



**Here are the ten BIGGA members who will be flying to Florida in February for the Golf Industry Show courtesy of Bernhard.**

They will be the 13th delegation but there's nothing unlucky about the trip of a lifetime that awaits them. They all completed the application form and went through a rigorous interview process before being selected.

In 2014 the GIS is being held at the Orange County Convention Centre which the delegates will attend, taking advantage of the many educational opportunities as well as exploring the show. They will also be shown around golf courses in the area and meet some of the superintendents.

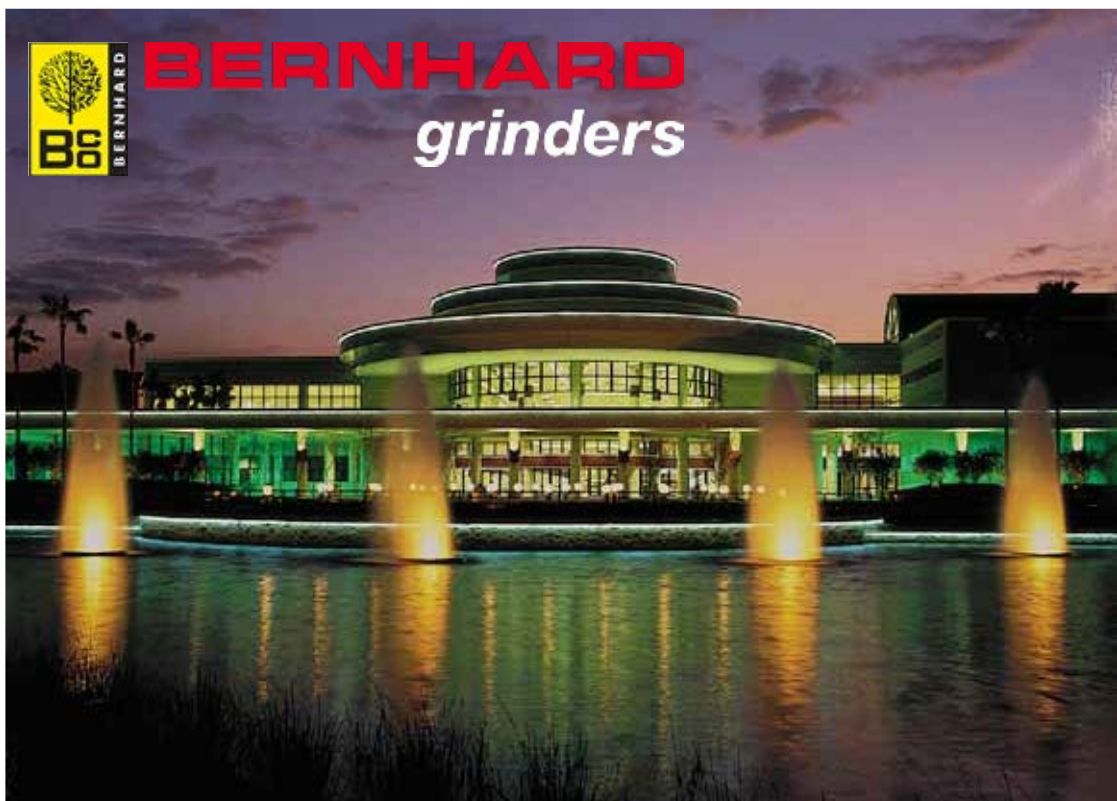
Dave Collins from Lickey Hills is one of the delegates and said: "I'm very excited, I hope it will give me the chance to pass on to my team the great things BIGGA do and what you can achieve in your career. I'm also very active on Twitter (@greenkeeperdave), through this I've spoken to many American greenkeepers and am hoping to meet some of them in person in February."

Fellow delegate Steve Hemsley from Bolton Old Links added: "I'm looking forward to seeing how other courses deal with problems in a totally different environment to the UK. But it's all about the overall experience, I'm keen to take advantage of the course visits, education, networking...all of it".

# February in Florida



**BERNHARD**  
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**Tom Brearley**  
**Assistant Greenkeeper**  
**Sunningdale Golf Club**

Tom has a BSc (Hons) degree in Golf Club Management and was employed at High Bullen Golf & Country Club and Meyrick Park Golf Club prior to his move to Sunningdale. He was also a member of this year's Open Support Team and is particularly looking forward to meeting American greenkeepers in February.



**Paul Armour**  
**Head Greenkeeper**  
**Lochgelly Golf Club**

Paul began his career as an apprentice greenkeeper with Fife Council and has gone on to work at Ratho Park Golf Club, Aberdour Golf Club and Leven Links. He has attended many seminars organised by the Scottish Region's Central Section and was part of the Open Support Team at Muirfield earlier this year.



**Jaey Goodchild**  
**Course Manager**  
**Bowood Golf & Country Club**

Brisbane-born Jaey was a Deputy Course Manager at Chobham Golf Club and The Richmond Golf Club before becoming Course Manager at Bowood Golf & Country Club in 2011. He is a member of BIGGA's South West Committee.



**Dave Collins**  
**Head Greenkeeper**  
**Lickey Hills Golf Club**

Dave began his career at Handsworth Golf Club before changing track to work for Rover. However, he returned to the industry as Head Greenkeeper at Witney Manor Golf Course before joining Lickey Hills. He also works on the pitch at Aston Villa on matchdays.



**Gavin Neill**  
**Deputy Course Manager**  
**St Andrews**

Gavin worked at Tain Golf Club before joining the Ohio State University Programme and continuing his education at several American clubs. He then joined St Andrews, working on the New Course then the Old Course. He is currently Deputy Course Manager of the New and Jubilee Courses.



**John Entwistle**  
**Head Greenkeeper**  
**Roehampton Club**

John worked at the Double Eagle Club in Ohio as part of Ohio State University Programme before taking a BSc (Hons) in Biotechnology and Turfgrass Science at Myerscough College. He joined Roehampton in 2006 and has worked his way up to Head Greenkeeper.



**Steve Hemsley**  
**Head Greenkeeper**  
**Bolton Old Links Golf Club**

Steve spent a year working at The London Golf Club before spending five years at St Andrews. He then had spells at Northwood Golf Club and Reddish Vale Golf Club before becoming Head Greenkeeper at Bolton Old Links. He has worked at several large tournaments and has been on the BIGGA Open Support Team three times.



**Andrew Laing**  
**Course Manager**  
**Gaudet Luce Golf Club**

Andrew became Head Greenkeeper at Gaudet Luce and Little Lakes in Worcestershire aged just 21. Following the merger of the two he became Course Manager at Gaudet Luce managing both the golf course and the rest of the outdoor land on the site.



**Paul Mills**  
**Course Manager**  
**Penn Golf Club**

Paul trained at Bloxwich Golf Club gaining his Level Three before moving to Stratford upon Avon Golf Club as First Assistant. He then secured his current position of Course Manager at Penn Golf Club in Staffordshire. The Club's environmental stewardship has been recognised in previous STRI awards.



**Geoff Fenn**  
**Course Manager**  
**Bedford & County Golf Club**

Geoff has spent all of his greenkeeping career at Bedford and has now been Course Manager for 12 years. He has a Foundation Degree in Sportsturf and is currently studying a BSc (Hons) in Sportsturf Science, both through Myerscough College. He recently joined other R&A Scholars on an educational trip to Askernish which you can read about on page 33.

