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The role will initially be based at Casa Green Town, Casablanca, where the candidate will have direct responsibility for completing the grow in of this 18 hole, Jeremy Pern designed golf course.

The role will also encompass responsibility for other Braemar Golf projects, both in the planning, design and construction phases throughout Morocco.

Candidates will have demonstrable extensive experience of working at the highest levels within the golf course construction and golf course maintenance sector. Candidates should only apply if they presently speak conversational French and have the ability to speak fluently upon commencement.

Remuneration and benefits are to be negotiated for this senior management position.

Please apply via email to Jonathan Pendry at [jonathanpendry@braemargolf.co.uk](mailto:jonathanpendry@braemargolf.co.uk)

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You can find further information about Laleham Golf Club at [www.laleham-golf.co.uk](http://www.laleham-golf.co.uk)

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Stephen Jack, Golf Links, Laleham Reach, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8RP

Email: [sjack@laleham-golf.co.uk](mailto:sjack@laleham-golf.co.uk)

Closing Date: Friday 16th March 2011



## Course Manager

**Hinckley Golf Club opened in 1983  
and has grown in reputation around the region.**

The Board of Directors wish to engage a Course Manager who will continue the development of the golf course. The Course Manager will be competent and hands on. They will be responsible for all aspects of golf course maintenance and the greens team. We are looking for candidates who have the following.

- NVQ level 3 or equivalent.
- A thorough understanding of golf course management techniques & principles.
- PA 1,2 & 6a Spraying certificates.
- Knowledge of irrigation & drainage systems.
- Are fully conversant with relevant H&S requirements.
- Excellent communication skills & teamworking.
- Ability to manage staff and assigned budgets.
- Excellent leadership, training & motivational skills.
- A good understanding of the game.
- High personal standards.

An attractive, competitive salary is offered to the successful applicant. Please apply with a CV & a covering letter to:  
Richard Jones, Director of Golf, Hinckley Golf Club, Leicester Road, Hinckley, Leics  
LE10 3DR

Or by e mail to [rtjones@btconnect.com](mailto:rtjones@btconnect.com)

The closing date for applications is March 31st 2011



# Safety Management System

The BIGGA/GCMA Safety Management System, sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen, has been developed to:

- Make golf clubs safer
- Introduce best practice
- Standardise Health & Safety throughout golf
- Reduce costs for golf clubs

Why do you need a Safety Management System?

*Because:*

- It incorporates all your legal requirements to comply with Health & Safety Legislation
- Clubs have responsibilities
- There are penalties for not complying – up to £20,000 fine and/or course closure
- Golf clubs are hazardous places to work

The Safety Management System contains help and guidance to enable golf clubs to:

- Set a Health & Safety Policy
- List hazards and assess risks
- Plan for the future
- Introduce audit and review procedures

The Safety Management System is accessed through the Members area of the BIGGA website ([www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk)) and the GCMA website ([www.gcma.org.uk](http://www.gcma.org.uk))

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### QUICK 'NINE HOLE' QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Royal Troon
2. Fewer than 10 miles.
3. Carnoustie
4. Royal Lytham
5. Calais
6. Turnberry to Carnoustie – 143 miles
7. Royal Lytham to Royal Birkdale – 33.1 miles
8. Less – 547 miles
9. 837 miles

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### SQUIGGLY SUDOKO

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# On the Soapbox

Stephen Fell, MD and owner of Lindum Turf, discusses the advantages of natural grass

**Let's start by looking at the sheer aesthetic value of grass. People like seeing it, they like the feel of it and the smell of freshly cut grass whether you're mowing your own lawn, playing golf while the course is being cut, or as a greenkeeper cutting the grass as part of your job, it is one of the finest smells on earth.**

Real grass makes people happy, it increases their sense of well being and reduces stress levels.

Research studies have shown that walking barefoot on grass will lower your heart rate.

I cannot imagine anybody feeling the same sense of relaxation sitting in a deck chair on synthetic grass as they do when it's the real thing.

When it comes to the environment grass wins over synthetics every time. Real plants absorb Carbon Dioxide and release Oxygen.

At a time when we're all concerned about our carbon footprint it's worth remembering that statistics show that 58sq metres of grass – golf course, lawn, parkland, playing field or farmer's pasture- provides enough oxygen for one person for one whole day.

Real grass is an essential part of the ecosystem, whereas the synthetic variety, made from oil based compounds is hugely energy demanding in manufacture.

Real grass is cooling during a heat wave, whereas artificial grass generates heat and natural grass surfaces absorb water allowing it to percolate into the aquifer, filtering dust and pollutants at the same time.

In cities where run-off is a problem real grass has an important part to play in sustainable urban drainage systems.

As a living eco-system, supporting a varied microbial population, real grass absorbs body fluids – spit, blood and sweat for example in sporting situations and dog urine on lawns and parks.

The offending substances will be broken down in the soil during a natural self-cleaning process that helps keep grassed areas safe for public use. Synthetics require a specific programme of cleaning and disinfection.

It's no coincidence that all Premier League football matches have to be played on real grass. Athletes find natural surfaces much kinder than synthetics with less risk of burn when skidding or tackling.

The National debate on sustainability leaves no doubt about the need for natu-

ral surfaces with their growing, living ecosystems, and comes down strongly in favour of using real grass. The onus is on our industry to produce grass that will put up with the demands made of it in terms of wear, drought, shade and water-logging tolerance.

As an industry we are constantly looking at breeding new grasses and the management of these grasses. People have to adapt. The industry is reacting and the breeders are producing new grasses all the time. It's what they do, and we must embrace their breeding initiatives.

Just because we've had two exceptionally harsh winters it doesn't mean that we have to roll over and use synthetics instead of the real thing. If that happens all our sporting venues, including golf courses will look the same.

Golfers hate playing off artificial tees in the winter as it is. They can't wait to get back onto real grass again.

RTF (rhizomatous tall fescue) is incredibly deep rooting, wear resistant and drought tolerant. Our North West distributor, Hazel Frith of AllTurf is having great success supplying RTF turf to golf courses for the heavy wear areas at the end of pathways, where golfers step off the path with their trolleys and studded boots.

Previously golf clubs had had to re-turf these areas annually but the RTF turf is proving resilient enough to weather three or four years in succession.

Our LT2 Low Maintenance turf containing Crested Hairgrass was developed for drought situations and at the moment we're developing a more shade tolerant turf – a mixture of Tufted Hairgrass with ryegrass and fescues- which is being trialled in one of London's squares subject to shade from trees and buildings.

Depending on the results, this new turf should be very useful on shaded golf courses and make a good tees turf.

Looking at football stadiums, where the low light density problem has now been overcome with the introduction of special lighting rigs, a new breed of ryegrass has been developed that will germinate at 3.5

degrees, allowing turf managers to successfully oversee during cold periods and maintain grass cover.

Bred by Barenbrug, this new ryegrass is now being used in the majority of football stadiums.

The UK has the best climate for growing grass in the world and we need to adapt the type of grasses we have so that they can withstand the demands made of them.

We also need to adapt maintenance practices to suit these grasses (some might need longer mowing heights) and understand the importance of good soil structure.

We've got improved genetics and improved breeding.

Who knows where new biotechnology will lead us.

Let's embrace all this new technology to advance further, and leave artificial grass to the hockey pitches and indoor venues where there's really no alternative.

## The case for natural grass over synthetics



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