

What's your Number?



Name: Andrew Cornes

Company: Acorn Golf (UK)

Position: Managing Director

How long have you been in the industry?

"Since 1986 (21 years)."

How did you get into it?

"My uncle was a golf professional and greenkeeper at Knutsford GC, he introduced me to the industry."

What other jobs have you done?

"Helicopter Ariel Spraying Coordinator – International Speedway
Mechanic – Business and Finance Support – Running my own Car Sales
and Auto Accessories Shop."

What do you like about your current job?

"Everything – The people, the places and running my own business is a
great challenge and I am answerable to nobody."

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?

"Many changes, but all around a higher professional approach is ever
more apparent in the golf greenkeeping industry."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I enjoy time with my family and friends watching my sons racing
motorcycles, speedway grasstrack, and playing golf."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

"I never rush the river, just let it flow."

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?

"I have many best friends in the industry, too many to mention them
all."

What do you consider to be your lucky number?

"81, as this number is the race number both my sons and I use when
racing."

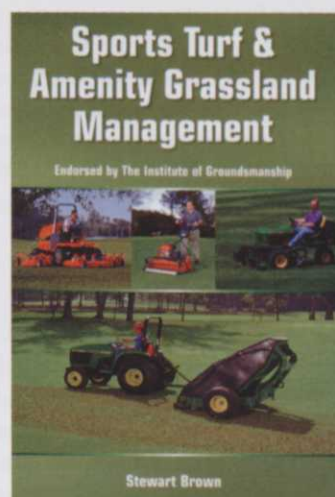
Pick a number

"81 of course."

You've picked Peter Lloyd from Korec, do you know him?

"He is not known to me yet, but I am sure I will have the pleasure of
meeting him at some industry conference, at sometime in the future."

BOOK REVIEW



Sports Turf and Amenity Grassland Management

By Stewart Brown

First published in 2005, this paperback book covers a range of amenity grasslands from sports surfaces to motorway embankments.

Each chapter contains useful information covering areas such as grasses, mowing, irrigation, nutrition and fertiliser application, pests and diseases, aeration, thatch control, top dressing, turf establishment and renovation and species rich swards. The information is descriptive rather than prescriptive, giving readers the opportunity to compare and contrast what is provided and allowing them to make their own decisions, although the book is intended as a source of 'best practice' information. There is a wealth of illustrations, lists and photographs to break up the text of this easy to read book.

It is a textbook that would be of use to greenkeeper, groundsmen and turf professionals, students and anyone who is interested in producing and maintaining turf.

The author, Stewart Brown, a senior lecturer at Writtle College, has more than 20 years experience in sports turf and amenity-landscape management.

The book costs £19.95 and can be obtained from the Crowood Press, The Stable Block, Crowood Lane, Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2HR.

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By Ken Richardson, BIGGA Education and Training Manager.