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Profile

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club.

Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star.



Name: Stuart Hayes

Club: Glencorse GC

Position: Second Assistant

Age: 22

1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?

Five years

2. What education are you currently undertaking?

None. I have recently completed my apprenticeship

3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?

Cutting fairways

4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?

Divoting fairways

5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?

Policeman

6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

My boss, Ian Bell, Glencorse GC

7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?

Give smaller clubs the same technology as larger clubs

8. What are your hobbies?

Golf, fishing, American football and reading

9. What do you get out of BIGGA?

A social Section and the chance to meet other greenkeepers

10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?

I hope to have won the lottery and be lying on a beach somewhere hot!

Management changes at Textron

In line with internal management development plans at Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products, Peter Bell has been promoted to the position of Sales Director. He succeeds Andrew Sunaway who has left the company to pursue career interests outside the turf maintenance sector.

Neil Woodfin, the company's Product Manager has also been promoted to Marketing Director, reporting directly to Managing Director, Harold Pinto.

Also joining the management team is Ian Campbell, who joins Textron as Finance Director, International. With a background in the textile industry he has worked for Courtaulds Textiles Plc and Liberty Lace in the UK, Spain and the United States.

In addition Sharon Jenkins has been appointed Communications and Promotions Manager. In this newly created position Sharon will be responsible for the planning and implementation of Textron's marketing activities throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Rupert Price has been promoted to Business Manager reporting directly to Neil Woodfin, the recently appointed Marketing Director.

Part of his brief will be research into new technology especially in the area of the Internet and e-commerce, together with supporting the planning and implementation of sales and marketing strategies across the Textron brands.



Clockwise from top left: Peter Bell, Neil Woodfin, Sharon Jenkins and Rupert Price

College awards top honour to Toro

Myerscough College has presented Toro with a special commemorative plaque in recognition of the company's sponsorship support for its high-profile turfgrass conference.

The college, the only place in Europe that runs turf science degree courses, used Toro's cash support to host a two-and-a-half-day keynote conference on the microbiology of turfgrass systems.

The event attracted speakers from as far afield as the United States, and was attended by more than 150 delegates made up of students and turfcare professionals.

Toro's support also enabled the college, in Preston, Lancs., to fund a subscription to the Michigan State University's Turfgrass Information File. This internet databank contains thousands of helpful research papers on turfgrass science.

"We are grateful to The Toro Company for its generous cash sponsorship to support our activities. It enabled us to host a high-profile conference, which we are repeating in November, and to access information on the internet, which is proving vital to our students," said Martyn Jones, Programme Leader of Turf Science.

"We thought it would be a nice gesture to show our gratitude by presenting them with a special plaque," he added.

