



Ocmis Irrigation

What is the nature of your business?

Design, supply installation and service of irrigation systems for golf courses and sports pitches.

What major changes have you seen in your sector of the industry over the last 10 years?

The implementation of more precise control systems enabling the greenkeeper to manage application and use of water to a much higher degree. The use of Medium Density Polyethylene pipe as used by the Water Authorities available in 100 metre coils, replacing the traditional UPVC pipe which have many joints - one per six metres.

How do you believe the industry as a whole has changed over the same period?

Far more aware of water costs - mains water now averages approximately 80p per cubic metre. Far more aware of water usage and application rates and how often to apply the required amount. Far

more aware of irrigation system operation and maintenance through training courses, college courses and the need for irrigation

Looking into your crystal ball what major developments do you envisage over the next 10 years in your sector?

The continuing upgrade of the old piping systems and control systems. Even more interest in precise application of water and reliable operation. More attention being paid to sprinkler positioning and nozzle performance.

And in the industry as a whole?

The industry will benefit from training given to greenkeepers ie they will enter into a market knowing what they want to buy and why they need it.

What contribution do you believe BIGGA has made to the industry since the Association was formed?

BIGGA has promoted the green-

keeper within their own profession. Other people within the golfing sector are now aware of the input and status of a good greenkeeper. BIGGA has promoted greenkeeper training and highlighted that better greenkeepers promote a better golf course.

Why are you pleased to be associated with BIGGA?

Because BIGGA promotes an image awareness in the requirements and needs of a professional person doing a professional job,

What do you believe to have been your company's greatest contribution to the fine turf industry?

The unique service backup and training offered by Ocmis, the advocacy and use of MDPE pip and compression fittings. Implementing and designing new standards for remedial works on golf courses - utilising machinery which with minimal disruption is capable of installing pipe up to 160 mm in diameter without significant scarring.

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What is the nature of your business?

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What major changes have you seen in your sector of the industry over the last 10 years?

The move away from using agricultural grasses to specific amenity grasses for sports and amenity situations has been one of the major changes. A further change has been the breeding of grass varieties that offer hard wearing characteristics to provide greenkeepers and groundsmen with a surface that can withstand the increased levels of play that are now being encountered on golf courses and other sports grounds.

How do you believe the industry as a whole has changed over the same period?

The industry has become more technical and education and training led and the quality of the products available has increased substantially.

Looking into your crystal ball what major developments do you envisage over the next 10 years in your sector?

Continued pressures on breeders to develop varieties that offer more than one benefit and have the characteristics of hard wearing, disease resistance, and levels of growth required for specific situations

And in the industry as a whole?

Continued increase in the supply of quality materials and emphasis on better training and education levels of all industry personnel.

What contribution do you believe BIGGA has made to the industry since the Association was formed?

Enables the industry to focus on its requirements and encourage a higher level of participation in train-

ing. It has also raised the profile of the expertise of greenkeepers and the potential for a career within greenkeeping

Why are you pleased to be associated with BIGGA?

The Association's commitment and enthusiasm for the continued prosperity and development of the golf industry as a whole is to be encouraged. We are very pleased to play our part in supporting such aims.

What do you believe to have been your company's greatest contribution to the fine turf industry?

The breeding of such highly successful varieties such as Mocassin and Amadeus which have played major roles in improving fine turf. And our commitment, through our parent company Advanta's breeding programme, to producing varieties that will continue to provide greenkeepers with even more improvements in the future.

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