



## NEW VITAX APPOINTMENT

Jon Welling has joined Vitax Supaturf as Technical Sales Advisor for the South East of England.

With over 15 years industry experience behind him, Jon followed a diploma from Merrist Wood College with a post managing a 1,200 acre county estate before working with major machinery dealers.

"I'm dealing mainly with schools, contractors and Local Authorities and come across many familiar faces," said Jon.

"He's technically minded and that's a great asset, especially for a company that's continually developing new products," said Mike King, Sales and Marketing Manager for Vitax Supaturf.

## New 'Short Game' Practice Facility Proposal in at Ipswich Golf Club

Grassform Group has secured a contract with Ipswich Golf Club at Purdis Heath in Suffolk to construct a new short game and practice facility.

The work is estimated to be worth around £100,000. The facility has been designed by Hawtree Ltd.

Mark Dunning, Director of Grassform Group, commented:

"We are delighted that Ipswich Golf Club has chosen us to assist them with this particular project. We are well on schedule to complete this project within the allotted time and within budget."



## Happy Retirement

Tony Cundall, General Manager at Campey Turf Care Systems, has retired on his 65th birthday.

Tony joined the company as a sales rep and went on to become GM, where he oversaw the reception of goods into the yard and was responsible for preparation of all machinery in readiness for dispatch and delivery to customers.

"In an age when strength of character, loyalty and conscientiousness are not always given the recognition and appreciation they deserve, we are delighted to acknowledge the sheer hard work and reliability Tony has displayed in the past 22 years," said Richard Campey.

"He has proven himself to be a loyal and dedicated member of our team and Campey's will not be the same without him. We wish him a long and happy retirement."

Tony was presented with number plates and spare keys to his works vehicle at the Campey 25th Anniversary party in July and his wife, Dinah, received a bouquet of flowers.

Steve French, currently Spare Parts Manager, will be replacing Tony.



## SHEPHERD JOINS AVONMORE

Avonmore Associates has appointed John Shepherd with a brief to consolidate the Fine Turf Maintenance and Construction Departments along with developing the Irrigation and Water Management Departments.

John, 45, joins Warwickshire based father and son management team, Brian and Philip Buttler, who have grown Avonmore Associates to be a national supplier of bowling greens, golf greens, lawn tennis courts and croquet lawns

Brian said, "John has had an exceptionally interesting and successful career to date and we have worked closely with him on a number of projects. His expert knowledge of design and management of irrigation systems will undoubtedly strengthen our management team and we are delighted to have him on board."



## New TurfCare Appointment

Tom Kenny joins TurfCare Group as technical sales representative for Kent, Sussex and the South Coast.

Pictured here with Daniel Jones (on right) from TurfCare, Tom will be bringing with him over nine years Course Manager experience and over 15 years within the golf industry some of which was as an assistant professional.

"We are delighted to have Tom on board as he has a wealth of knowledge and experience within the industry, and he will further increase our market presence and customer service in the South East," said Daniel.

## What's your number?

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

**Name:** Bruce Jamieson

**Company:** B Jamieson Golf Advisors Ltd

**Position:** Managing Director

**How long have you been in the industry?**

I started as an apprentice greenkeeper in 1975 so about 36 years.



**How did you get into it?**

By accident really, I had resigned from a job in retail and my father insisted on me having a summer job raking bunkers at Turnberry Hotel and Golf Courses until I decided what to do with myself.

**What other jobs have you done?**

I worked for a brief period in retail, in a tailors in Ayr, and hated working inside. I have also been a Greenkeeper, Head Greenkeeper, Course Manager and Director of Agronomy for the European Tour. I am also retained as a consultant to the Toro Company giving advice to key clients and working with colleges and training providers.

**What do you like about your current job?**

I like travelling and meeting people. I also like visiting golf courses all over the world and working with dedicated professionals who wish to present their courses to the highest standards possible within the budgets set by their individual clubs.

**What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?**

Everything: education, irrigation, machinery, specialised products such as wetting agents, fungicides, pesticides etc. The biggest change is probably the machinery, cutting heights and their frequency and the way we communicate with mobile phones, text messaging, internet and e-mail.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like spending time with my family, cycling, fishing and playing golf.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?**

Who knows what the future holds but probably doing the same thing as I enjoy the challenges.

**Who do you consider as best friends in the industry?**

I have a lot of very good friends in the industry but I suppose Mark Black who is the Superintendent at Quail West in Naples Florida.

**What do you consider to be your lucky number? 5**

**Pick a number**

43.

*Bruce has picked Andy Russell, of Headland.*