

# 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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