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Interview with  
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<https://robomaeher.de/blog/interview-ueber-den-einsatz-von-maehrobotern-als-sportplatzmaeher-im-stadion/#Headgreenkeeper>

*Häußler:*

Thank you very much, Mr. Le Cocq, for taking the time to do our little interview.

Mr. Le Cocq, you are head greenkeeper in one of the most beautiful golf resorts in Europe: WINSTONGolf, maybe introduce yourself briefly

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

Thanks to you Michael for having me here. So, my name is Erwan Le cocq and I am French native, but I live in Germany for about two and half years now. I am a specialised in new tech such as robotic mowers, drone surveying, or turf data collection.

*Häußler:*

What exactly does a head greenkeeper do?

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

Headgreenkeeper is a little bit of do it all position,  
My main job is to lead a team of 20 greenkeepers, planning the daily maintenance tasks, applying fertiliser or liquid products, keeping record on staff hours, product stocks, nutrient applied (NPK), planning new project such as bunker renovation or new machinery. All of that, within the budget! My little difference is that I also need to look after a little army of robot mower!

*Häußler:*

How did you become HGK at WINSTONGolf, and being able to do this job at one of the most beautiful golf resorts in Europe is very remarkable?

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

Everything start a long time ago when I started as an apprentice in a landscaping school, where I had the chance to discover the world of golf and the highly specialised maintenance, I instantly fall in love with it

and after few years as an apprentice in 3 different clubs, I had the opportunity to take the assistant course manager position for the world most private course in France, where I spent 3 amazing years, and in my quest to new challenge I work my way from France to Belgium, and after a season the course manager of WINSTON golf reach to me to offer me the position, and here I am!

*Häußler:*

What machines do you use to maintain your system?

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

As WINSTON is a very big golf course (45holes, 200 hectares), we have a big quantity of machines, more than 40, without counting the e-cart for transport. It goes from push-mowers for the greens at 3mm, all the way to big rough mower with 7 independent blades. We also some autonomous robots for different type of turf.

*Häußler:*

What automated devices do you use for care?

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

We use different robots depending on the quality of grass expected and the surface of the lawn;

- One BIGMOW from Belrobotic to take care of the driving range (a huge 28.000m<sup>2</sup> target area where the players can practice before they go on the course) to mow at 25mm.
- One TURFLYNX F315-3WD, the first one of the kinds in Germany, to mow our fairways at 14mm.
- Two automower from Husqvarna, one automower 550 and one automower 535AWD to mow some fairways at 10mm.
- And we will soon add 21 husqvarna automower on the list!

*Häußler:*

What advantages do the robot lawn mowers offer you?

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

The Husqvarna automover present a lot of advantages for us, the razor blades offer an excellent quality of cut, the very lightweight (13kg vs 1600kgs for a traditional mower) help a lot with the soil compaction and therefore with the grass roots growth, the water infiltration. One of the passive advantage we also noticed is because the very small size of the clipping, they degrade a lot quicker and return into nitrogen, therefore make our grass healthier, stronger and greener!

*Häußler:*

Do you have any plans to purchase additional lawn robots for lawn care, if so, which ones?

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

We are currently planning to install 21 of the automowers, a combination of the 550, 520 and 535AWD, the Pro-line with the fleet service is very important for us on the WINSTONopen and WINSTONkranich course.

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*Häußler:*

Can you give our customers a few tips on what is most important for a perfect lawn?

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

Apply a little bit of slow release fertiliser, grab a lawn chair and a cocktail and watch your little robot mowing your grass as good as in a golf!

*Häußler:*

Mr Le Cocq, thank you very much for your valuable time and valuable content

*Answer by Mr. Le Cocq:*

Thanks to you Michael, all the pleasure was for me.

