

A fine day to remember

Now established as a firm date in the diary the annual BIGGA Golf Day proved once again what an enjoyable occasion it is.

Friends from all corners of the industry gathered for a relaxed, but competitive Texas Scramble followed by Aldwark Manor Hotel's speciality barbecue.

Having said it was a relaxed game of golf players had to brave their way past the imposing sight of our two Starters - Ex British Lion lock forward Peter Larter and Ex-Strathclyde Policeman Peter Boyd - BIGGA Regional Administrators for the Midlands and Scotland respectively.

Once past those two I suppose the golf didn't seem so daunting. Congratulations to the STRI team under the Captaincy of Alistair Beggs who clinched the top prize, weekends for two in a top Harrogate Hotel, with a score of 56.9, more than a shot clear one of the two European Turf Technology teams, which itself beat the home Aldwark Manor team, containing home pro Phil Harrison and former Newcastle United Captain, Bobby Moncur.

BIGGA Golf Day 2001, sponsored by The Harrogate A Group of Hotels

1. STRI - 56.9
Alistair Beggs, Emma Beggs, Connor Nolan, Andy Newell
2. European Turf Technology Team 2 - 58.0
Richard Fortmuller, Dave Goodchild, Carl Small, Ray Day
3. Aldwark Manor - 58.4
Phil Harrison, Geoff Platt, Bob Moncur, Wayne Palmer
4. Whitemoss Amenities - 59.2
Andy Law, Gary Tomlinson, Mike Crabtree, Adrian Sweeney

Longest Drive - Stephan Manson, Haifa Chemicals
Nearest the Pin - Marc Gardner, St George Hotel

Teams that participated in the day were:

Textron Turf Care & Specialty Products	British Seed Houses
Shirley Aldred & Co	New Holland
LS Systems	European Turf Technology 1
Heath Lambert	European Turf Technology 2
Hunter Grinders	Arco
Hi-Tec Print 1	STRI
Hi-Tec Print 2	Aldwark Manor
Whitemoss Amenities	Majestic Hotel
Haifa Chemicals 1	St George Hotel
Haifa Chemicals 2	Moat House Harrogate





Above: Ian Semple and Peter Boyd in deep discussion as to whether it's 14 or 15 clubs you are allowed.

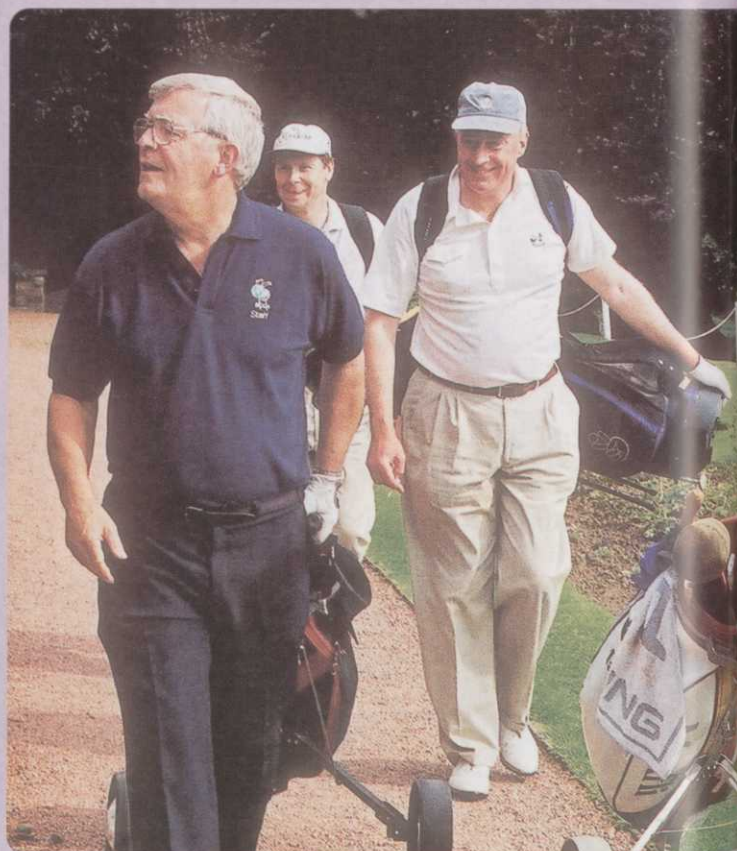
Below: Neil Thomas and Jim Fry enjoy a well-earned drink. Cheers!



Below: Some of the BIGGA Staff team relax after a hectic day. From left; Brad, Rachael; Jennifer; Sarah; Cheryl and Sami



Above: The victorious STRI team, from left: Conor Nolan, Andy Newell, non-playing captain Anne Wilson, Emma and Alistair Beggs





Below: BIGGA Vice Chairman Richard Barker, leads his team to the 16th tee



Above: Aldwark Manor Pro, Phil Harrison shows the rest how it's done



Above: European Turf Technology Team 2
Below: Aldwark Manor Team minus Bobby Moncur who had to dash away



Above: Whitemoss Amenities
Below: The 'A' Group's Frank Flaherty (centre right) presented the prizes and entertained everyone in his inimitable style.

