

**BIGGA's fourth annual golf day may well have been the most successful yet. It was certainly the hottest**

# Hot, Hot, Hot!

## BIGGA Golf Day 2000



Summer arrived in North Yorkshire on Monday, June 19... unfortunately it left the following day but not before the guests at BIGGA's annual golf day had been treated to a genuine scorcher.

If anything, it was too hot for golf but the delights of the half-way house at the top of the golf course proved to be a magnificent oasis in an otherwise extremely hot desert.

The conditions were all the more remarkable as the course had been under water only 10 days before when the River Ouse burst its banks - something more commonly associated with January than June - and the tide mark some four feet up the trees which bordered the course was a reminder of just how bad conditions had been and how well Richard Gamble and his team had done to return the course to playability in time for BIGGA's big day.

Sponsored by The "A" Group Hotels of Harrogate for the first time it meant the involvement of some familiar faces on the day with Charles Nicol, General Manager of the Moat

House Hotel; Frank Flaherty, General Manager of The Majestic Hotel and Paul Lewis, Director of Harrogate International Centre all taking part.

There was some spectacular golf played during the day by the record entry of teams, not least from the first professional to take part. Phil Harrison, ex-European Tour pro and resident professional at Aldwark Manor, combined with Aldwark Manor owner, Brad Holbrook, and Bobby Moncur, also of Aldwark Manor and still the last Newcastle United player to lift a trophy, to play some excellent golf yet still finish out of the prizes.

It was also a memorable occasion for BIGGA Chairman Elliott Small and his wife Edna who were presented with a surprised birthday cake from Past Chairman Gordon Child to commemorate their shared birthday the following day.

As usual Aldwark Manor supplied a sumptuous barbecue and everyone, even those who couldn't buy a putt during the day, went home happy.



### Winners

**1. European Turf Technology Team 1 - 56.8**  
Tim Earley, Dave Sammels, Keith Weston, Euan Grant

**2. Guest Team 3 - 58.4**  
Steve Hardy, David Kinsey, Chris Morris, Jim Paton

**3. European Turf Technology Team 2 - 58.5**  
Paul Pearse, Mike Davie, John Turner, Carl Small

**Putting Competition - Paul Pearse and John Nicholson**  
**Longest Drive - Chris Morris**  
**Nearest the Pin - Charles Bailey**

Top left: The spoils

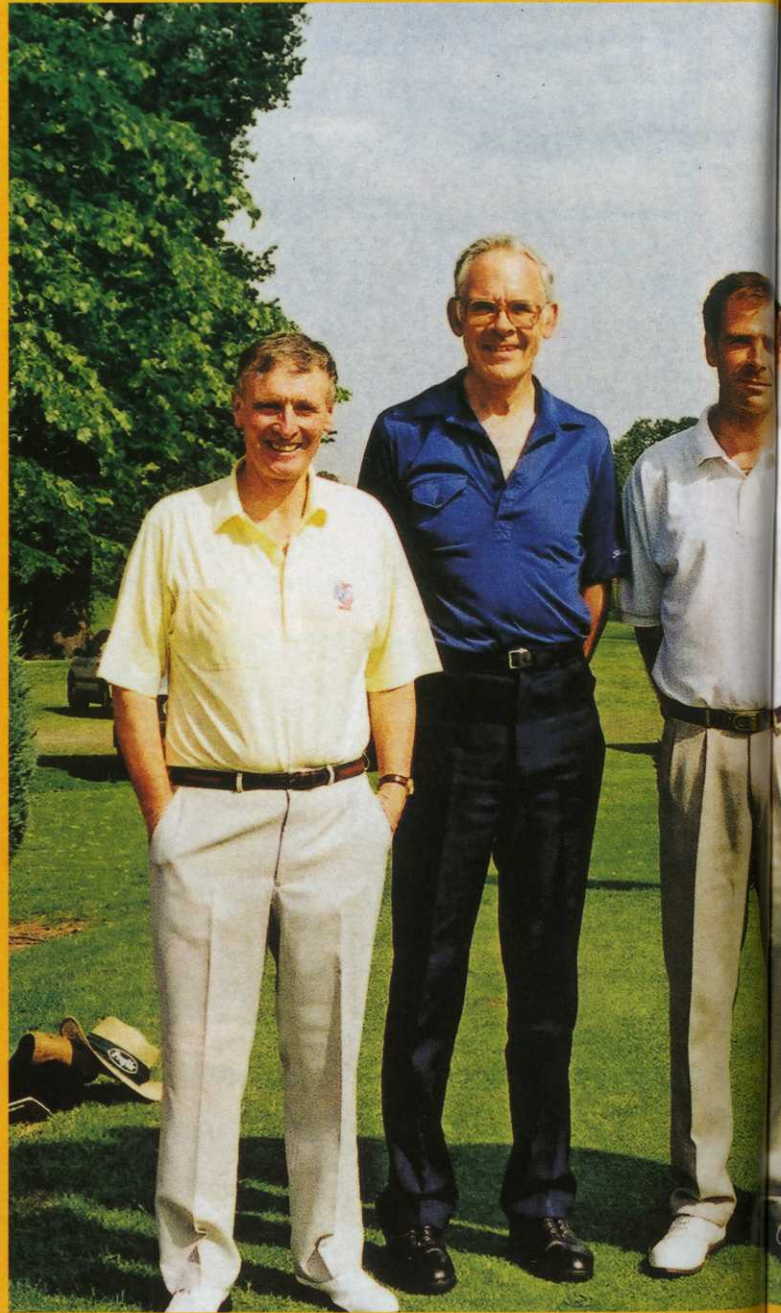
Middle left: Les Emery, Doug Bell, Gordon Child and Derek Farrington check the start names

Left: Gordon Child and Neil Thomas seek shade in the sweltering heat

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Below: Many happy returns! As well as the BIGGA Golf Day reaching the grand old age of four, BIGGA Chairman Elliott Small, and wife Edna were also celebrating their (undisclosed) birthdays!



Above: It ain't 'alf hot mum!

Above: The other winners



Above: The winning European Turf Technology team



Above: The runners up. Spot the intruder



Above: European Turf Technology team 2 made it a successful day for ETT