R&A EU Monitoring Reports
We have received the following reports from the R&A. Please contact me if you would like to see them.

- Business and biodiversity July 2009
- EU Environmental Legislation Monitoring
- Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) April 2009
- Revision of “Pesticides Registration Directive” (91/414) April 2009
- Swedish Presidency of the European Union (July-December 2009)
- The Green Week Conference 2009
- Water Scarcity July 2009

New R&A Publications
For the 138th Open Championship, a full-colour guide to the wildlife, landscape and heritage conservation at Turnberry has been produced for The R&A by the Scottish Golf Environment Group (SGEG), supported by Scottish Natural Heritage, the Scottish Golf Union and Lexus, to help raise awareness of important wildlife and habitats around the Ailsa Course. The guide can be downloaded here [www.randa.org/node/12608](http://www.randa.org/node/12608)

The R&A have also collaborated with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to produce a book on Birds and Golf Courses: a guide to habitat management. This is available in the Library.

Working for Golf conference video now online
The R&A has produced a short film about the Working for Golf conference, which was held in St Andrews in May. Over 140 delegates from 60 countries joined representatives from PGAs around the world and the PGA European Tour to discuss and debate the most important issues in the game today. Among the topics covered in the film, which runs for just under five minutes, are the bid for golf to be included in the 2016 Olympic Games; drug testing in golf; a project, supported by the R&A which uses golf for community and social development in Japeri, Brazil; and golf’s responsibility to manage sustainably the land upon which it is played.

The film can be accessed via the R&A’s website [www.randa.org/golfDev/workingforgolf](http://www.randa.org/golfDev/workingforgolf)

Troubled Waters: Golf’s Future in a Thirsty World
If the golf industry’s No. 1 concern is attracting enough players to grow the game, finding enough water to grow the grass runs a close second in terms of priority. As a new report from the NGCOA finds, the golf industry needs to act quickly to address the issue of water supply and conservation or risk being left vulnerable to the dictates of lawmakers, local municipalities and environmentalists.

“If, as many observers suggest, water is the oil of the new millennium, then golf faces a long and difficult struggle to protect its share,” according to the report, which was developed by the NGCOA after interviews with a number of water experts inside and outside the golf industry. The report goes on to say: “How the industry, historically splintered and new to large-scale campaigning, will fare in that climate is anything but clear. What is apparent … is a sense that for the game to do nothing is to risk everything.”

NGCOA members can download the complete report (Troubled Waters: Golf’s Future in a Thirsty World) without charge from [www.ngcoa.org](http://www.ngcoa.org); the report’s executive summary also will be available free on the site to members and non-members after that date. We also have copies in the Library, available for loan to members.

For copies of any of the articles listed here and for a search of the Golf Information Database please contact:

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Architects

George Lowe: the great southern adventure.
Author: Steve Pope
An exploration of the legacy of the original designer of Royal Birkdale and Royal Lytham.
Golf Course Architecture, Issue 17, July 2009. Pages: 24-31

Architecture

A better model?
Author: Adam Lawrence
Landfill-based projects can transform the economics of golf courses and rehabilitate previously barren sites.

Bayonne: landfill’s poster child.
Author: Toby Ingelton
Bayonne is among the most ambitious and dramatic golf developments of recent times.
Golf Course Architecture, Issue 17, July 2009. Pages: 55

Golf and the cultural landscape.
Author: Tim Lobb
The starting point in the creative process begins with the cultural aspects of the area - features, flora or fauna that naturally developed in the area over time.

Masterplanning golf developments.
Author: Doug Carrick
Most new golf courses are created in association with residential or resort development. A well designed golf community can create a strong marketing advantage over other developments.
Golf Course Architecture, Issue 17, July 2009. Pages: 35-37

Project management II: diversity of team members and its impact on golf
Author: Jeff Stamper
With today’s technology, golf courses are being developed, designed, constructed and managed by teams from across the globe. On any project it is common to have key individuals or companies from a multitude of origins.
Asian Golf Business, July 2009. Pages: 82-86

The role of the architect.
Author: Nigel Henbury
When constructing a landforming project using inert soil recovery, the role of the golf architect is not always as hands on throughout the project as it might be.

Courses

George and Ailsa - a match made in heaven.
Author: Alistair Beggs
The Open Championship will return to the shores of The Firth of Clyde again in July 2009 to the much-changed Ailsa course at Turnberry. George Brown has been in charge at Turnberry since 1985 and this will be his last Open before he retires.
www.stri.co.uk/downloads/George%20and%20Ailsa%20-

Maidenhead Golf Centre - the Srixon/Cleveland Centre of Execellence.
Maidenhead Golf Centre is located next to the rugby club and a host of other sporting and leisure activities that make up Braywick Park, which is just 200 yards from the railway station and one of the best possible locations for a golf range.
Golf Range News, July 2009. Pages: 4-12
'New Valderrama' course to start soon?
Felipe Ortiz Patiño, president of Valderrama, has confirmed that he expects work to start on Castellar Golf, the long-awaited 'second Valderrama' in the near future.

On site - Golfklubb Budersand Sylt and Golf-Club Föhr, Nordfriesland,
Author: Adam Lawrence
Two German island courses pursue the links golf dream. Golfklubb Budersand designed by Rolf-Stephan Hansen; Golf-Club Föhr designed by Christian Althaus.
Golf Course Architecture, Issue 17, July 2009. Pages: 56-61

Author: Toby Ingleton
The Links course at PGA of Sweden national is as close to a blank canvas as one can imagine. Designed by Kyle Phillips.
Golf Course Architecture, Issue 17, July 2009. Pages: 68-71

Author: Adam Lawrence
The Royal Hague Golf Club has recently been renovated by Dutch architect Frank Pont.

