

David Golding

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 superintendant 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.

MARTIN GALVIN



Nominated by Plumpton Agricultural College.

Martin, from Co. Cork, left High School to work for J. Ryan Landscape Ltd, a firm specialising in sportsturf and golf course maintenance and construction. Taking an intensive 3 month Sportsturf Management Course in the Winter of 1987, upon completion, he was placed in charge of a unit maintaining winter pitches and carrying out general landscaping tasks.

In Spring 1987 Martin supervised a team clearing proposed sites for fairways at a new golf development. His work also included meeting with both architect and advisor over tee, green and fairway construction and upon completion of the venture, in autumn 1988, he was given responsibility for maintaining the course, Monkstown Creek Golf Club, Co. Cork, which opened for play in June 1989.

His education course is City and Guilds Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Management, Phase II.



DAVID LEITH

Nominated by Oatridge Agricultural College

Stephen, a young dynamo of just 19, has just completed his three year apprenticeship. Despite missing part of the first year through illness, he has passed all modules with flying colours and has been voted top student every year. This year he received two additional awards, the BIGGA prize for best third year student and the IOG prize for best student over a three year apprenticeship. It is Stephen's ambition to graduate into greenkeeping on a first class championship course.

His practical experience should stand him in good stead, being

A NEW WORLD OF EXPERIENCE

With nominations now complete, we move another step along the road. The winner of the award will actually be named as 'Toro Young Greenkeeper of the Year'. One of the nominees

will be one of the students profiled on these pages. In truth, all nominees are winners. They represent the cream of students who wish to build a worthwhile career for themselves. As a reward for their efforts, they will receive worthwhile awards when selection day arrives - set for September 1990 at the headquarters, Aldwark Manor, York.

The outstanding student will be handed the chance of a lifetime - a trip to the U.S.A., where a whole new world of experience awaits.

The itinerary, late in January 1990, will take the 'Toro Young Greenkeeper' to the University of Massachusetts at Amhurst, close to Hartford, Connecticut. The resident at the University for seven weeks, the award winner will attend the 'Winter School for Turf Grass Managers'.

Subjects for study concentrate on turf-grass management, including fertilizers, shrub and tree maintenance, course design and construction, drainage systems plus the theory of the internal combustion engine, and personnel supervision.

Weeks 8 and 9 will be divided between residential visits to the Toro Young Greenkeeping Division in Minneapolis and to the Riverside, California home of Toro Turf manufacturing facility.

In both cases, local trips will be arranged to view TORO equipment in operation, the equivalent of our own greenkeeping practices.

If that's not enough, we also understand that TORO will be providing the 'Toro Young Greenkeeper of the Year' award winner with a fistful of dollars spending money

part of the Craigmillar Park Golf Club team under head greenkeeper, Mr Montgomery. The club is well known for promoting an annual early season tournament, a must for players seeking Walker Cup and Order of Merit points. Nick Faldo was a victor in 1976, when still a junior.

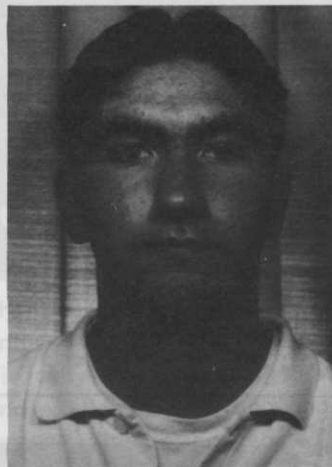
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as head greenkeeper, he reckons he knows just about every blade of grass on the full 18 hole course, together with the 6 hole par three overspill.

Coming into greenkeeping via a YTS scheme at aged 16, John was recommended for his headship by the previous head, Jim Durrands, who retired after 23 years at Sleaford.

Quite apart from his busy schedule and management of a staff of three, John has completed his three year course with flying colours. His club members are secretly delighted at his nomination, and the membership of some 650 are in full support of his continued educational quest.

His education course was City & Guilds Greenkeeping & Sportsturf Management, Phases I, II & III.

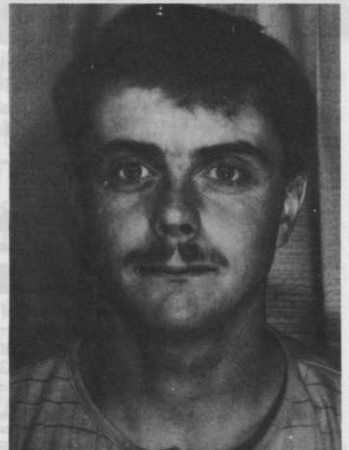


STEPHEN SINCLAIR

Nominated by Askham Bryant College of Agriculture

John, the epitome of a dedicated greenkeeper, works hard to ensure that his course, Sleaford Golf Club, is maintained in tip-top condition.

After nine years, the last two



JOHN SCOTNEY

Young Greenkeeper of the Year - College Nominations

PERIENCE

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DAVID GOLDING

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 Ganning. Dominic has show 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



DOMINIC MOORE-CORRY

that Dominic is making his mark, showing an outstanding enthusiasm and commitment of which Club Secretary Mr Scott says the membership is well pleased.

It is equally clear that Dominic has benefited enormously from training received under head greenkeeper, Alan Cox.

His education course was City & Guilds Greenkeeping and Sportsturf 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 in playing cricket. In 1978 he played for the Surrey Second Eleven and in 1979 played as a professional for Worcester during the Summer season. He now coaches juniors in the game.

At present completing his final year at Sparsholt, his Tutor, Deputy 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 Sportsturf Management, Phase II.

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.

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 Sportsturf Management, Phase II.



MARK PROCTOR

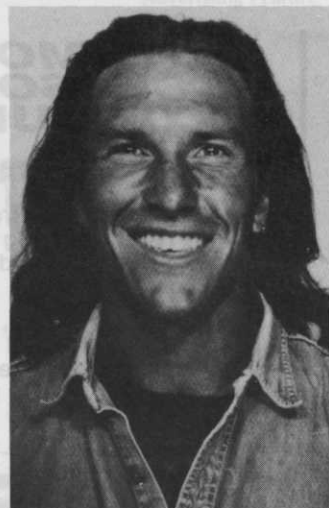
Nominated by Somerset College of Agriculture

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 printing. Indicative of his application to study is seen though, for he passed City & Guilds Printing at distinction level.

Course Tutor, Nick Rigden, had some glowing things to say, indicating to us that he holds Guy in high esteem and considered him to be a prime candidate for honours - both practical and educational - praise indeed!

Guy has been at the Bath Golf Club for three years now and is assistant greenkeeper at this busy 109 year old course, with 670 members. We understand they are as proud of him as they are of their beloved course - which again is praise indeed!

His education course is City & Guilds Greenkeeping & Sportsturf Management, First year Phase II.



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 (Killermont) 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 Scotvec National Certificate in Greenkeeping.



DONALD MACLEAN