



Whats your Number?

Name: Stephen Bernhard
Company: Bernhard & Co
Position: Managing Director/Chairman – or Chief Bottle Washer?!



How long have you been in the industry?
“44 years in all, where over 35 have been specific to golf and turf.”

How did you get into it?
“My family has always been in the horticultural business. I started Bernhard and Company after having worked in our landscape business, running the design and turf side of things.”

What other jobs have you done?
“In this business, there isn’t much I haven’t done - mechanic, machine operator, tree mover, landscape contracting, nursery production, agronomy, greenhouse manufacturer and wholesale operations - all leading toward specialisation in our area of turf maintenance. I am a qualified international truck driver too.”

What do you like about your current job?
“It changes constantly - and I like seeing my staff grow, taking over more and more of the company. I have a brilliant team and I’m very proud to

work alongside them.”
What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?
“Two of the most significant changes I have seen in my time are the lower heights of cut and the importance of green speed. They have had a big impact on golf course maintenance practices throughout the years.”

What do you like to do in your spare time?
“I love to paraglide in any mountain region around the globe.”

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
“Above a mountain, suspended under my wing and watching the condors circling with me.”

Who do you consider your ‘best friends’ in the industry?
“I have many in this industry, but John Malinson has put up with me for a long time!”

What is your lucky number?
“Don’t really have one but 7 will do.”

Pick a number: “55”

Stephen has picked Stephen Fell from Lindon to take part in next month’s feature.

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