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New Zealand beat England in a rather ad hoc fashion, but as in the past we have treated hire rather than the purchase of capital equipment. However, the huge interest in the Sand Storm indicates that this cost concern doesn’t affect just machinery but all materials and practices. A lot more clubs are now becoming interested in the renovation acheives they can achieve recycling their existing material, rather than replacing.

What do you like about your current job?

I love seeing people grow! Have an endless fascination for psychology; what makes us tick; what makes some humans more “successful” or fulfilled or happy than others – and yet a huge buzz from seeing those managers I work with on workshops or 1-1 develop, grow their potential and make a difference.

What changes have you seen in the industry?

Every industry faces change – it’s the only constant! And how people deal with it is what makes the difference between organisations which thrive and those which flounder.

What do you do in your spare time?

I love walking, yoga and my step class! Great way to burn off frustration and stress! And, to say I love reading psychology books or books about management!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

Watching sunsets in some warm sunny clime, with an on-line business I can run from anywhere and more volunteer work.

Who do you consider as best friends in the industry?

Sam Collins and Rachael Duffy. They have a great sense of humour and a huge passion for the industry.

What do you consider to be your lucky number?

I do! (though I’ve yet to win £1m on the National Lottery). My lucky number is 7.

What do you consider as the most important thing that you have ever done?

Discovering that all of my years of running a business have actually enabled me to help others – and get a huge buzz from seeing those managers I work with on workshops or 1-1 develop, grow their potential and make a difference.

What do you think of the future of the turf management industry?

I think we have a bright and promising future! We are all learning more and more about the ecosystem we are part of.

What do you do to keep your knowledge up to date?

Reading every magazine, blog, website and book I can lay my hands on! What do you consider to be the most important skill that you have?

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