

Assistant Profile

Each month we take a light hearted look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...

When he's not starring in photo-shoots, promoting major brands on his headwear, Macca enjoys football and going out for a run. For relaxation he enjoys chilling out to the sounds of post-grunge-pop-rockers, The Foo Fighters!



Name: Scott McAuley

Age: 27

Club: Woodbury Park G&CC, Devon

Position: Senior Greenkeeper

Nickname: Macca

1. How long have you been greenkeeping?

10 years

2. What was it about the career that attracted you?

I always liked the outdoor life and I enjoyed greenkeeping from the moment I started out

3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be?

A Countryside Ranger or an Environmentalist

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?

I was given a project to build nine artificial tees for my NVQ3 that I am doing at Duchy college and I enjoyed the planning, ordering and the building – everything from start to finish

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?

Digging drainage lines by hand. We have a sand stone soil with a high clay content so it sticks to everything making it a slow job.

6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

A mini digger (no more hand digging drain lines)

7. Hobbies?

Football, running

8. Favourite Band?

Foo Fighters

9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?

Tottenham Hotspur

10. What is your claim to fame?

1996 Ten Tors expedition I was on the news for being one of the few teams to finish in worst weather recorded

What's your number?

Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month's lucky number...

Tim Webb, of Tacit, is under the spotlight...



1. What is your position within the company?

Managing Director

2. How long have you been in the industry? 18 years.

3. How did you get into it?

As Tacit grew larger than a "one man band", actually my father and my mother, my father asked me to join the company. There're now nearly 30 of us here.

4. What other jobs have you done?

When I first left school I was a Hod Carrier, then went to Middlesex University to attend the High Level tennis Centre for Great Britain, even managed to scrape a degree while I was there! Then decided rugby was my game and went on to play for Wasps and Saracens while Marquee Erecting for a job, finally settled down to teach outdoor education in Cumbria, finished up as Deputy Headmaster at a school for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties while doing a Masters Degree in Special Needs.

5. What do you like about your current job?

Being involved with a side of golf that is very hidden yet crucial to the game and its development. Creating new products and thinking outside the box, being busy and being under pressure. The guys I work with.

6. What industry changes have you seen during your time?

The whole industry is more professional; everybody from the top down expect higher standards, courses are in better condition all year round, greenkeepers are now much more aware that is the little things that make the difference.

7. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like playing golf, Sailing, watching Wasps and Sunderland - my two teams, watching sport generally, whether at a professional level or my children at school. Keeping an eye on my small flock of Soay sheep. Having a BBQ with friends.

8. Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

Fat and content.

9. Who are your best friends in the industry?

The guys that have believed in Tacit from its beginning and have stuck with us. Too many to mention but they know who they are.

11. What do you consider to be your lucky number?

9 - Once a scrum half always a scrum half.

12. Pick a number. 9

Tim has picked David Snowden, of Agronomic Services