



**Name:** Laurence McCrory  
**Age:** 27  
**Golf Club:** Mentmore G&CC  
**College:** Oakland College

For Laurence, greenkeeping eventually won over a degree in Orthoptics at university for his future having initially found an aptitude for the former in a summer job at Chiltern Forest GC. Although he did finally go to university and did well in his course he took the decision to return to greenkeeping and a job at Mentmore via a work placement at Brocket Hall G&CC. He is currently undertaking a National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Someone who sets daily, monthly and yearly goals for himself he is particularly proud of a solo charity Land's End to John O'Groats bike ride which he completed in 12 days having cycled just under 1000 miles. He also lists rugby, tennis, golf and reading among his interests

**Name:** Jonathan Cleland  
**Age:** 24  
**Golf Club:** Helensburgh GC  
**College:** GOSTA Training

Jonathan is Deputy Head Greenkeeper at Helensburgh having started his career at the club. He returned in '98 having spent four years as Greenkeeper/Groundsman at Cameron House Hotel's nine hole course. He is currently working towards his N/SVQ Level 3. He is a keen golfer and is also interested in boating and other watersports. He has ambitions to become a Course Manager and to take on the challenge of being fully responsible for his own course while his tutor at GOSTA Training expects great things from him. "He has wide practical experience and a thirst for knowledge," said Chris Bothwell.

**Name:** Michael Sawicki  
**Age:** 27  
**Golf Club:** The Richmond Golf Club  
**College:** NESCOL

Michael joined the Richmond staff earlier this year after two stints at Coombe Hill GC, an apprenticeship at Rhuddlan GC in Wales and being in charge of the growing-in of Woodcraze Manor GC. At Richmond he is responsible for the recently installed irrigation system and is working towards NVQ Level 3. A fine footballer he is captain of Kingston Academicals FC and a previous footballer of the year for the club. He is also a holder of a Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award while he is currently considering learning Spanish or Portuguese to improve future career prospects.

**Name:** Vince Harrison  
**Age:** 30  
**Golf Club:** Enderby Golf Course  
**College:** Brooksby College

Vince worked in a bank for 10 years before he decided to move into greenkeeping. Initially he reduced his banking hours and enrolled at college, spending his holiday entitlement working on the college grounds to improve his knowledge before he resigned from the bank last summer and started on the nine-hole council course at Enderby where he is First Assistant. He is currently undertaking NVQ Level 2 and is delighted to say he is working in a job which he thoroughly enjoys. His interests include golf, football, reading and gardening.



## Student Greenkeeper of the Year finalists



**Name:** Mark Farragher  
**Age:** 22  
**Golf Club:** Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links  
**College:** Elmwood College

Mark has been a greenkeeper for five years and in that time has worked at some fine golf clubs including Gleneagles, Lahinch and the K Club and he has worked at a number of prestigious events including the WPGA Championship at Gleneagles, and the Smurfit European Open. He is currently undertaking an HND in Golf Course Management. He is a keen footballer and also enjoys golf and snooker. Attached to Portmarnock H&GL, he will be hoping to emulate Fintan Brennan, also from the club, who won the Toro Student of the Year award in '96.

**Name:** Tony Vokes  
**Age:** 35  
**Golf Club:** St Austell GC  
**College:** Cannington College

Tony has spent two years at his present club where he also finds time to assist and advise on the maintenance of three rugby pitches at St Austell RFC. Prior to that he spent three years at Mid Dorset GC through its construction and playing in. Before that he worked for Merlin Landscapes. He has just completed his NVQ Level 2 on Cannington's "Fast Track" system. He represented St Austell at rugby, tennis and managed the St Austell third team for season 99-00. His other interests include golf, tennis, cycling, motor cycling and cottage/house restoration.

**Name:** Christopher Williams  
**Age:** 25  
**Golf Club:** Astbury GC  
**College:** Reaseheath College

Christopher returned to the golf industry after a break of five years during which time he worked in the motor industry. Initially he spent nearly three years as assistant to the golf professional at Astbury Golf Club. He returned to the club as an Assistant Greenkeeper and is currently taking his NVQ level 2 at Reaseheath. He plays golf to a handicap of 8 and is also interested in motorcycling, keep fit and travel. His aim is to add to his experience and move up the ladder in the greenkeeping profession.

**Name:** William Fulton  
**Age:** 32  
**Golf Club:** Turnberry GC  
**College:** Langside College

William has been an Assistant at Turnberry for 10 years having moved into the profession following a spell working in a garage. During the past decade he has worked on the Open Championship and the British Seniors Championship. He is currently working towards his HNC in Golf Course Management. His main interest outside work is wildlife while he is also keen on football, walking and swimming.