



Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

We are pleased to be able to repeat the tastecard offer exclusively for BIGGA Members (time limited)



BIGGA has once again negotiated an exclusive deal with tastecard, the nation's largest dining club, to give BIGGA members an exclusive discount on annual membership, helping save a fortune when dining out!

A tastecard membership card gives you access to the most incredible deals at over 6,000 dining establishments nationwide. Restaurants range from La Tasca, Pizza Express, Cafe Rouge and GBK to Malmaison and everything in between! Each restaurant featured offers 50% off the total food bill or 2-4-1 across all courses (even for groups of more than two diners in most cases).

BIGGA Members can join for a full year membership at an exclusive BIGGA rate of £29.95 (RRP £79.95). Be quick, as this offer is only available from May 9th until May 23rd 2012.

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.

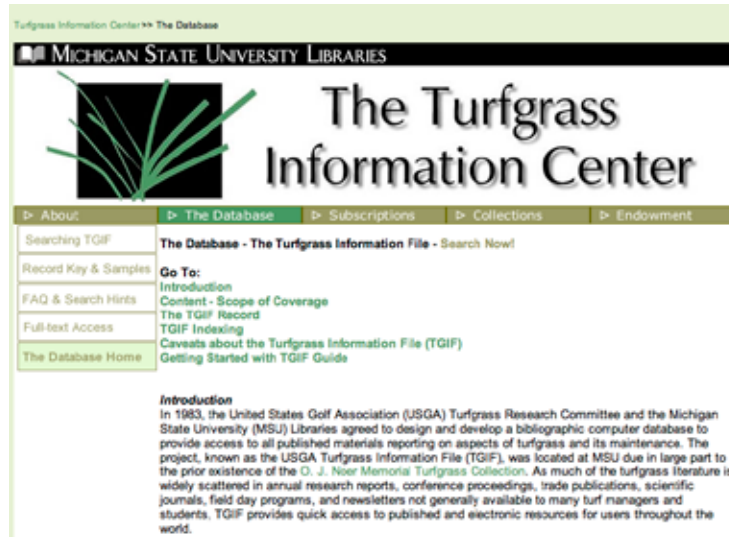
For more information on the tastecard visit www.tastecard.co.uk

How to purchase your tastecard

From May 9th BIGGA Members will be able to purchase a tastecard via the Members Area of 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.

Turfgrass Info. File (TGIF)

Last month I told you about the agreement BIGGA have secured with the Michigan State University Libraries, whereby *BIGGA Mem-



bers, through the Members area of the website, now have access to a vast collection of turfgrass educational material.

We have already had some great feedback, this is a fantastic resource available to all Full Members and Student Members of BIGGA who are studying at any level. To access the TGIF log in to the members area of the BIGGA website, select 'Member Resources' from the options on the left hand side, scroll down to 'Turfgrass Information File (TGIF)' and download the Getting Started Guide or just click on the link which will give you access to the file directly.

*Access available to BIGGA Full Members and BIGGA Student Members

BIGGA/GCMA Safety Management System



Just to remind you about the 'new' updated and more simplified Safety Management System (SMS) sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen, which is accessible through the members area of BIGGA's website or the library area of the GCMA's website.

A new area has been added for Fire Safety. It is a legal requirement in the UK for employers to provide a safe and healthy working environment and BIGGA/GCMA have

provided the tools required to help golf clubs establish their own Safety Management System, another great benefit of being a member of BIGGA.

Member Support Telephone Lines

Many of life's demands can cause stress, especially work, relationships and money problems, when you feel stressed it can affect everything you do, how you behave, how you think even how your body works.

Help is at hand; a confidential telephone helpline (your details will never be passed on to any third parties) is available to all Full Members of the Association.

For 24/7 advice ring a freephone line for Greenkeepers Support Services or advice on Finance Difficulties - Tel: 0800 174 319.

A personal thank you...

Peter Larter, BIGGA's Northern and Midland Regional Administrator is retiring on 31 May.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter from the membership department, all HQ staff and myself for being a valuable member of the BIGGA Team, we will all miss him immensely. I would like to wish him and his wife Jan my very best wishes.




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