



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

The week that was 'Harrogate Week 2011'

Each year the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition (BTME), Continue to Learn and Clubhouse serve as vital components of the membership benefits and services BIGGA offer and 2011 didn't fail to deliver.

Although smaller than previous years (reflecting the current economy) the show offered the same buzz, excitement and atmosphere as last year, in fact Continue to Learn experienced a growth in numbers. Many of the workshops were already full before the week started.

The BIGGA Stand in Hall C welcomed many visitors, from those who visit us year on year to say hello and catch up on the past twelve months to new visitors who come and see us for the first time to chat about the benefits of being a BIGGA Member.

Membership Benefits Brochure (see pic inset)

This year we were able to launch the new BIGGA Membership Benefits brochure, a guide to the opportunities and rewards of being a BIGGA member.

The brochure contains information on the different categories of membership and the benefits and services each one offers with testimonials from members of BIGGA.

Application forms for membership are available from the BIGGA website at www.bigga.org.uk, select 'MEMBERSHIP' from the options along the top and select 'Application Form' from the options on the left hand side, here you can download the information you need.

BIGGA has now firmly established itself as the professional body for golf greenkeepers and of course now BIGGA welcome applications for membership from other sports turf professionals working at a sports facility.

So what makes BIGGA different to other organisations that provide a platform for people to interact and exchange information?

Well, as a professional Association (also called a professional body, professional institute, professional organisation, or professional society) BIGGA is a non-profit organisation seeking to further a particular profession, the interests of the individuals engaged in that profession and the public interest. This means that any profit made on commercial activities is put right back into the Association for the benefit of its members.

Why join a professional body?

Professional bodies aim to raise standards among those in their industry, promoting best practice, training and recognised qualifications. Members can benefit from support, networking and access to news and training opportunities.

How BIGGA can help you become a better Head Greenkeeper/Course Manager

As a Head Greenkeeper/Course Manager you may be faced with challenges for which you feel you are not completely prepared. Management and greenkeeping often require very different skills from those which have got you where you are.

BIGGA could help you bridge that gap in a number of ways. We can put you in contact with others in your field, and as a result can provide information about best practice. BIGGA also offer training for managers and team leaders.

Now is the time to get involved in your section events, if you don't already, make a deal with yourself to go to at least two section events this year and take advantage of meeting other BIGGA Members in your area. The golf industry is facing some challenging times; the section events provide you with the opportunity to discuss relevant issues with your colleagues from other golf clubs. It's reassuring to know that you do share some common problems and there may be somebody out there who can give you the benefit of their experience.



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This month BIGGA welcomes the following members...

Scottish

Duncan Peddie, West Section
Ian MacMillan MG, Central Section
Gordon Wood, North Section
Ian Morrison, Central Section
Andrew Turnbull, Central Section
Paul Ruby, West Section
James Balmbro, East Section
Steven Fitchet, Central Section
Paul Reilly, Central Section

Northern Region

Glynn Hancock, Sheffield Section
Lae Mason, Sheffield Section
Wayne Reid, North East Section
Joshua Lowe, Sheffield Section
Daniel Egan, North East Section
Gary McCluskey, North West Section
Darren Edwards, Sheffield Section
Tony Milan, North East Section

Midland Region

Christopher Horsler, Mid Anglia Section
Michael Price, East Midland Section

South East Region

Aaron Percival, London Section
Lewis Batch, East Anglia Section
Jamie Jacklin, Sussex Section
Kevin Leighton, Sheffield Section
Will Clark, Surrey Section
Rob Klein, Surrey Section
Simon Jacob, Surrey Section
Paul Heaven, Surrey Section
Michael Walsh, Sussex Section
Robert Parkin, London Section

Sth West & Sth Wales Region

Layton Wilkes, Devon & Cornwall Section
Stephen George, Devon & Cornwall Section
Mark Keevil, South Coast Section
Paul England, South Coast Section

International

Vanja Drašler, Slovenia
Grant McNally, Sweden
Bo Lacy, USA

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

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

(Full Members only)

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02075 603013
Greenkeepers Legal Assistance
0800 177 7891
Greenkeepers Support Services
0800 174 319
Debt Counselling Helpline
0800 174319

