

Assistant Profile

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

Jennifer Aniston will no doubt soon be receiving a bunch of flowers all the way from Scotland...

Name: Colin Kearney
Age: 25
Club: Drumpellier GC
Position: First Assistant
Nickname: "Sumo"



1. How long have you been greenkeeping?

9 years – feels like 30

2. What was it about the career that attracted you?

I am an outdoor person who likes the fresh air and enjoys golf

3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be?

Rich! A racing driver but probably, more likely, a joiner

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?

I like cutting the semi rough and getting a tan in the sun while listening to the radio

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?

Hand mowing greens as it leaves you tired for the rest of the day

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

Free membership of the golf course

7. Hobbies?

Football, golf and snooker... oh, and beer.

8. Favourite Band?

The Rolling Stones would have to top the list

9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?

The number one team in Glasgow... Partick Thistle. No, only kidding. Glasgow Celtic (‘mon the Hoops)

10. What is your claim to fame?

Not got one as yet but hoping to date Jennifer Aniston some time soon

What's your Number?

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

Nick Darking, of Charterhouse Turf Machinery, comes under the spotlight



1. What is your position within the company?

UK Sales Manager

2. How long have you been in the industry?

I joined Charterhouse in 1989, so 21yrs

3. How did you get into it?

In truth a visit to the job centre.

4. What other jobs have you done?

Removal man when I left school and fitting kitchens, oh and a few months on a golf course.

5. What do you like about your current job?

I love sport and always have so visiting any sporting venue is a bonus, not to mention some of the characters you meet, I'm also very lucky to work with a great team of people at Redexim Charterhouse.

6. What changes have you seen in the industry?

The level of professionalism within the trade, and the education available to greenkeepers and groundsmen alike.

7. What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spare time! Hmm... I have a ten year old daughter so she keeps me busy, but I do love a game of golf.

8. Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

With a 5 at the beginning of my age instead of a 4.

9. Who do you consider your best friends in the industry?

Got some great friends in the industry, but will always have a soft spot for the original team at Charterhouse, 20 years ago.

10. What do you consider to be your lucky number?

Any order number given to me, still get a buzz from them

11. Pick a number. 23

Nick has picked Mike Coleman of Fuchsia Exhibition & Conference Services

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