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### Sami Collins, Head of Learning & Development, provides a departmental update...



The last month has seen the Definitive Guide to Harrogate Week hit the streets, the final of the Toro Student of the Year Award and the results of the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, all in all a busy month for us here in the Learning and Development Department. By the time you read this Rachael and I will have taken a deep breath and have hurtled headlong into the planning and preparation for Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2009.

Without all the political voting experienced at the Eurovision Song Contest, I'll get down to the results of the 2008 competitions:

#### Toro Student of the Year 2008

Having seen the front cover of this magazine you've probably guessed that the winner of the Award and the Scholarship to the University of Massachusetts, is Mathew Wormald from Luffenham Heath Golf Club, representing Brooksby College. Congratulations go to Mathew and to his course tutor Richard Barker. Richard will be joining the BIGGA group attending the Golf Industry Show in New Orleans in February 2009.

The runners-up who will be attending the Continue to Learn Education Programme at Harrogate Week 2009 are James Canham, from Gstaad Golf Club, representing Myerscough College and Paul Carella, from Bothwell Castle Golf Club, representing GOSTA Training Ltd.

Congratulations go to all the finalists who presented themselves in a truly professional manner.

#### BIGGA Golf Environment Competition 2008



The judges of the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition completed their deliberations and the results are:

- National Winner - Caldy Golf Club
- Regional Winners:
  - Scotland - Loch Lomond Golf Club
  - Northern - Fairhaven Golf Club
  - Midlands - The Enville Golf Club
  - South West & South Wales - Royal St David's Golf Club

- South East - The Beaconsfield Golf Club
- Best New Entry - Silloth on Solway Golf Club
- Special Initiative - Bearwood Lakes Golf Club

Caldy Golf Club will be the recipient of a cheque for £2000, the Scotts Weather Station, a plaque for their clubhouse and for a year, the Trophy.

The Best New Entry, Special Initiative and Regional Winners will all be awarded a cheque for £500 and a plaque.

The presentation of the prizes will take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 10am as part of the Opening Session and Awards Ceremony at Harrogate International Centre.

The following golf clubs have been Highly Commended and will be sent a certificate:

- Hankley Common Golf Club
- Minchinhampton Golf Club
- The Bedfordshire Golf Club

Congratulations go to all the winners.

#### Learning and Development Updates

##### Higher Education Scholarships



The most recent scholarship has been awarded to James Lindsay - Foundation Degree in Sports Turf

##### Library Books

We have added one new book to the library in the last month:

The Computer Book - Getting Things Done on Your PC. Windows Vista Edition.

##### Free Books

As mentioned in my article in September, we have some duplicate library books available to members, free of charge except for postage and packing. The list of books, with the p&p cost can be found at [www.bigga.org.uk/education/free-books/](http://www.bigga.org.uk/education/free-books/).

#### Don't forget Harrogate Week!



For Workshop availability and information on the Continue to Learn Education Programme contact Rachael Duffy on: 01347 833800 ext: 522.