various routes of learning from for over thirty years, offering in sports turf maintenance at the forefront of training equipment manufacturer. Jacobsen Ltd, the Ipswich-based turf maintenance excellence for land-based the centre of educational Ipswich, Suffolk (May 1, with a tight turning circle and compact applications including green spaces. emission diesel truck. range, which includes the Mega e-Worker and RJ, will see them marketing the new Aixam Mega, based in southern France, are delighted to be signing this agreement Rupert Price, sales director at RJ said, “We like all Mega vehicles, the e-Worker is available in several versions and with a large and varied range of equipment. The agreement will see Ransomes Jacobsen providing demonstration equipment to the college, through Golf and Turf Machinery, coupled with regular lectures on a range of turf maintenance subjects. The college will also provide Ransomes Jacobsen with lecturers for road shows and demo days. As part of the agreement the Level 2 and Level 3 Sports Turf Apprenticeship programs will be sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen; with a trophy awarded to the best apprentice each year.

Costa Fleet

Lumine Golf Club, a四周 Golf-managed resort, has invested in a new fleet of 70 Club Car vehicles to help its members, customers and staff manage the expansive 45-hole complex that covers 170 acres. Costa Dorada’s newest golf course, which opened in Southern Catalonia in June 2008, undertook careful market analysis of the leading golf car providers before selecting Club Car as its chosen supplier. Lumine Golf Club anticipates investing in the innovative Organic system later this year, and adding further utility vehicles to its new Club Car fleet.

Lower Cost Rotary Mower for Lower Horsepower Tractors

Mid Kent GC has chosen a Wiedenmann Terra Spike for the third successive time to carry out all its aeration requirements at the Gravesend course. Course Manager, Lee Sayers, a BIGGA member, said he had no hesitation in choosing a Terra Spike; his only dilemma was which model to select for the club’s free draining chalk-based turf. The team at Mid Kent had to weigh up whether to opt for a slightly faster XD machine that went down to 275 mm or whether they needed the capacity to spike to 400 mm. “Our Maserati Ferguson 3615 tractor has particularly wide rear tyres and in fairness without those, there are some locations where it would be quite restrictive to work. I’m really happy with the Wiedenmann. The fact that we’ve bought our third machine says more than anything else. If we’d had any concerns or problems then you might have bought a second one but you wouldn’t have bought a third one!”

What’s your number?

Name: Craig Nickless
Company: ERS Developments Ltd
Position: Business Development Manager
How long have you been in the industry? I have been in the industry since 1997
How did you get into it? Even as a youngster I have always had an interest in wildlife, so it was a natural progression for me to enter into this industry. The Japanese Knotweed treatments came to us through a friend, who is a chemist. He had developed a unique treatment to eradicate Japanese Knotweed, in one growing season, instead of the usual 4-7 year method, and was too good an opportunity to miss.
What other jobs have you done? I have worked for other pest control and wildlife management companies and also spent a number of years in sales working for a company in Sweden.
What changes have you seen during your time in the industry? I have seen a number of changes since I began in the industry, from various European directives, taking away some of our best known products for safety issues or we are told, to advances in technology which is a major bonus for us.
What do you like to do in your spare time? I help run a youth cafe which takes alot of my time up and something I have committed to for the next few years. It’s essential we communicate with the youth in our areas - we live in a village in Buckinghamshire which has exactly the same issues as any town or city.
Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry? Firstly our clients, who quite rightly so demand the best service possible. Secondly, our suppliers - their technical backup make us one of the leading wildlife management and Japanese knotweed eradication companies in the UK.
What do you consider to be your lucky number? I don’t really believe in lucky numbers but since 2009 we have been blessed with some amazing work so I suppose it must be 2009-10-11-12-onwards
Pick a number 12!

Craig has picked Andrew Pickup of Stourton Forestry