Managers and Head Greenkeepers from far and wide.
- A specifically devised development seminar for Assistant Greenkeepers where key skills required for workplace communication and team working are high on the agenda.
- The NEW Envirozone, from rain water to harvesting to power optimisation, this new exhibition area promises to showcase the very latest green developments.
- Enhanced Personal Development Zone (PD Zone) providing an invaluable resource for any sports turf professional who is looking to gain careers advice or inspiration. Featuring experts in the field of greenkeeping, careers assistance and consultancy there is a wealth of specialist advice available throughout the three days.
- More FREE seminars on offer.

Whatever your reason for visiting BTME 2011, you will be guaranteed one thing – you will expand your network. This is a brilliant opportunity to sound out the minds of those who have already been there, gained the experience and been at the face of the good and the bad in the industry, pick their brains, there is no point in re-inventing the wheel!

To steal the title of a well-known BBC1 TV Show – it is the ONE SHOW to attend in 2011 and with FREE entry and a simple advance registration process, it is easy. Register at [www.harrogateweek.org.uk](http://www.harrogateweek.org.uk).

Don't forget to stop by the BIGGA Stand (Hall C Stand 46) and have a chat with the BIGGA Staff. We would welcome any feedback you have on membership issues, learning and development in fact anything you want to give feedback on! Or just stop by to say 'hello'.

We will have the facility to renew membership, take applications from new members wishing to join and where necessary issue membership cards. Come along and see what's on offer in 2011.

## The BIGGA Social Night – Tuesday, January 18

For the last two years the social night has been 'great fun', 'entertaining' and 'worthwhile' according to those who have already experienced them and 2011 plans to be no different with the theme being a beer festival.

This will take place at the Old Swan Hotel on Tuesday, January 18 2011 starting at 7pm until 10.30pm. The evening will provide a great opportunity to sample local beers and catch up with friends and industry colleagues, whilst listening to live music and filling up on the hot buffet meal! Tickets are now on sale (£25 + VAT per ticket), contact the office 01347 833800 to ensure your ticket to a fabulous enjoyable and entertaining evening.

## Past Articles

Personal Finance Planning – GI July 2010; How to Guides... – GI September 2010; Membership renewal online – GI October 2010; Continue to Learn 2011 – GI November 2010.

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## BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

### Scotland

- Rhys Davies, Central
- Bryan Grieve, Central
- Steve McRae, North
- Chris Watson, North
- Northern Region
- John Bevan, North Wales
- Arran Jackson, North West
- Martin Lee, North Wales
- Brian Morris, North West
- Barry Wright, North Wales
- Midland Region
- Nicholas Burman, Mid Anglia
- Lucas Davis, East Midland
- Nick Jones, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
- Laurie Owen, Mid Anglia
- Max Sullivan, Midland
- Alan Wright, Berks/Bucks & Oxon

### South East Region

- Darren Breen, London
- Liam Close, East Anglia
- Phillip Copsey, Kent
- Jason Cox, Sussex
- Charles Goble, London
- Billy Maynard, Essex
- Ian Plummer, Sussex
- Steven Smith, Kent
- Sean Whipp, Surrey

### South West/South Wales Region

- Richard Japes, Devon & Cornwall
- Matthew Mackenzie, South West
- Daniel Robinson, South Coast
- Drew Van Der Niet, South Coast
- James Yeates, South West
- International
- Alan Neale, Spain

For more information on new members log in to the Members' Area of the BIGGA Website.

## Finally

Help your Association grow by sharing the value of your BIGGA membership with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to join.

Every time you recruit a new member, you strengthen BIGGA.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the BIGGA Staff.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your input, feedback, help and encouragement but mostly for your support, thank you and here's to 2011.



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Greenkeepers Support Services  
0800 174 319

Debt Counselling Helpline  
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