



## LETTER FROM AMERICA

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Rae and Wilson Morrison, from Fairways GM, for a very kind invitation over to the States for the American Golf Industry Show and a look round the Ransomes Jacobson Factory in Charlotte.

"I was joined on the trip by Kenny Harper, of Meldrum House Golf Club; Robert O'Donnell, from Oldmeldrum Golf Club, and Muir Ross, from Ballindalloch Golf Club. We were looked after extremely well by Wilson and nothing was too much bother for him. Everything was organised for us and the trip ran very smoothly. We were also joined by Gerry Bruen, from Williamwood Golf Club, and Garry Ross, from Troon Golf Club, and also Gareth Rogers, also from Fairways GM, so thanks go to them for their friendship and great company.

"I am sure I speak for everyone when I say thanks very much again for a fantastic time in America."

Dale Robertson  
Newmachar GC

## Souters Complete Swedish Project

More than half a million people play golf regularly in Sweden. The country may not be blessed with an ideal golfing climate, but it is one of the game's rising stars.

The prowess of Sweden's top professionals is more than matched by its technology, especially in the provision of training: witness the new Halmstad Golf Arena, with its all year round facilities. Last April work began and handover is due later this year.

What is pleasing to the British golf course industry is that one of our major sports turf contractors, Souters Sports, and its irrigation division, Souters Irrigation Services Ltd, has played a major part in its development alongside main contractor Irish-based SOL.

What makes the Arena unique is that golfers will be able to play each green from different positions and there are ten different angles for tee-off positions.

Project Architect, Christian Lundin, said that the idea was to create a links character for the state of the art training complex, and he was very much inspired by Scottish courses.

Cumbernauld and Knutsford based Souters Sports has worked successfully on many a Scottish course so its involvement in the Halmstad project was entirely appropriate.

The focal point of the 17 hectare site is a 365-metre range flanked by grass tees.

Surrounding the range is a short game area where golfers

can hit balls up to 140 metres. In the centre is a 2170 square metre green.

There is also a practice hole with four greens and nine tees.

A sports academy building includes high tech swing studios, and adjacent to this are a 1579 square metre putting green and a 1950 square metre chipping green with bunkers to suit all levels of ability.

Some of the greens have under soil heating, and teeing areas are sheltered and heated.

It was apt that Souter's 10th anniversary year was marked by its first European venture.

For further information, visit [www.soutersports.co.uk](http://www.soutersports.co.uk) or visit the Halmstad Golf Arena's website: [www.halmstadgolfarena.se](http://www.halmstadgolfarena.se)

## PlantProtection goes Live with Latest Pesticide News

The UK Pesticide Guide's database has now been updated and uploaded to [plantprotection.co.uk](http://plantprotection.co.uk) ready for the coming spray season. With so many changes taking place to pesticide legislation and product availability, a resource that helps you with your product selection, at such a busy time of year, has got to be a must.

Important changes that are now included on PlantProtection include the addition of new products: SPITFIRE from Dow; IGNITE, an

EC formulation of epoxiconazole from BASF, and INTRUDER, a new chlorpropham product from Agrichem BV.

Two products SCALA and INVADER, both from BASF, have new MAPP numbers and additional crop recommendations and a further 42 new SOLAs have also been entered.

