NEW WAY TO MAKE A BUNKER

Digging a new bunker took an unexpected and hazardous turn for greenkeepers at Buckpool Golf Club recently. While creating the new course feature, Head Greenkeeper, Peter Fiske, and Deputy, Dave Murdoch, unearthed an unexploded World War II land mine.

The discovery sparked a security operation that witnessed a 100 metre area being sealed off for an entire day while Army bomb disposal experts conducted by the Edinburgh Troop, 521 Squadron EOD Regiment, left a hole in the golf course that measured eight foot by three foot. No other damaged was caused to the course or the surrounding area.

FROM SMALL SEEDS...

The Barenbrug sales team has its sights set on further growth following its best year ever. After achieving its highest turnover figure the team, now led by newly appointed Sales Manager James Ingles, announced plans to provide specialist advice across a wide range of market sectors.

"Understanding the specific needs of our customers and how changes in their industry can affect their grass seed requirements is vital for our continued growth and success. Our market is very competitive and we need to underline that Barenbrug is offering much more than just a bag of grass seed. Now, with our team of dedicated specialists, we can select the right person to provide knowledgeable advice whatever the market sector," commented James.

Barenbrug has also appointed Jayne Leyland as UK Research and Development Manager. Jayne’s appointment follows investment by the company in a significant trials programme in the UK, together with work by Barenbrug Research in Holland.

BAYER GET NEW MARKETING MAN

Alan Morris has been appointed as the new Marketing Manager for Bayer Environmental Science, covering the company’s Professional Products in Northern Europe. Alan was previously European Migration Manager, based at Bayer’s European Head Offices in Lyons, France.

The new expanded marketing role sees Alan claim responsibility for both the Amenity market, which covers greening and grounds care, and Professional Pest Control, which provides products for public health markets. Alan takes over from John Hall, who has moved onto a global portfolio management role.

He will be based at the new Bayer Environmental Science Head Office in Milton, on the outskirts of Cambridge - the company moved in January 2006.