

Farewell from Peter Larter, BIGGA Regional Administrator

At the end of May 2012 I retire from the post of Regional Administrator for the Midland and Northern Regions of BIGGA.

In September 1996, after 35 years in the RAF, I took over the post of Regional Administrator for the Midland Region of BIGGA and, a few years later became full-time, also looking after the Northern Region.

During my 16 years with BIGGA I have worked with many members, BIGGA HQ staff and the Trade, and I am very grateful for the support and friendship I received from all I came into contact with.

I have had the great experience of working at BTME, and in recent years I have had the honour to work with our members at The Open Championship.

As I head into retirement I will miss the friends I have made during my time with BIGGA. However, I will be fully occupied with grand children, rugby, golf and, like Peter Boyd, my wife's "to do" list.

I wish BIGGA and all I have known throughout the last 16 years success in the future.

Good Luck,
Peter J Larter



Pete Larter, in his prime, playing for Northampton Saints!

BIGGA Appoints New Regional Administrators

The Association is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Regional Administrators



John Young

Following the retirement of Peter Boyd, John Young has been appointed on a full time contract, to cover Scotland.

John is a skilled administrator with a strong track record in event organisation and has been heavily involved with the management of Gourock Golf Club, where he is a full member with a handicap of 13, John will commence his post on Monday 28th May 2012.



Sandra Raper

Due to the retirement of Peter Larter, Sandra Raper has been appointed on a full time contract, to cover Northern and Midland Regions

Sandra was previously employed by BIGGA in an administrative role and has good experience in many aspects of Association business.

During her time with the Association she developed an excellent rapport with members and suppliers alike. Sandra will commence her post on Monday 18th June 2012.

BRAEMAR EXTENDS COMMITMENT

Braemar Golf, the international golf services provider, based in the home of golf, St Andrews, Scotland is delighted to announce a new commitment to sustainability across all development and operational projects within the Braemar Golf portfolio.

Selecting the programmes and guidance provided by the Golf Environment Organization (GEO) as preferred solutions, Braemar has asked that all clients enrol in the GEO OnCourse™ programme to achieve the international ecolabel for golf, GEO Certified™. Additionally, Braemar will help new development projects integrate sustainability into planning, design and construction according to comprehensive new guidance developed by GEO in collaboration with a number of golf industry groups.

Braemar Golf has for many years been implementing environmental best practice

as part of their standard operating procedures but recognise the benefits of participating in such recognised and worthwhile programmes.

Jonathan Pendry, Golf Courses Director for Braemar Golf comments "Our project teams have driven this through their efforts and desire to manage their facilities in an environmentally sustainable manner.

"After discussions with our clients, both in development and operation, there is overwhelming support to ensure that with the guidance provided by GEO we can build and manage golf facilities to the highest environmental standards.

"We recognise not only the traditional environmental benefits but also the financial and efficiency savings that will be made and we are delighted to be involved to such an extensive level".

This commitment to GEO programmes as a practical and rewarding approach to sustainability underlines our conviction that sustainability is a valuable pursuit, for resource efficiencies, environmental and social benefits, and a strong reputation for individual clubs and the game.

GEO's Chief Executive, Jonathan Smith, added: "We are very pleased that our guidance and programming is providing a platform for Braemar Golf to re-affirm their commitment to sustainability and to support their clients efforts.

"It makes good business sense for every golf course and development to be a responsible, resource efficient business set in an ecologically rich landscape, and this leadership by Braemar Golf and the clubs and developments in their portfolio will bring tangible benefits and serve as a good example for others."