



BMW Sports Trophy

2010 BMW Sports Trophy goes to Sweden: Richard Göransson crowned the most successful BMW privateer for the second time.

Munich, 4th December 2010. Richard Göransson (SE) has crowned his successful 2010 season with another trophy. At Saturday's BMW Sports Trophy Award Ceremony in Munich, the 32-year-old was presented with a winner's cheque for 30,000 Euros by BMW Motorsport Director Mario Theissen. Göransson, who won the 2010 Swedish Touring Car Championship (STCC), scored 474 points in the traditional BMW privateer competition over the course of the season. This proved enough to clinch the coveted title, ahead of the Japanese duo of Nobuteru Taniguchi and Masataka Yanagida, who finished tied in second place having won the Super Taikyu Series in their BMW Z4 M Coupé. Fourth place went to BMW M3 driver Thomas Biagi (IT), who won this year's Superstars Series.

Since its introduction in the 1960s, the BMW Sports Trophy has been awarded each year to the most successful private BMW drivers around the world. This year's record entry figures – 214 drivers from 25 countries – are emphatic proof of the huge interest in BMW Motorsport's Customer Racing programme. Over the course of the season, success reports were submitted to the company headquarters in Munich from 32 racing series across the globe. The 2010 competition once again boasted a total prize purse of about 250,000 Euros.

“Congratulations to Richard Göransson on winning the BMW Sports Trophy,” said BMW Motorsport Director Mario Theissen. “Richard has consistently been one of the most successful BMW privateers. He won the competition back in 2004 and has since been a worthy representative of the BMW colours, winning countless races. This year's triumph with the BMW 320si in Sweden deserves the greatest respect. My compliments go to all 214 BMW Sports Trophy participants. Thanks to their performances in a wide range of BMW racing cars, they have played a significant role in the presence of BMW in international motorsport.”

Göransson claimed three race victories and seven further podium finishes in the STCC. These results earned him his eighth successive invitation to the BMW Sports Trophy Award Ceremony. His incredible record in the competition includes six top-three finishes. He said: “The title in Sweden means an awful lot to me. To come out on top at the BMW Sports Trophy as well makes it twice as nice. I really like the atmosphere at the Award Ceremony in Munich. It is fun meeting and chatting to the other drivers from around the world, and to be able to do that as the winner is fantastic. I would like to thank BMW for its support.”

Drivers from anywhere in the world can enter the BMW Sports Trophy and score points with various BMW cars in numerous series across the globe. You can find more information online at: www.bmw-sportstrophy.com.

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Final 2010 BMW Sports Trophy standings.

	Name	Nat	Car	Points	Achievements/race series
1	Göransson, Richard	SE	BMW 320si	474.00	1 st place Swedish Touring Car Championship
2	Yanagida, Masataka	JP	BMW Z4 M Coupé	367.64	1 st place Super Taikyu, 2 nd place Dubai 24 Hours
	Taniguchi, Nobuteru	JP	BMW Z4 M Coupé	367.64	1 st place Super Taikyu, 2 nd place Dubai 24 Hours
4	Biagi, Thomas	IT	BMW M3	367.50	1 st place Superstars Series
5	Böhm, Alexander	DE	BMW 325i	349.20	Class victory Dubai 24 Hours, 6 VLN class victories
6	Zink, Hans-Christian	CH	BMW M3	345.00	1 st place DMV Touring Car Championship
7	Ukhov, Mikhail	RU	BMW 320i	333.21	1 st place Russian Touring Car Championship
8	Hernández, Sergio	ES	BMW 320si	321.67	1 st place WTCC Independents' Trophy
9	Kane, Steven	GB	BMW 320si	321.67	1 victory and 7 further podiums British Touring Car Championship
10	Espenlaub, Charles	US	BMW M3	318.00	1 st place Grand-AM (GS class)
	Putman, Charles	US	BMW M3	318.00	1 st place Grand-AM (GS class)
12	Knechtges, Carsten	DE	BMW 325i	310.00	6 victories VLN Endurance Championship
	Leisen, Philipp	DE	BMW 325i	310.00	6 victories VLN Endurance Championship
14	Engstler, Franz	DE	BMW 320si	306.67	2 nd place WTCC Independents' Trophy
15	Huisman, Duncan	NL	BMW M3 GT4	304.70	5 victories Dutch GT4 Championship
16	Jackson, Mat	GB	BMW 320si	300.00	1 victory and 5 further podiums British Touring Car Championship
17	Björk, Thed	SE	BMW 320si	297.67	2 victories Swedish Touring Car Championship
18	Merten, Mario	DE	BMW Z4	292.00	1 st place VLN Endurance Championship
	Silvester, Wolf	DE	BMW Z4	292.00	1 st place VLN Endurance Championship
20	Shaharom, Imran	MY	BMW Z4 M Coupé	291.50	1 st place Super Taikyu
21	Van der Ende, Ricardo	NL	BMW M3 GT4	279.03	3 victories Dutch GT4, 1 race victory Toerwagen Diesel Cup
22	Heumann, William	US	BMW 328i	272.00	2 class victories Grand-AM (ST class)
	Thomas, Seth	US	BMW 328i	272.00	2 class victories Grand-AM (ST class)
24	Driscoll, Rob	US	BMW 323i	268.57	7 class victories TeamDI Pro IT Series (Pro IT Series)
25	Collard, Robert	GB	BMW 320si	268.33	7 podium finishes British Touring Car Championship