

# FINE WEATHER AND FINE SCORES

*BIGGA's Annual Neil Thomas Golf Day got back on track in June with a fine dose of weather and some stunning golf*



FEATURE

**BIGGA's annual Neil Thomas Memorial Golf Day went ahead as planned on the final day of June. That shouldn't be too remarkable a statement but given that at the same time last year Aldwark Manor Hotel and Golf Course was under several feet of water and the event, a regular event on the calendar for the last 10 years, was postponed until late September, it is well worth recording.**

But not only did the sun shine of the players – at least on some of them at any rate – the day will be remembered for some fine golf and some outstanding scoring.

Ironically, despite the sunnier weather being towards the end of the day the winners emerged

from the early starters with Colourstream, printers who supply much of BIGGA's printed material, scoring a cracking 97 points from the two score counting from four, full handicap Stableford format, which was introduced a couple of years ago.

That score had a few people gasping in admiration but, indeed, it was only just good enough to clinch the silverware as Vocalink, the second team out, matched the score only to lose by virtue of an inferior back nine.

Ironically it was another early starter, Scotts, who played directly behind Vocalink and who must have felt they were going to finish among the also rans, who finished third with 89 points.

Nearest the Pin was won by David Smith, representing Mansfield Sands, who frightened the flag at the picturesque 18th.

As ever Aldwark Manor Hotel proved superb hosts with bacon rolls prior to play to set the teams up before the daunting 1st tee experience while the food to accompany the chat of “heroic near misses” “tragic missed putts” and “might have beens” was excellent. In between times the BIGGA staff manned the halfway house in case anyway was struggling from lack of sustenance and in need of some chocolate.

The day was wonderfully supported by companies and BIGGA Sections who fielded teams and sponsored tees and it meant a sizable cheque being sent to the charity of BIGGA Chairman, Kenny Mackay's, charity of choice – the Leeds-based Child Heart Surgery Fund.



