

Central Region Newsletter

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Welcome from chairman



Welcome Back! It's hard to believe that it is time for the next newsletter already and as predicted we now have a change in government and the repercussions this may mean for our industry which has already been broached at the compliance forums run this year. I can assure all members that BIBA have maintained vital links with all the relevant political parties in recent months to ensure that any changes are considered, realistic and relevant to our sector and not just a knee jerk reaction to public pressure following the banking failures.

Also looming on the horizon is the BIBA conference (19-20 May) at Excel Centre, London and, if you haven't done so already, you should pre-register your attendance which is free to all BIBA members as this will guarantee you lunch on the day. I am sure that you have all seen the bulletins detailing the impressive speaker lineup and seminars sessions and BIBA believe that this is already shaping up to be one of the busiest conferences to date.

Finally, if you were not aware, BIBA has launched a recruitment section to the website. It is in the early stages of development but there are already a number of vacancies listed and you can even sign up for e-mail alerts. It can be found in the Broker page of the website and certainly worth a look.

I hope that you find this newsletter informative but if you have any comments please let us know as we are a committee made up of members just like you and therefore your feedback or suggestions are important for us to ensure that we are providing you with the service we would all like.

Ian Langley – BIBA Central Chairman

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2010 BIBA Central Diary

Compliance Forum

Wednesday 13th October – John Stow House, London.

Steve White, as always, will be presenting the latest information and update from the regulatory body whoever that may be on Wednesday 13th October. There is, potentially, a time of change approaching and BIBA will always be in full possession of the latest facts and how it will affect members. There will be two sessions from 10.00am to 1.00pm or 2.00pm to 5.00pm to provide members with more flexibility but you should be aware that spaces are already limited on the morning session so to secure your place please click [here](#).

Golf Day

Thursday 24th June – Harewood Downs Golf Club

This is a long standing event for the region and always popular. There will be teams of 3 or 4 players and you can enter a full team or as an individual and be allocated to a team on the day. There is a winners cup which will be presented during the buffet to end the days sport. Tournament & dinner £57.50 per person. Practice, tournament and dinner is £67.50 person. Evening buffet only £15.00 per person. If you are interested in entering please click [here](#) to reserve your space.



Karting

Thursday 16th September - Edmonton

Accelerating, braking, racing, sliding, skidding, cornering and maybe even winning. This is a great opportunity for you to try something new or if you've some experience get your lap times down or just to compete with your work colleagues have some fun and discover the next Jenson Button (if a few years too late) and get a taste of the racing driver lifestyle. To register an interest please click [here](#).



Five a-side football Tournament

Wednesday 16th June - Powerleague, Watford



Get a company team together and join in the tournament – we are sure you will be aspiring to the efforts of the England team during the World Cup. Kick off at approximately 6.30-7.00pm and £60 entry per team. Please click [here](#) to register an interest.

Paintballing

Date TBA

If you feel the need to run around the woods shooting at your work colleagues or even boss then this event is specially designed for you. You could call it team building or you could even just see it as a way to vent your frustrations but remember your colleagues will have the same opportunities so those wise words 'do unto others.....' spring to mind. Either way it will be fun so if you are interested then please register an interest by clicking [here](#) and further details will be sent when available.

Ten Pin Bowling

November 2010

A great way to get to know your colleagues a little better and an element of competition too! This is likely to be held later in the year but if you are interested please click [here](#) to register.

BIBA Conference



Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th May 2010 – Excel Centre, London.

'Professionalism in a Changing World' is the theme for this year's conference. The title was chosen to reflect the strength of the broking channel at a time when the financial services industry is under the spotlight as never before. The event will take the new format of a full two day conference and exhibition held over a Wednesday and Thursday. Entry to both the conference and exhibition will be free to all BIBA members and all intermediaries are welcome to attend the exhibition at no cost. The impressive lineup of keynote speakers include John Simpson, CBE and Joanna Lumley, OBE along with a number of seminar sessions covering a wide range of topics sure to suit almost everyone. To pre-book please visit the BIBA website at www.biba.org.uk.

Training

Broker Academy Training – Technical, Business Skills and Personal Development

All firms that are authorized and regulated by the FSA have to ensure that their staff has the appropriate knowledge, skills and expertise to discharge their duties. Broker Academy offers a range of courses to help firms comply with these requirements.

The Broker Academy provides firms with access to the complete package of learning and development services provided by the CII to support professionalism and career advancement in the broker market. Further details of the Broker Academy can be found at http://www.cii.co.uk/generalinsurance/faculties_societies/ba/Default.aspx.

All Broker Academy courses now provide short course assessments on each of the training sessions. These assessments show that the delegate has competently understood the main aims and objectives of the course.

Find a Broker

It is vitally important that members update their details on the BIBA website, stating their areas of expertise in order to ensure that you benefit from any potential enquiries to the 'Find a Broker' section of the website or to the call centre. If you have any problems updating your details please contact Kirsty Gordon at Gordonk@biba.org.uk

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