Parsinen chases the Open dream.
Author: Tom Mackin
An interview with Mark Parsinen, who, ten years after co-designing Kingsbarn with Kyle Phillips, is about to open another course in Scotland - Castle Stuart Golf Links, just east of Inverness.
www.golfcoursearchitecture.net/Article/Parsinen-chases-the-Open-dream/1575/Default.aspx

Past, present or future?
Author: Adam Lawrence
A review of Falkenstein, Germany's long-time top golf course.

Son Gual is a hit with the seniors.
Designed by Thomas Himmel, this course on Mallorca, is considered the best on the island.

What a way to bow out.
Author: Scott MacCallum
George Brown will end his illustrious greenkeeping career at Turnberry after this year's Open.
www.bigga.org.uk/magazine/2832/what-a-way-to-bow-out.html

Environment

Golf course architecture and the environment. Part V.
Author: Jason Straka
This final part of a five part series on golf course architecture and the environment explores some new and proven methods of reducing the need for fertiliser, pesticides and fossil fuels.

Green credit where it is due.
Author: Golf Environment Organisation
Greenkeepers are under pressure to do more with less. The GEO cannot promise quick fixes for the major issues of the day, but it is empowering course managers to keep environmental performance on the agenda through difficult times.

IPM and management plans... A mandate for the present.
Author: Charles H Peacock
Turf managers must be ready to show the public a management plan supporting environmental sustainability, a cornerstone of which must be an Integrated Pest Management programme.
Managing your natural areas: soften your edges.
Author: David Bishop
Because golf courses are highly fragmented habitats, they naturally contain many edges. To maximise the available wildlife habitat on your course, start by improving the quality of your edge habitats.
Golf Course Management, June 2009.

Reedbed water filtration systems - caddy Golf Club, The Wirral
Author: Bob Taylor; Lee Penrose
In recent years reedbeds have been increasingly recognised as cost effective and environmentally sound systems for dealing with contaminated washdown water. Green Matters, Ecology Supplement
[www.stri.co.uk/en/showcase/showcase-](http://www.stri.co.uk/en/showcase/showcase-)

Greenkeeping
A further look at sand capping to drain fairways in Southeast Asia.
Author: Keith McAuliffe
Having firm, well-drained playing conditions throughout the year is a pre-requisite for a quality golf course. Good drainage is especially important in the wet tropic regions of Southeast Asia, given both the rainfall frequency and intensity.
Asian Golf Business, July 2009. Pages: 60-64

Combat flooding with recycled plastic.
With torrential summer thunderstorms comes the fear of devastating floods that could dramatically shorten the life of traditional land drainage. Aquadyne is created from 100% recycled plastic and can effectively drain surface water from golf courses.
Ideas4Groundsmen, June 2009.

Dealing with dry patch - it isn't all about the wetting agent.
Author: Charles Henderson
The industry is pro-active in treating dry patch preventatively but it is still common for turf managers to experience the condition. This article aims to discuss its treatments and cultural practices that are commonly lacking in treating dry patch.

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Greens: surface management: the crucible of the golf course business for
Author: James Graham Prusa
This article addresses greens management in four logical areas: physical rootzone management, surface management, nutrition management, and water management.

Looking for a solution for soil aeration and oxygenation for grass... Check out
Author: Danny Potter
SubAir is used for good gas exchange in the soil & to create optimum air/water ratios in the soil profile. It promotes healthier and stronger playing surfaces through moisture content management, subsurface aeration & root zone temperature control.
Asian Golf Business, July 2009. Pages: 54-58

On course - pesticide law and illegal products.
Author: A J Beggs
It has become more and more obvious over the last few years that the use of illegal or non-approved pesticides on our golf courses is occurring more widely than imagined.
Golf Club Secretary, Vol 13, no 19, July 2009. Pages: 152, 146
This way.

Author: Richard Windows; Henry Bechelet

How to create firm, smooth, true and perfectly paced putting surfaces that remain a joy no matter what the weather.


Industry

Argentina, a Leading Golfing Destination in South America.
With the largest number of courses in any South American country, Argentina offers 300 golf courses, 138 of which are in Buenos Aires, and 15 premium golf-courses currently being built (some designed by Mark Adams and Jonathan Gaunt).


ETS Field Days address water management.
Held in Valencia, Spain, the first European Turfgrass Society (ETS) Field Days, topically focused on the management of turf during hot weather and in dry Mediterranean climates.


First synthetic course for Belgium.
Belgium architect Dimitri van Hauwaert has been responsible for his country's first golf course with synthetic greens. The six hole course at Golf School Drongen in Gent opened recently.


GolfPlan: Fream, Dale & Ramsey, Golf Course Architecture: the new guard
As Ronald Fream increasingly takes a back seat, his partners, David Dale and Kevin Ramsey, are taking more of a leading role in the company.


Home of golf welcomes new additions to its family.
Two new courses have opened in Scotland: Machrihanish Dunes, designed by David McLay Kidd; and Castle Stuart Golf Links, designed by Mark Parsinen and Gil Hanse.


Kearney remodels Irish courses.
Irish architect Ken Kearney is working on renovations at two very different courses - Grange Golf Club, in Rathfarnham, Dublin and Rathbane Golf Club in Limerick.


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