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# Don't Make the Rest Lincsgreen with Envy

Lincsgreen showed the rest of the field how it is done once again at the annual BIGGA Golf Day.

Last year we praised the achievements of the Lincsgreen team in the annual BIGGA Golf Day for a remarkable feat of scoring in difficult playing conditions.

Well, we appear to have our own BIGGA version of Groundhog Day because this year was virtually an exact replica.

In winds which certainly left their mark on some of the teams the Lincsgreen team - Philip Wilkinson, Graeme Macdonald, Les Howkins and Richard Owen, who replaced Mike Love from last year's winning line-up - compiled a nett score of 53.75, which meant that they negotiated the 18 holes in a 14 under-par 58. Last year they were also 14 under-par but the course was then playing to par-71 so they shot a gross 57.

It means that in 36 holes the Lincsgreen team, who are all low handicappers, have played a measly 115 shots!

On this occasion they were pushed all the way by a fine performance from the Rolawn team who finished just over a shot behind with the Haifa & Hortifeeds team in third place.

Longest Drive went to a mammoth effort from Board of Management member Ian Semple, the Nearest the Pin to John Carter of the Rolawn Team, who was 59 inches away on the last hole, while the putting competition was won by Terry Adamson, of Alpha/Acorn Amenity, on countback from Walter Woods, who had both scored 14.

The Golf Day, the seventh the Association has held since the first in 1997, was again sponsored by the Harrogate A Group of Hotels with Aldwark Manor Hotel again proving to be a wonderful venue with a fine golf course and excellent food and drink throughout the day.

**1st team - Lincsgreen No. 1 - Philip Wilkinson, Graeme Macdonald, Les Howkins, Richard Owens. 53.75**

**2nd - Rolawn - Dan Rogers, John Carter, Richard Hughes, Richard Eyen. 55.0**

**3rd - Haifa & Hortifeeds - Scott Garnett, Chris Norris, Alan Davis, Greg Holden. 56.75**

**Nearest the Pin Winner - John Carter, Rolawn.**

**Longest Drive Winner - Ian Semple, EGU Team.**

**Putting Competition - Terry Adamson, Alpha/Acorn Amenity.**



The victorious Lincsgreen Team



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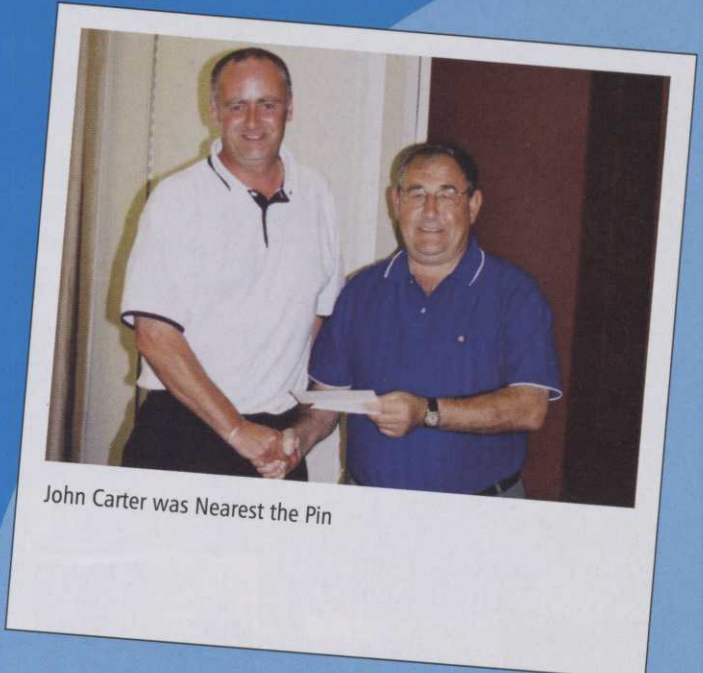
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Haifa & Hortifeeds finished third



John Carter was Nearest the Pin



Ian Semple won the Longest Drive



Terry Adamson won the Putting Competition



Ian McLeod puts at the 15th watched by Neil Cockbill and Neil Hayward, of the EGU

