



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

Harrogate Week 2010

It would be remiss of me not to mention Harrogate Week 2010 in this month's membership update because it is a vital component of the membership services and benefits that BIGGA offers.

The show welcomes all visitors regardless of whether they are a member of BIGGA or not, but the benefit from being a member comes when you want to attend one of the many workshops at Continue to Learn.

This year BIGGA members made massive savings of:

38% when booking a two day workshop, a 50% saving when booking a one-day workshop and a huge 55% saving when booking a half-day workshop.

The savings made at Harrogate Week alone will either pay or go a long way to cover your membership subscription for a year. If you didn't get the opportunity to attend this year there is always next year!

Fresh back from the success of Harrogate Week 2010 we are already planning Harrogate Week 2011, for more information visit www.harrogateweek.org.uk.

Whether you attend the exhibition on its own or alongside Continue to Learn there is something of interest for everybody and well worth a visit. Next year why not bring your Chairman of Green, Golf Club Committee Member or Line Manager along to be part of the Harrogate Experience 2011?

Membership Benefits and Services

These days we find ourselves being members of all sorts of associations, groups, clubs and societies, from our professional body to members of a gym, sports club, football team, darts team to the National Trust, whatever it is we are members of means that at some time we have made a conscious decision to become part of a group.

Members of BIGGA are an essential part of the Association; members form the community that exists within BIGGA.

The Section and regional events and Harrogate Week show how strong that community is with members attending benefiting from discussions and debates on topical issues, exchanging ideas and generally meeting and mixing with like-minded people.

Choosing to be a member of an association or club etc usually means that membership offers a number of benefits and services to each individual person.

We may not take advantage of every benefit or service that is available to us and because of that we may not always remember all the benefits and services that are offered to us, so it's good to remind ourselves every so often what we, as members, can take advantage of.

Visit the Members' area of the BIGGA website to remind yourself of all the benefits and services that are available to you, www.bigga.org.uk and log in to the members area.

Stress and Debt Helplines

A membership benefit you may not be aware of is the stress and debt helplines.

During the last six months the BIGGA website page for stress advice has taken, on average, 135 hits a month and the debt helpline page has averaged 100 visits a month.

The impact of the economic climate has been well documented in the media and there is no doubt that, unfortunately, the golf sector has not escaped from the restrictions on lending and the downturn in consumer spending.

If you are experiencing increasing pressures in your daily life and want to talk to an expert in complete confidence, then ring the Stress or Debt Helpline on 0800 174 319 where a trained advisor is on hand to discuss any issue.



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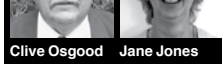
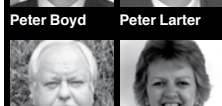
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Welcome to New Members

For more information on new members log in to the Members Area of the BIGGA website:

www.bigga.org.uk

...and select 'Welcome New Members' from the Menu on the left hand side.

This month BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

Scottish Region

John Kelly, East
Robert Mackay, North
Lewis Thomson, East

Northern Region

Ross Butterworth, North West

Midland Region

Sean Brocklehurst, Mid Anglia
Thomas Calder, Midland
George Mackie, Midland
David Sutherland, Berks/Bucks & Oxon

South East Region

William Coles, Kent
David Cracknell, East Anglia
Paul Craske, East Anglia
Michael Edmunds, Essex
Martyn German, Surrey
Richard Pennell, Surrey
Stewart Rogers, Essex
Nick Staff, East Anglia
Darren Thomas, London

South West & South Wales Region

Lance Evans, South Wales
Alex Pike, South West
Rhys Williams, South Wales

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

(Full Members only)

Legal Assistance 0800 177 7891
Personal Accident Insurance 0207 560 3013
Stress Helpline 0800 174 319
Debt Helpline 0800 174 319