



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

Membership Benefits Update



tastecard offer...repeated offer exclusively for BIGGA Members

A perfect Christmas gift! This offer is available to all current BIGGA Members (all categories of membership); it is time limited and available from Friday, November 4 – Friday, November 18.

BIGGA has once again negotiated an exclusive deal with tastecard, the nation's largest dining club. A tastecard gives you access to the most incredible deals at over 5,500+ restaurants nationwide.

Participating restaurants range from PizzaExpress, Cafe Rouge, Bella Italia, Zizzi, ASK, GBK, STRADA and La Tasca to Marco Pierre White and everything in between! Each restaurant featured offers either 50% off the total food bill or 2-for-1 across all courses (even for groups of more than two diners in most cases).

Why not treat someone special in your life to a tastecard membership, a truly unique gift that will be used all year round?



You can purchase a full year's membership at an exclusive BIGGA rate of £29.95 (RRP £69.95).

Be quick, as this offer is only available from Friday, November 4 – Friday, November 18.

There are no catches, it is just a great deal, and an opportunity for all 'foodies' to save a small fortune on eating out over the next 12 months.

For more information on the tastecard visit www.tastecard.co.uk

From November 4 BIGGA Members will be able to purchase a tastecard via the BIGGA Website by paying online or by telephone by contacting BIGGA HQ directly. This exclusive deal is not available directly from the tastecard website.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

If you are a Full Member of BIGGA you are encouraged to be registered on the BIGGA CPD Scheme. You may think that CPD isn't for you, but everyone can benefit.

CPD – what is it?

CPD is a combination of approaches, ideas and techniques that will help you manage your own learning and growth. Remember, one size doesn't fit all. Wherever you are in your career now, and whatever you want to achieve, your CPD should be exactly that: yours.

The BIGGA CPD Scheme

Has several benefits to you, it helps:

- to keep track of your training achievements
- to adapt out dated skills
- to show your employer that you are a true professional
- to give you a means of showing prospective employers that you have continued to develop your education and training beyond the minimum level
- to update skills and knowledge on a regular basis
- to give you the skills to cope with change

You can gain CPD credits for attendance at a wide range of educational events, Harrogate Week and the BIGGA AGM as well as Section and Region events and AGM's.

It is simple to join the scheme, just download an application form, complete and return it to the L&D Department.

To claim points, you either sign a register of attendance at the event (if available) or send in a credit claim form with proof of your attendance (certificate or signature from the organiser).

A BIGGA Certificate of Continuing Professional Development will be awarded to those members who accumulate 10 CPD Credits annually from July 1 to June 30.

Once you have been awarded five successive Certificates of Continuing Professional Development will receive a BIGGA Diploma of Continuing Professional Development.

BIGGA Regional Conferences

Northern

29th November 2011, **Cookridge Hall Golf Club**

30th November 2011, **Birchwood Golf Club**
Contact Peter Larter, RA, 01476 550115

South East

16 November 2011, **Stock Brook Manor Golf Club, Essex**

Contact Clive Osgood, RA, 01737 819343

South West & Wales

17 November 2011, **Oaktree Arena, Highbridge, Somerset**
Contact Jane Jones, RA, 01454 270850

Scotland

6 March 2012, **Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline**
Contact Peter Boyd, RA, 0141 616 3440



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0800 174 319
Debt Counselling Helpline
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