

A Home Win

The Neil Thomas Memorial Golf Day, at Aldwark Manor, produced its usual blend of sun, fun and golf, but on this occasion local knowledge seemed to have played a more than usual influence on the result.



Elaine Thomas and Richard Whyman present the trophy to Aldwark Manor's Manager



Toro 2 came very close

The event has always been blessed with a range of golfer you don't find at an Open Championship. Low handicappers mixing with those who are a tad less proficient meaning those who have strolled out to take in some of the golf spend time applauding and ducking in equal measure, and Aldwark Manor's own team displayed the benefits of fielding players with a range of handicaps in the fourball best two scores to count - three on the par-3s - format.

Mark Nesbitt (20), Lady Captain Jenny Stacey (20), Alastair Grindley (Scratch) and Mike MacLean (4) dovetailed beautifully to amass 98 points, with perhaps the highlight being six points on the notoriously difficult stroke index 17th, where both Jenny and Mike produced nett birdies to make huge strides on the field.

Indeed that proved the difference between winning and being runner-up as the Toro 2 team did well on the same hole but collected one point fewer. Toro, with Richard Owens (6), John Hewson (16), Adrian Kitchinson (19) and Russell Moody (15), gathered a massive 50 points on the inward nine and would have won on countback.

Third were perennial Golf Day favourites and former winners Lincsgreen 1, consisting of Rob Welford (2), Less Howkins (5), Graeme MacDonald (4) and Peter Owen (16), who produced yet another fine performance for 93 points.

Danny Chamberlain, of Rigby Taylor 2, won the Longest Drive with a stunning blow down the 8th, while Allan Russell, of 3M, proved the deadliest from the tee with Nearest the Pin on the 18th.

As ever, the prizes were presented by Neil's widow, Elaine Thomas, who was presented with flowers from BIGGA Chairman, Richard Whyman.

With the ceremonies completed the assembled players were treated to an Aldwark Manor barbecue.

RESULTS

1. Aldwark Manor 98
2. Toro 2 97
3. Lincsgreen 1 93

Longest Drive	Danny Chamberlain
Nearest the Pin	Allan Russell



Lincsgreen put up their usual fine effort



Allan Russell was the dead eyed dick



Practice makes perfect



Ransomes gear up



Capturing the moment



Putting for Dough



Hand shakes all round



Perfect stroke, did it go in?