



# Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

## The Membership Benefit that Pays

No one knows how beneficial BIGGA membership is to technical, career and personal development better than BIGGA members.

If you are a member of BIGGA, you already recognise the benefits that are offered from a dedicated sports turf professional body. If you know somebody who shares our common vision and would benefit from being a member of BIGGA then why not recommend him or her for BIGGA membership?

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.

A vital and growing BIGGA means greater recognition of the sports turf professional, improved educational and networking opportunities for all members and the advancement of sports turf maintenance worldwide.

## Tips on Recruiting New Members

- Invite a prospective member to attend a Section Golf Day or Education event to experience first-hand the professional benefits of BIGGA Membership
- Start a discussion about BIGGA membership, mentioning all the benefits and services that BIGGA provide
- Tell them why you are a member and what you get from it (show your enthusiasm)
- Show them a copy of Greenkeeper International
- Discuss the relaunched BIGGA website with the benefit of the bulletin boards within the Members' area

## Ways to recruit new members

1. You can simply provide the BIGGA membership department with your colleagues name and contact information and we can send them a membership information pack.
2. You can print membership applications from the BIGGA website

or receive some from the office and hand them one directly.

3. You can direct them to the application form on the BIGGA website.

## Continue to Learn 2011

With the launch of the Continue to Learn programme for 2011 in last months Greenkeeper International we have been experiencing lots of interest and bookings.

This year we have introduced the Turf Managers' Conference, we have also kept the very popular How to be an Outstanding Manager Workshop, Part 1 is Setting and Managing Expectations and Part 2 is How to Motivate and Engage Your People (this is very popular so if you want a place book quick!).

This year we have also included a Volunteers Workshop, this is for any BIGGA member who is currently a volunteer or is thinking about volunteering on section, region or national committees, it will hopefully give you a better understanding on what is involved.

For those looking at their own personal finances we have a free seminar on Wills and Estate Planning (Tuesday, January 18), now it may not be a sexy subject but writing a will is so important today. Take half an hour out of your day to listen to an expert highlight the importance of making a Will.

We are pleased to include a free seminar for the development of Assistant Greenkeepers (Wednesday, January 19, 2-4pm), this will be a highly interactive workshop devised for Assistants to learn about key skills in workplace communication and team working tips.

As we all gear up to face unprecedented financial turmoil the need for greenkeepers and other sports turf professionals to get together to plan the way ahead is more vital than ever. Conferences and Exhibitions such as Harrogate Week are a very cost effective way of learning new tricks and testing your own ideas.

For those Golf Clubs who cut off opportunities for their greenkeepers development could, in the end, find this detrimental to their golf course.



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

## Scotland

Brian Gallagher, Ayrshire  
James Strange, Central  
James Taylor, North

## Northern Region

Stephen Cotgreave, North West  
Callum Edwards, North Wales  
Ben McGrattan, North East  
Ian Nichols, North West

## Midland Region

Andre Arthur, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Christian Fowler, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Darren James, Midland  
David Jones, Midland  
Christopher Lambert, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Victor Richardson, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Adam Shoesmith, Midland  
John Spence, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Liam Tomkins, Mid Anglia  
Sean Wallace, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Christian Wilkinson, Midland

## South East Region

Jamie Abel, Essex  
Gavin Chase, Surrey  
Daniel Gunn, Surrey  
Joshua Thorley, Surrey  
Sam Turner, Surrey  
Andrew West, Surrey

## South West/South Wales Region

Luke Albers, South West  
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