

Assistant Profile

Each month we take a light hearted look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...

Michael McLerie, follower of both AC Milan and Celtic football teams, is the subject of this month's interrogation...



Name: Michael McLerie
Age: 27
Golf Club: Haggs Castle
Position: First Assistant
Nickname: Mick

How long have you been greenkeeping?
10 years.

What was it about the career that attracted you?
My uncle was a greenkeeper and that gave me my first taste of greenkeeping. I play golf and enjoy the outdoors.

If you weren't a greenkeeper what would you be?
College lecturer in greenkeeping.

Which task do you enjoy and why?
Preparing the course for a tournament, because it gives you a lift to see the course at it's best.

Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?
Although necessary, I hate the mess of greasing machinery.

What one thing other than a pay rise would improve the greenkeepers lot?
That greenkeeping technology continues to improve, leading to better machinery for the greenstaff and playing conditions for the golfer.

Hobbies?
Golf, online gaming, reading, music.

Favourite Band?
The Beatles

Which team do you support?
Celtic and AC Milan

What is your claim to fame?
Meeting and shaking Billy McNeil's hand.

What's your number?

Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month's lucky number...

Duncan Bagshaw of Nomow Golf comes under the spotlight

What is your position within the company?
Nomow Golf - National Sales Manager

How long have you been in the industry?
I've been involved with golf for over 20 years, but Nomow has only just jumped into the market, we're Europe's largest installer of artificial grass.

How did you get into it?
I've been a specialist short game teacher for a few years, but wanted to get back into a business environment.

What other jobs have you done?
Golf Professional, Housemaster, Youth & Drugs worker for The Princes Trust, Business Development Manager.

What do you like about your current job?
Working with genuine people and so far the industry seems full of them.

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?
In golf it has been the big headed drivers and development of the golf ball which "should" have made it easier for everybody

What do you like to do in your spare time?
All sports, but my main enjoyment now comes from raising money for cancer charities through running. I'm currently training to run three marathons in three days in three countries!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
Coaching Scotland to Rugby Union success or getting ready to caddie for my son when he turns pro at 15.

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?
Difficult to say because everybody so far has been extremely helpful, but obviously Scott and Kirstin of BIGGA.

What do you consider to be your lucky number?
3. It's a magic number

Duncan has chosen Richard Fry, of Greenlink.

