The BIGGA Golf Day, sponsored by J. Rothschild Assurance, took place on the longest day of the year but for those who attended the time just flew by...

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Rothchilds have been in the news lately on two counts.

The art collection owned by Rothchilds raised the eye popping sum of £56 million when sold at auction while the BIGGA Golf Day, sponsored by J. Rothchild Assurance, was a stunning success.

There is no doubting which event caused the bigger stir in greenkeeping circles. Just who would be interested in an illuminated manuscript anyway? No, Aldwark Manor was where it was at on the longest day of 1999 and by sheer coincidence it also turned out to be one of the most enjoyable.

It was BIGGA's third golf day and in that short

time has established itself as a regular event in the diaries of many well known names and faces in the industry... and a few from outwith our industry as well.

Among them this year was England international footballer Lee Clark who kindly took time out from his seven figure transfer from Sunderland to Fulham to present the prizes.

It may have been exactly mid summer but it didn't stop half the field being pelted by hail stones in a freak storm in the afternoon. It certainly didn't dampen the spirits and the scoring suggested that some serious golf was being played.

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First Ocmis England, 65-6-59 (Better inward half) Nick Lawson Mark Kirby Dave Dwight Graham Wallace

Second Hi-Tec, 65-6-59 Lee Ware Grant Hutchison Richard Smith Andy Taylor

Third Rothschild 2 62-2.8 - 59.2 Richard Minton Ian Semple Nigel Illingworth Alan Greaves

Putting Competition winner -Graham Wallace

Nearest the Pin -Mark Grant

Longest Drive & Pitching competitions winner -Alistair Beggs





Above: Regional Administrators Doug Bell, Peter Larter and Peter Boyd ensured it ran to time

Previous Page: The victorious Ocmis England team with Mike Blunt, Director of J Rothschild Assurance, Lee Clark and Gordon Child

Below: Aldwark Manor's own Bobby Moncur spot a flat on his nearside rear



Everyone's a winner...

Below: Hi Tec grabbed a well deserved second place only losing out on countback





Below: Rothschild 2 were the best placed sponsor's team in third







Above: Andy Russell, of Headland Amenity, and Richard Minton, of Scotts, share a joke with Gordon Child

Below: The eventual winners before the off looking confident. And why shouldn't they with Dave Dwight, of Aldwark Manor amid their ranks?



Left: Cheryl Broomhead takes little account of the slippery conditions as she rounds the corner at high speed

Below: Birdies weren't only being seen out on the course! These ducks came to Bunkers Bar to see what all the fuss was about!



Below: Alistair Beggs of STRI collected both the longest drive and chipping prizes



Below: Nearest the Pin winner, Mark Grant





Below: Putting Competition winner, Graham Wallace





Above: To the winners go the spoils

Below: Vice Chairman, Elliott Small turns on the style in the chipping competition



In addition to providing four teams and some fine golfers to the day the event's new sponsor J. Rothchild Assurance specialises in financial planning for the medium to long term, providing a wide range of financial solutions which include investment, protection and retirement products. BIGGA has entered into discussions with JRA to become an Introducer, so making the financial products and services of the company available to BIGGA members.

"First and foremost we are in the business of providing relevant, expert and realistic advice. We know that most people find the whole subject of financial planning difficult and even daunting and we aim to make the whole process as intelligible and accessible as we can," explained Trevor Downing, a Partner of The J. Rothchild Partnership. "Our approach to investment is typical of our overall philosophy. We aim to provide investment choices via top quality investment managers who are constantly seeking to maximise returns for clients. You certainly don't have to be a millionaire to be a client of J. Rothchild Assurance but I would like to think that we will great you as if you are."

If you would like to hear more about the company and what it can offer BIGGA members call Trevor on 01959 500405.

