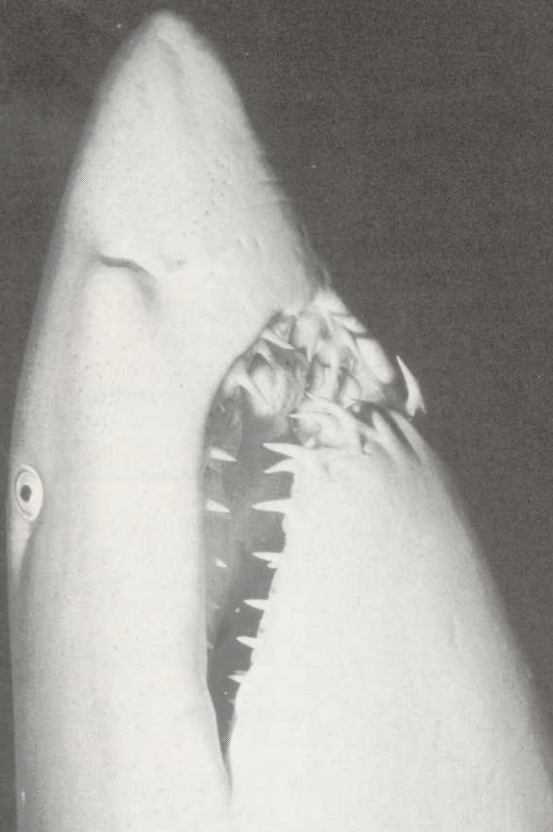


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A select band of greenkeepers came claim the title **Miracle Professional Premier Greenkeeper** and the six strong group have nothing but praise for the Award and what it has done for their careers.

**Anthony Davies, David Whitaker, Ian Harrison, Gordon Irvine, David Walden and, current Champion, Mike Goodhind** each have fond memories of the Award.



**Name: Anthony Davies**  
**Club: Prestbury**  
**Year of Win: 1990**

There was no nomination procedure in 1990. You had to submit an article "A Year in the Life of My Course" and I entered because I wanted to learn of other courses and other ways of greenkeeping. I also wanted to meet other greenkeepers and being able to say I was voted Greenkeeper of the Year was to be a personal ambition.

The club reacted totally different to what I expected. They invited me into the club, presented me with a bottle of whisky and a cut glass rose bowl with my name inscribed on it and I have had more respect as a result. Since the win the plaque which hangs in the club is polished as much as the valuable silverware. The club is proud and so am I.

The Award makes you feel like somebody. I feel very similar to a person who has been knighted. On your CV you are able to put down Premier Greenkeeper 1990 is surely an added bonus, a bonus which cannot be bought but has to be earned. I feel, if no-one else does, that I earned it.

If any other greenkeeper feels he or she would like the award then earn it...Go for it..Try for it and you will be Miracle Professional Premier Greenkeeper 1996.

But whoever enters is an achiever, nobody loses. Someone may get a higher prize than you but you're the winner. The one's who didn't enter are the one's who lost.

Since the win I sit in on various charities. When they have Open Days to raise money I'm like "Gar-

deners' Question Time" I answer questions on lawn care and I don't think for one moment they would have asked me if I didn't have the award.

So you see it's also an honour to have the Award. It's not just yourself you are helping but others as well.



**Name: David Whitaker**  
**Club: The Wisley**  
**Year of Win: 1991**

The Club was delighted and the membership were also quite proud of the achievement of *their* greenkeeper.

I have received greater recognition and appreciation within my club and within the greenkeeping industry as a whole. The visit to the GCSAA Conference was also very educational and quite an "eye opener".

Winning the award was helped give me the confidence to take Master Greenkeeper Certification.



**Name: Ian Harrison**  
**Club: Formerly Darlington GC.**  
**Currently Mendip Spring GC.**  
**Year of Win: 1992**

I was asked by my peers to represent the Cleveland Section - to



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my staff and I that was an honour in itself. Having always strived to produce good standards I saw it as a challenge to revel in.

Professionally it has meant an extra line, or two or three on my CV. A better career move, a fair wage, pension scheme, health care, company car and most of all I've been left to manage as a manager.

Having moved to Mendip Spring GC six months after winning the Award and, nearly three years on, I asked my present employer if winning the Premier Greenkeeper Award had influenced their decision. He said that without question winning the Award was the most influential factor as they know that I'd been assessed by the industry which was more than good enough for them. The basis of the interview as a course walk about discussing ideas and exchanging views – working computability – then sitting down agreeing terms and conditions.

On a final note, I would like to thank the greens staff at Darlington GC for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank Miracle Professional for making it all possible.

To anyone out there thinking of going for this Award my advice to you is go for it. It can make a difference!

**Name: Gordon Irvine**  
**Club: Mill Ride GC**  
**Year of Win: 1993**

I agreed to be nominated to gain recognition for the high standards of golf greenkeeping which I had gained through many years of college education and training for some of the country's finest Course Managers. These standards are demonstrated on a



daily basis by the greenkeeping staff at Mill Ride ensuring that principles of sound greenkeeping are maintained.

The Club was very proud of the win and have displayed the plaque for everyone to see. As Mill Ride is a new club involved in selling memberships there was an opportunity to involve some marketing in connection with the Award and the recognition of high standards that it highlights.

The Award was one which I had followed with interest and the year before I had achieved Master Greenkeeper status. That award within the Club strengthened my position as Course Manager and I became more involved in the daily management of the complete facility. I view the Premier Greenkeeper Award as a further advancement which could only serve to secure my management position. This has proved to be the case and I currently hold the position of General/Course Manager. This new role allows me to manage the complete facility of Mill Ride Golf Club while retaining my speciality of Golf Course Management.

I still actively pursue development of my greenkeeping knowledge both in this country and overseas and I retain a broad spectrum of clients whom I advise

on areas of turf culture and Golf Club Management. Being able to understand the full picture of golf club management has been a major asset in securing my advisory work. However none of this would have been possible without achieving recognition by winning such Awards as the Miracle Professional Premier Greenkeeper.



**Name: David Walden**  
**Club: Thorpe Wood GC,**  
**Year of Win: 1994**

I decided to take part as a result of a poor response from others in our Section.

The Club was very pleased for me and have used the fact a lot in this year's advertising – "Home of 1994 Greenkeeper of the Year".

There has been less questioning of my judgments made on course policy. I had the congratulations of many people both in and outside of the trade.

It was also a final achievement of a career that I have enjoyed and have worked hard at both at work and in college.

It is also proof that nothing happens unless you try and make it happen.

It gives you that feel good buzz that is final proof of the way that you have conducted your life and career.



**Name: Mike Goodhind**  
**Club: The Tytherington Club**  
**Year of Win: 1995 (Reigning Champion)**

I didn't hesitate when it was proposed that I be nominated. It was a great honour and I saw it as a "high profile" Award. Let's face it the prize offered by Miracle Professional is certainly worth winning.

The club's reaction was one of great delight and they have used the Award to the full in the very extensive PR campaign. My name has appeared in almost all of the golfing press highlighting my achievement and I feel the whole club has shared in my success. They were so delighted they even paid for my wife to accompany me on the trip to the GCSAA Conference in Florida.

To date I feel it has enhanced my professional image and standing not just within my own club but in the greenkeeping industry in general. I have received many telephone calls not only congratulating me on my success but also offering encouragement to me. The Award has given me great incentive to do well.

I am sure long term this accolade will do my future career prospects no harm at all and will be a superb attribute to add to my CV.