



BIGGA Membership

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

CHANGES ARE AFOOT...

It is with some excitement that I write this last membership column in its current format. There will be some subtle differences from May's issue of Greenkeeper International onwards.

As most members will be aware BIGGA have been going through some organisational changes at BIGGA House over the last 12 months with new personnel being appointed. Although change can affect us all in an emotional way, this change is bringing with it its own advantages. I think if you ask everyone at BIGGA House what they think of the alterations, they will say they are really positive. This is because the changes have been presented as a means of introducing improvements.

All the staff are very enthusiastic and excited about the future of BIGGA and are looking forward to working with the Board, the Regions, the Sections and you!

I read somewhere that "People don't resist organisational change - people resist being changed!" and I think this is true of many an organisation or even golf club, but most people can adapt to change if managed properly.

Greenkeeper International Feedback

BIGGA have recently been collecting your feedback on the Association's membership magazine, Greenkeeper International, to find out what you think about it. You've told us what's good, what's not, what's useful, what could do with improving and changing. The results gained via the survey, the Regional Administrators or the recent roadshows undertaken by Jim Croxton, Tony Smith and myself, have given us really useful and interesting feedback.

Thank you to all who took part in one or all of the feedback methods, but mostly thank you for being honest! Most of you provided excellent constructive feedback which we can now analyse, digest



and incorporate in future issues of Greenkeeper International.

This is a great example of how we can work together to change, improve or just tweak benefits and services that BIGGA offer. We hope you like the discreet changes that will be happening over the next few months within Greenkeeper International, please continue to let us know what you think.

Regional Roadshows

Jim Croxton, CEO, Tony Smith, 2013 Chairman and myself have spent a good majority of March travelling around the five regions talking to members of the section and region committees about elements of BIGGA's current business plan.

From feedback received this has proved a very useful and worthwhile experience and I think it's safe to say that the underlying message coming through was that as a unified group we can take BIGGA forward by working together, from sections to regions to national board and staff. Your section representative can brief you at your next meeting regarding the roadshow and its contents or contact your Regional Administrator.

Greg Skinner

Good luck to BIGGA member Greg Skinner, Head Greenkeeper at Forest Hill Golf & Country Club who's running the Brighton Mara-

thon on April 14th after already completing the Ashby20 race on March 17th. As if that isn't enough Greg is then going to run in the Woodhouse Challenge on May 6th, (a measly half marathon) and finishing his runs at the KABW Bosworth Half Marathon on May 12th.



Greg is running in aid of Leukemia & Lymphoma Research in memory of a good friend named Paul Glennon who died in 2012 aged only 56.

Greg can be sponsored by visiting www.justgiving.com/gregskinner1

Membership Subscription increase from 1st April 2013

BIGGA have made a small increase in membership subscription from 1st April, they are as follows: -

- Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper - £140
- Deputy/Greenkeeper aged 21 & over - £82
- Greenkeeper aged 20 and under - £82
- Unqualified greenkeeper 21 & over - £61
- Unqualified greenkeeper 20 & under - £30
- International Member - £97
- Affiliate Member - £94
- Student Member - £26
- Retired Member - £32
- Unattached Member - £36





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