Nominated by Elmwood Agricultural College

David, from Fife, is a fine golfer, having been Angus Champion in 1987 and 1989. He comes from a greenkeeping tradition, his grandfather having been head greenkeeper at Downfield Golf Course in Dundee. Following that tradition, he holds a post at The Home of Golf — St. Andrews — where he has been for five years. Walter Woods, the links superintendent considers him a fine example to many of his young greenkeepers and heartily endorses his nomination.

David is at present completing his third year at Elmwood and has achieved all of his modules through a three year block release course.

His ability to do work to a high standard is reflected in his Elmwood course and he intends to continue his studies into a Management Course in the near future.

His education course is a three year Greenkeeping Modular Programme.

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PERIENCE

Nominated by Warwickshire College of Agriculture

Dominic has been training as a greenkeeper at Warwickshire College for the past three years, having decided to enter this career via a YTS Scheme initiated in 1986 by the Belfry Golf Course under the leadership of head greenkeeper, Derek Gannings. Dominic has shown great initiative and a positive attitude to his training programme, resulting in him being awarded the SISIS Tankard as outstanding student in his first year.

On-the-job experience has been gained at the Worcestershire Golf Club, one of the oldest in Hereford and Worcester, dating back to 1879.

The current course is more recent, placed on the lower slopes of the Malvern Hills, and it is here that Dominic is making his mark, showing an outstanding enthusiasm and commitment to the maintenance of equipment at TORO Corporate HQ and mower test days.

His education course was City & Guilds Greenkeeping and Sports turf Management, Phase II.

SIMON FEARNLEY

Nominated by Hampshire Sparsholt College

Simon is a working member of the Wentworth team of 22 greenkeepers, all of whom strive to maintain this championship course in top condition. His hobbies, naturally enough, include golf, but he is also interested in watching football and playing cricket. In 1978 he played for the Surrey Second Eleven and in 1979 played as a professional for Worcestershire during the summer season. He now coaches juniors in the game.

At present completing his final year at Sparsholt, his Tutor, Head of Agriculture Bob Young said, "This has been a good course and choosing just one individual was difficult. However, I could not fail to be impressed by Simon’s enthusiasm and dedication to greenkeeping, coupled with his willingness to take an active part in every aspect of the course."

His education course is City & Guilds Greenkeeping and Sports turf Management, Phase II.

MARK PROCTOR

Nominated by Somerset College of Agriculture

Guy is a physical fitness exponent, being both a fell and road runner and a devotee of the outdoor life. It is not surprising, therefore, that he should have found greenkeeping more to his liking than his earlier career, in which he was apprenticed into golf. During his last two years at College, he has found the instruction both interesting and informative, being able to marry theory with practice, the technical with the practical.

Recently Mark has taken the appointment of head greenkeeper/course manager to a multi-million development in mid-Cheshire, where he will oversee a new development designed by Donald Steel and constructed by Brian Pierson.

His education course was City & Guilds Greenkeeping and Sports turf Management, Phase II.

DOMINIC MOORE-CORRY

Nominated by Cheshire College of Agriculture

Mark is another of those fortunate enough to have been weaned on a greenkeeping diet, having started as a fourteen year old helping his father at the Barons Hill Golf Club on the Isle of Anglesey. By the age of sixteen he was a full assistant to his father, spending two useful and fulfilling years under his father’s direction.

At aged eighteen he was appointed as head greenkeeper of a Llangefni course under construction and learned a great deal about sand construction, together with management experience of a new golf course.

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GUY WOODS

Nominated by Langside College

Third year student Donald MacLean has been training at Langside for the past three years whilst maintaining solid greenkeeping work contact and experience at the Glasgow (Killermond) Golf Club and its sister club Glasgow Gailes.

His Head of Department, Mike Starbuck speaks with such enthusiasm of Donald’s standards of excellence, praising him for his ability to tackle problems, tasks and projects with skill and good humour — excellent combinations! In summarising, Mike Starbuck says “he is indeed a worthy nominee for this award”, a statement which is backed up by all who know and work with him, student and staff alike.

Quite apart from his passion for golf Donald enjoys and excels in soccer, swimming and other water sports. He’s ambitious too, with a long term aim set toward Course Management at St. Andrews, something the staff at Langside are happy to nurture and endorse.

His education course is a Scovtec National Certificate in Greenkeeping.

DONALD MACLEAN