

BIGGA's 10th Anniversary Golf Tournament proved a spectacular success and a fitting tribute to 10 years of progress for both the Association and the greenkeeping industry as a whole.

A total of 22 teams drawn from within the industry arrived at Aldwark Manor, home of BIGGA's Headquarters, for the event and when the last putt disappeared it was to be irrigation water and not champagne which was sprayed in celebration.

The reason? The winners were Watermation with their team of Managing Director, Ray Lewis; UK Distribution Manager, Joe Turner; Turnberry Hotel's Course Manager, George Brown, and Hankley Common's Course Manager, Ian McMillan. They shot a fine 58 to just edge out British Seed Houses who had also broken 60 in the Texas Scramble format tournament.

As well as the golf, visitors were able to view BIGGA's Internet site which was available to view on screens set up in the hotel. There was also a putting competition which offered another chance of clinching a prize.

On hand to present the prizes was Rory Underwood, England's all time top try scorer who had earlier shown himself to be a fine golfer as a member of the Guest's Team. He closed the prize giving with a few tales from the England dressing room.

The course was looking its best for the occasion and George Brown paid tribute to Richard Gamble and his team by saying that, coming from Turnberry, it was nice to putt on good greens for a change!

The win for Watermation was

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cause for a double celebration for the Aldershot-based company as Ray Lewis had earlier been presented with Golden Key plaque by BIGGA's National Chairman Pat Murphy.

It was also the ideal occasion to present plaques to both John Bradley of Barenbrug and John Walker of Ritefeed and welcome them into BIGGA's Golden Key programme.

Following the presentations there was a magnificent barbecue prepared by staff of Aldwark Manor.

■ Pictured right: Brin Bendon, of Vector Training, explores BIGGA's Internet site.



Golden Key presentations:
BIGGA Chairman Pat Murphy presents plaques to John Walker of Ritefeed (left), Joe Turner and Ray Lewis of Watermation (above) and John Bradley of Barenbrug.



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Left: The winning team is presented with the glassware by Rory Underwood. From left, George Brown, Rory Underwood, Ray Lewis, Ian McMillan and Joe Turner

Below: Rory Underwood with the British Seed Houses team which came so close



Roger Mossop, of Miracle Professional, and Gordon Child, National Vice Chairman, tackle the putting competition



Above: The barbecue in full swing



Left: Aldwark Manor Head Greenkeeper, Richard Gamble, rests after he and his team prepared the course so excellently