

BIGGA Membership

The membership team reflect on current news and affairs affecting you, the BIGGA member

We are pleased to be able to repeat the tastecard offer exclusively for BIGGA Members (time limited -Friday 9th - Wednesday 28th November)

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

A tastecard membership card gives you access to the most incredible deals at over 6,500 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 November 9th to November 28th 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. Stuck for Christmas present ideas, why not treat someone to tastecard membership, a truly unique gift that will be used all year round, or purchase one for your son/daughter who has gone off to University?

For more information on the tastecard visit www.tastecard.

How to purchase your tastecard

From November 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.



Are you a BIGGA Member currently studying?

As a BIGGA Member you can access a fantastic study resource in the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) where members can gain access to a vast collection of turfgrass educational material.

This is a great benefit for all members who are currently in study, so whether you are studying at Level 2, 3 or 4 or studying for a diploma or degree this is definitely a resource you will find useful.

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

BTME 2013 registration is now open – avoid the queues

Visit the BIGGA website www.bigga.org.uk

Click on the BTME banner at the top of the page and select REGIS-TER NOW!

Continue to Learn - Discount for BIGGA Members

Continue to Learn offers a host of seminars and workshops, from 20-23 January 2013. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Turf Managers' Conference

Held on Monday 21st January 2013 at The Crown Hotel, Harrogate. Dr Thomas Nikolai - The Doctor of Green Speed' from Michigan State University will head up a fantastic programme.

Visit www.btme.org.uk

Uniform Tax Relief - are you eligible for a tax rebate?

If you wear work uniform, whether a simple polo shirt with logo or full attire like nurses or police officers, and have to wash, repair or replace it yourself you may be able to reclaim hundreds of pounds in overpaid tax from the past four years.

Can you answer 'Yes' to ALL of the following to be able to claim tax

- 1. You wear a recognisable uniform that shows you've got a certain job, like a branded T-shirt.
- 2. Your employer requires you to wear it while you're working.
- 3. You have to pay to clean, repair or replace it yourself. However, you can't claim if your employer washes your kit, provides facilities to do so (even if you don't use them) or pays you for doing this maintenance.
- 4. You paid income tax in the year you are claiming for.

For details contact the Tracey or Elaine in the membership department for details on how to claim.



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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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