



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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