

Excellence in Greenkeeping

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The culmination of many months of searching will come to fruition on Monday October 30th when the fourth winner of the Toro Award for Excellence in Greenkeeping and the Toro Student of the Year will be discovered.

Judging at regional level has been on-going for some time for both awards and the prestigious nature of the Toros has ensured a quality lineup for the finals.

The winner of the Excellence in Greenkeeping Award will follow in the illustrious footsteps of Iain McMillan, of Hankley Common; John Coleman, of Abbeydale GC, and last year's winner, Brian Turner, of Sunningdale.

This year the competition follows a different format with a Home International flavour to it. Instead of each Region sending a representative plus one wild card each country within the home nations will have a representative. Walter Woods and Bruce Jamieson, of Toro, have visited each of the finalists to assess the quality of the golf course and maintenance regime and the visit to BIGGA HOUSE for the final stage will involve an interview by an expert panel comprising representatives from both BIGGA and Toro.

The eventual winner's golf club will receive a Toro Workman 2100 utility vehicle and a trophy, while the man himself will win a two week trip to the United States to visit the GCSAA Conference and Show in Dallas, Texas as well as a trip to the headquarters of the Toro Company in



Above: Last year's triumphant winners. Left, Tommy Givnan with the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year trophy, and right, Brian Turner with his Toro Award for Excellence in Greenkeeping

Minneapolis and its factory in California. The winner's team will also receive £250.

As England has more golf courses than the other three home countries four semi-finalists have been selected from whom the English finalist will be drawn and each semi-finalist will win a Reelmaster 1000 pedestrian mower for his club and a plaque.

The person who succeeds Tommy Givnan, of Bowring Golf Course, in Knowsley, near Liverpool, will win

the Toro Scholarship - and eight week trip including a six week residential turf management study course at the University of Massachusetts, USA and a trip to the Toro sites and the GCSAA Show in Dallas. The winner's Senior Greenkeeping Tutor will earn a place on the BIGGA trip to the GCSAA Conference and Show while two runners-up will be invited to attend the Learning Experience, in association with Textron, in Harrogate next January.