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Michael Maynard is the 'Best of BHL'

THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE, screams of excitement, cheers for the overwhelming favourite and even a marriage proposal characterised the 5th Annual BHL Staff Awards Dinner & Party on Saturday, February 3rd at the Hilton Barbados.

Over 1000 staff members and their guests attended the glitzy affair to salute the six Employees of the Year from across the BHL Group, and to discover who would be the 2006 recipient of the coveted CEO's Award of Excellence, BHL most prestigious award.

Squeals of delight could be heard across the Needham's Ballroom, as BHL CEO **Richard Cozier** announced that this year's recipient was crowd-favourite, **Michael Maynard** of Banks (Barbados) Breweries.

Maynard, an employee of the Brewery for over 10 years is credited with saving the Brewery tremendously on welding repairs and fabrication projects. These included the fabrication and installation of the No. 1 power generator cooling fans, repairing an ammonia leak on the bright beer tank and improving the performance of the generator.

Brewery General Manager **Chris St. John** hailed Michael for his 'extraordinary spirit and raw enthusiasm.' "Some years ago, Michael was involved in an industrial accident which left him with severe burns. He did not let this hold him back but continued to fight and persevere. He is a stickler for high standards and attention to detail and he delivers nothing less. He continues to give in excess of 100%," said St. John.

A humble Maynard said, "I was surprised by my win. Although I knew I had worked hard, I also knew that I was up against five others who were equally deserving of the award. When I heard my name called I was in shock, all sorts of things started to go through my mind. If I was required to speak at the time, I do not think I would have been able to say a word! My win still hasn't sunk in as yet." He added, "I wish to thank **Noel Jordan** and my colleagues for their support."

The Maintenance Technician was selected from a field of five other nominees: **Neville Ward**, a Delivery Driver at B&B Distribution Ltd.; Barbados Bottling Co. Ltd. Quality Assurance Technician **Shontelle Cummins**; Duraplast Inc. Shift Supervisor **Bruce**

Reece; Pine Hill Dairy Driver **Richard Cutting**; and Plastic Containers Ltd. Maintenance Technician **Adrian Barnett**. They each received an all-inclusive weekend for two at Crystal Cove Hotel, a \$750 voucher redeemable islandwide and a Waterford Crystal Clock.

Describing the Group as blessed, CEO Richard Cozier told staff, “You are our greatest asset. It is through your dedication, hardwork and efforts that the BHL Group continues to thrive. Together, we can make this Group the premier entity operating in Barbados.”

He added, “This Awards Ceremony has grown in stature to possibly the island’s premier event of its class. We believe such an event is fitting to formally thank you for your continued support, and recognise those who have excelled.”

Michael received a mounted Crystal Award, a framed recognition certificate, an ALL expenses paid seven-night cruise for two (Miami-Grand Cayman-Isla Roatan-Belize-Costa Maya-Mexico-Miami) complete with US\$500 spending money coupled with one extra week of paid vacation. Michael and a guest will also enjoy a Super Eight Match of the Cricket World Cup from the BHL Suite at Kensington Oval.

In addition, 18 audience members received **door prizes compliments: Bougainvillea Beach Resort, The Spa at Sandy Lane, Tanzanite Limousine Company, Super Centre, DaCosta Mannings, Olives Bar & Bistro, Emerald City Supermarket, Bagatelle Great House Restaurant & Wine Bar, Harris Paints, Calabaza Restaurant, FirstCaribbean International Bank, Designer Décor, Bajan Cleaning Enterprises, Patisserie & Bistro Flindt, Promotech Inc., Champers Restaurant and Cable & Wireless.**

During the presentation of the door prizes one enthusiastic winner even took the opportunity to ask his partner for her hand in marriage.

With the official ceremony over, staff were treated to a dynamic performance by the ‘big band’ Jabae with special guest appearances by Terencia “TC” Coward and Kimberley Inniss.

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Man of the moment, Michael Maynard (centre), recipient of the CEO's Award of Excellence, getting some help with his many prizes from Banks (Barbados) Breweries' General Manager Chris St. John (left) and BHL CEO Richard Cozier.



Barbados Bottling Company's Quality Assurance Technician Shontelle Cummins accepts her Employee of the Year awards from General Manager William Haslett.



Delivery Driver Neville Ward (right) was B&B Distribution's top employee for 2006. Here, General Manager/ Director André Thomas presents him with his awards.



Shift Supervisor Bruce Reece (right) was Duraplast's Employee of the Year. Here, he accepts his awards from Plant Manager Haldene Green.



Pine Hill Dairy's Driver Richard Cutting (right) accepts his Employee of the Year awards from Managing Director Clyde Gibson.



Plastic Containers Limited's General Manager/ Director Richard Hinkson (left) presents Employee of the Year, Maintenance Technician Adrian Barnett with his awards.



Jabae lead singer Barry Chandler whipped crowd with his high-energy performance.



The large crowd appreciated the hits sung by Jabae, TC and Kimberley Inniss.