



Sprayer Operator of the Year 2019

SPORTS TURF

USING TRACTOR MOUNTED & HAND HELD EQUIPMENT

Category Winner

Paul Gater, Caldy Golf Club



Who is Paul Gater?

I lived in Scotland I was a junior member at Auchterarder golf club Perthshire , the club gave an opportunity to work on the course for a short time which I enjoyed and it took off from there .I attended Elmwood college for my training. once I had finished my family moved to the northwest England, I applied for a greenkeepers job at Caldy golf club started there in June 1994 after 14 years of working at Caldy I was promoted to first assistant taking on more responsibilities.

Why did you enter the awards this year?

I entered the awards this year because I was the runner up last year and enjoyed the experience being involved in the competition testing my own ability/knowledge keeping my standards high in my job is very important to me the Amenity forum seminar /spray completion has helped me with this.

My day always begins with...

My day always begins with a coffee and a bowl of porridge then a team briefing for the tasks for the day.

Typical activities for my day include...

Typical activities for my day include cut the greens with a course check / spraying if needed/ changing holes/ raking bunkers general maintenance.

My favourite part of the day is...

My favourite part of the day is when all the jobs are done picking up my kids from school listening to their little school stories always puts a smile on my face.

I can't get through the day without...

I can't get through my day without checking my weather app to monitor spraying conditions.

The Amenity Forum would like to thank Paul for supporting the 2019 awards. We wish him well at the overall Sprayer Operator of the Year award ceremony at BTME on the 21 January 2020 and hope that you will be inspired to apply in 2020.