



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update



BIGGA Open Support Team 2011

This month I would like to welcome the BIGGA Open Support Team to Royal Lytham and St Annes for this years Open Championships from 15th – 22nd July. BIGGA play a valuable role within the Open Championship providing support to the home greenkeeping teams since 1984.

All Greenkeeping BIGGA members are eligible to apply to be on the Open Support Team.

The 50plus strong team is selected using a number of different criteria including experience and BIGGA involvement but there is also a category for first time applicants to ensure everyone has an opportunity.

One of the top 5 qualities of any successful event is an excellent well trained team.

Rachael Duffy, Sandra Raper, John Young and myself are the representatives from HQ, together with support from the Board of Management, however, we need to rely on experienced members who have previously been part of the support team.

'Core' members are selected to take on the roles of mini bus drivers, pod leaders and first tee representatives, once this team is selected from suitable applications, we then review the rest of the applications, as this is a fantastic opportunity for members we are

usually oversubscribed for places, so applications for consideration are carefully reviewed.

A place on the team is open to all full BIGGA members but priority is given to those who are more active members.

If you are applying to become part of the Open Support Team why not consider becoming more involved with the Association, for example get more involved in your section, join the CPD scheme or attend Harrogate Week.

If you are over the age of 25 why not volunteer to be a mini bus driver or a deputy mini bus driver. Successful applications are then entered into a draw to make up the full team.

Have we got your right email address?

We know you all love receiving your monthly copy of Greenkeeper International, but living in this digital age, BIGGA want to complement the magazine with an e-newsletter.

To ensure you receive your copy check with us that we have your up to date email address.

Either check the information on your membership renewal form, if this is due or you have recently renewed, or send an email to membership@bigga.co.uk with 'Email address' in the subject line.

SALTEX

If you plan to visit SALTEX this year, 4-6 September, at Windsor Racecourse make sure you check out the series of three seminars presented by BIGGA on Wednesday 5 September.

Whilst you are at SALTEX don't forget to come and say hello to the BIGGA Team on stand E33, we hope to be in the usual cabin sheltering from the rain or enjoying the lovely sunshine on the seats outside!

Bioflow Sport Wristbands

BIGGA are pleased to announce that we have secured a 15% discount for BIGGA members off the price of Bioflow sport wristbands.

Bioflow wristbands have been supporting the sports market for over 15 years and are chosen by professionals worldwide to help enhance their performance through the benefits of magnetic therapy.

Visit the bioflow website at www.bioflowsport.com select the wristband colour and size to suit and at checkout enter the code WG15 in the voucher code field under the payment section.





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