



Membership News

The latest news from BIGGA

Following the Greenkeeper International survey, we've revamped the Membership pages – and we want you to get involved.

As before, this section will highlight the many benefits BIGGA membership gives you, but will feature you, the members.

We want to hear your stories and experiences – so whether you've

found a new job through BIGGA, got help through our Legal Helpline or Lifestyle Counselling, worked at a high-profile tournament or even won a golf competition we want to hear from you!



XTRA XTRA!

BIGGA launched a brand new member benefits package, BIGGA Xtra Benefits, featuring discounts on everything from hotels and supermarkets to health clubs and mortgage advice on the opening morning of BTME 2014.

The Association has been working to provide a raft of deals and discounts which can be accessed by all full members of the Association.

Some of the many highlights include significant discounts on roadside assistance, car and home insurance plus big savings on health clubs, restaurants, high street brands and package holidays.

BIGGA Xtra Benefits also includes the best rates on utility bills, cinemas and eye care plus many more savings which will help members save cash and access the best deals across five main categories – Lifestyle, Insurance, Advice, Travel and Work and Business.

The scheme sits alongside our other existing benefits such as Continuing Professional Development, Lending Library, Personal Accident Insurance, Legal Assistance and our Lifestyle Counselling Helpline.

It's available to all full and associate BIGGA members. For more information, and to take advantage of the dozens of offers and discounts, simply visit the Members Section of our website at www.bigga.org.uk.



SAM BETHELL WINS KINDLE FIRE HD

All members who entered the Photo Booth at BTME 2014 were entered into a draw to win a Kindle Fire HD. Tracey and Elaine conducted the draw...and the lucky winner was Sam Bethell, greenkeeper at The Richmond Golf Club.

The daily winners were Robert Bemment from Immingham Golf Club, Stefan Carter from Forest Hill Golf and Country Club and Andrew Linley from Hallamshire Golf Club. They are now the proud owners of brand new BIGGA jumpers!

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all members who not only entered into the spirit of the Photo Booth, but also everyone who came to see us on the BIGGA Stand, you helped to ensure BTME 2014 was a truly memorable show.

BIGGA GREENKEEPERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Thanks to everyone who bought a green wristband to support the BIGGA Greenkeepers Benevolent Fund at BTME 2014. Your donations, along with Jacobsen's £2,500 cheque at the Welcome Celebration, have got the Fund off to a good start with the current total at around £3,500.

However, we are keen for more donations to this vital cause to

help current or past members and their dependents who have suffered hardship - financial or otherwise.

The green wristbands cost £2 (minimum contribution) and we will be fundraising on a permanent basis at all events we organise, so keep an eye out for them this year and please give generously!



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