



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.