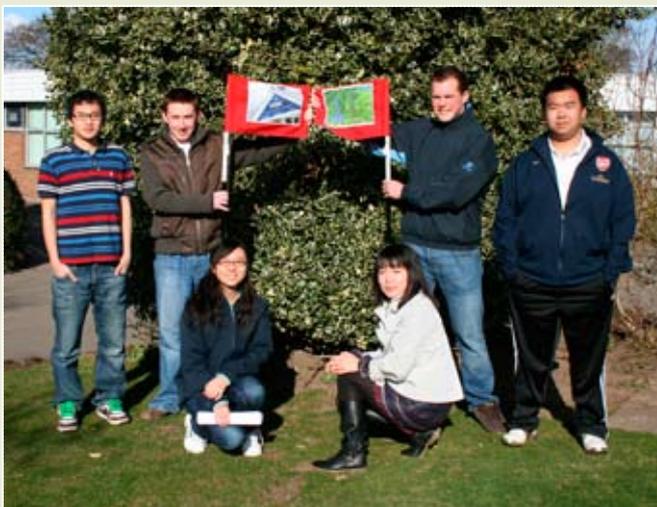


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I have been fortunate to work and volunteer at some of the world's prestigious golf clubs in the world, including Loch Lomond Golf Club, where I spent several years as Integration Specialist and Special Projects Supervisor.

During my time there, I was given every opportunity to learn (I'm a lifelong learner) and take on new challenges. When upgrading the irrigation system, installing new subsurface drainage systems, installing Service and Irrigation a new 20.5 hectare area, Jordan Fairweather described the challenges he has faced since he left work in one of the wettest golfing environments for one of the driest.

My role is to manage the day-to-day construction programme for the first 18 hole course at Dubai Golf City. Dubai Golf City will be a first course complete scheduled for completion by 2012. The first 18 hole course we are constructing is a Tim Lister design as well as the next three. We have also started construction of the new 9th Par36 designed course at the site. The Club, which is built to the Par 36, is under construction and scheduled for completion in 2009.

The first challenge I faced when starting Dubai was the heat in July and August temperatures reach 50 degrees Celsius with humidity levels that can be a problem to on the job site. Currently we have an American, a Canadian, three British and, for me, an Irish, I'm Englishman along with our labour force of 2,200. This is made up of Pakistan, Indian and Bangladeshi nationalities. They all speak Urdu, which is our main language on site. They have been teaching me a few words but they seem to be picking up English quicker than we can pick up Urdu.

Along with the Dubai, Richard Crockett, it can take us up to 45 minutes to ensure all staff are at their locations and fully understood what is required. It can be frustrating at times when all you need is someone to go and do a quick job but end up having to drive there from your job. One point I should point out is that out of

the 2,200 staff only my first irrigation business had ever worked on or been on a golf course before! The heat could not have been greater. It helps greatly that Eric and Robert Saravali, of Edinburgh Landscaping, had our British team. Every project has to be broken on every job by request. Richard, Eric or Robert. We had to get them to visualize and understand what we are all there to achieve. We have been able to put weekly golf courses, have shown them many pictures on computer and also give them plans to certain areas.

At times we have what is called a 'punch and of what level of understanding of the project comes to them. When we had a meeting recently that the focus of the ground work involved and we had proper signs 201 I thought, yes, we are confident. Given the heat, only to be preparing, a lake for being to have from your 'Golf Leader, 'big bunker boss'. You do not know whether to

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