



BIGGA Membership

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

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2013

Pre-register for BTME 2013

Why not start your year off with a visit to BTME 2013? You can still pre-register to avoid the queues, visit www.btme.org.uk and click on the 'Register Now' button.

Opening times for BTME 2013 are: -

Tuesday 22nd January 2013 - 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 23rd January 2013 - 9am - 5pm

Thursday 24th January 2013 - 9am - 4pm

If you have previously used the Park and Ride, please note this will not be in operation for 2013. For a full list of car parks in Harrogate visit www.btme.org.uk or see pages 23 of this issue. The hopper service will still be in use.

BIGGA Stand - B23

Remember to plan a visit to the BIGGA Stand to meet the BIGGA Team and find information on: -

- Membership and Merchandise
- Member Services and Benefits
- Learning and Development
- Sales and Exhibition information
- Sections and Regions, meet your Regional Administrator and Section Committee Members

We will also have information on CourseTracker, the free new digital business management tool for golf courses, developed by the R&A, plus an offer where BIGGA members can take advantage of offers from SkyCaddie. Please note: The Showfloor Theatre will now not be appearing at BTME 2013 as previously stated in this column.

BIGGA Annual General Meeting

The BIGGA AGM, open to all Members of BIGGA (only FULL Members are entitled to vote) will be held on Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at 5.15pm in the Queen's Suite, remember to bring your membership card with you. If you are unable to attend and wish to send your apologies please email



membership@bigga.co.uk or visit the BIGGA Stand during the show.

Personal Accident Insurance Cover for FULL Members

As part of the membership benefits BIGGA cover all full members for personal accident insurance. This means that if any full member has an accident, at work, at home, or even playing sport and is off work through that injury they can potentially claim through the personal accident insurance.

The insurance provides cover for accidental bodily injury which results in death, loss of limbs or sight, hearing and speech, permanent disability or temporary disability. There are additional payments for medical expenses, funeral expenses, hospitalisation, bodily injury resulting in a coma, retraining and relatives travel expenses.

Temporary total disability is a weekly compensation resulting from bodily injury which temporarily prevents you from carrying out the whole of your occupational duties, e.g. you may have an accident whilst playing football which means you are unable to go to work, an amount of £50 (increased in 2012 from £35), please note there is no amount payable for the first 4 weeks.

Members Bulletin Boards

All members can gain access to

the Members area of the BIGGA website and gain access to the bulletin boards, if you want to take advantage of a vast network of professional greenkeepers, this is the place to be!

The current top 5 postings are: -

- Fire Risk Assessment
- Keeping a clean shed
- T1 creeping bentgrass
- File sharing
- Rain water harvesting



Why not pay your membership subscription monthly?

If you want to pay for your membership subscription monthly then why not join our direct debit scheme, if you choose to pay by monthly direct debit you can pay over 1, 5 or 10 instalments spreading the cost of your subscription. There is a small administration charge involved but if you pay by this method your membership will just continue year on year.

Keep up to date instantly with Twitter and Facebook

Keep up to date with all that's happening BIGGA wise on Facebook and Twitter. You can find us on Twitter on @BIGGALtd and search for British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association Ltd (BIGGA) Facebook group.

Information on all the membership benefits and services can be found at www.bigga.org.uk and log into the members area.





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