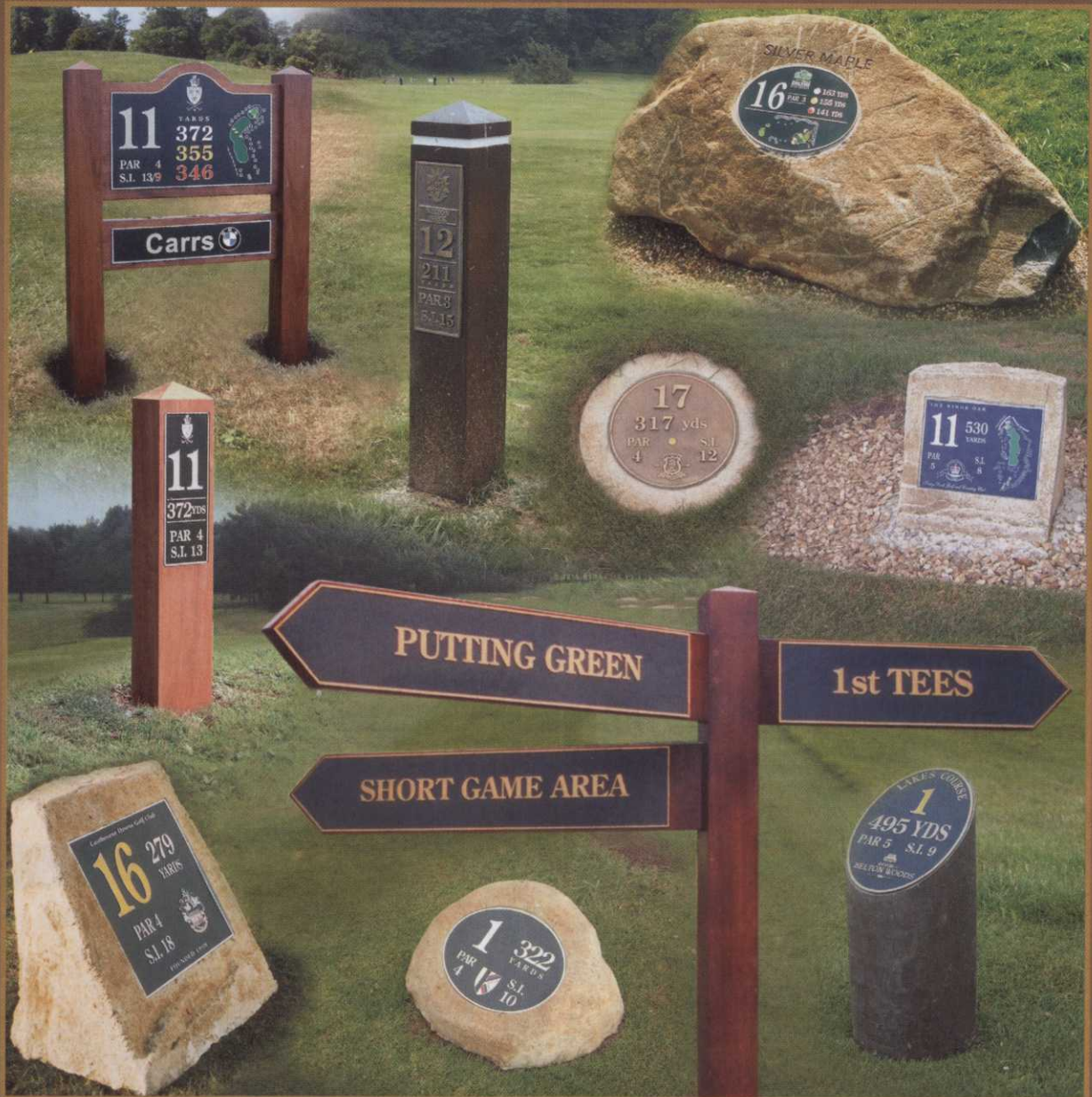


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Philip Armitage, of Glen Farrow, enjoys a cooling drink after his round



BIGGA Sales Manager Rosie Hancher shows her putting skills, but really needs some proper footwear!



National Vice Chairman, Andy Campbell, goes close with this chip shot



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# BOOKING FOR HARROGATE MADE EASY...

As we mentioned in last month's article, BIGGA HOUSE no longer has the capacity to handle hotel bookings for visitors to the BTME & ClubHouse Exhibition and BIGGA has chosen Harrogate based Reservation Highway to handle accommodation requirements for both visitors and exhibitors.

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## WHY AN MSc?



**Ian Somerville, Course Manager at Heaton Moor Golf Club, talks about his decision to undertake an MSc in Sports Surface Technology.**

**I have thought for many years about how to improve my knowledge and my career while staying in full time employment.**

**It was not until January 2002 while attending BTME in Harrogate that I was intrigued to find out more about possible courses available. I decided to attend one of the seminars with Alex Vickers, of Cranfield University, as the speaker. I listened intently with great interest about the MSc in Sports Surface Technology. After the seminar I came out thinking to myself this is just what I and the industry of sports management/maintenance has needed for many years.**

A Masters Course designed for the sports industry that is flexible enough to either complete as a full time course in one year, or fit in as a part time course over a number of years – up to five years. I hope to complete the course in three years. The next step was to find out how to apply for a place on the course, as I had made up my mind that this was the course for me.

I contacted Alex Vickers who arranged for me to visit Cranfield University, Silsoe. Alex, kindly showed me around the campus, which I must add, was absolutely fascinating and second to none. He then looked through my portfolio and discussed the course over coffee.

I was over the first step, what now? Do I tell my employers at Heaton Moor Golf Club of my intention to attend university or wait until I find out if I have obtained a place on the course? I decided to wait. The letter

arrived informing me that a place was available for me at Cranfield, along with the tuition fee costs for the course. Do I tell my employers now? No - I decided to wait, as I now had to find a way of funding the course. I did not want to build my hopes up until I had been able to raise the funds for the first year, at least.

I decided to write to the R&A, BIGGA and the IOG to see if any funding was available through them. The R&A were unable to help me but Ken Richardson at BIGGA informed me that there was a possibility of funding from monies donated by Ransomes Jacobsen to help in the further training and education of its members. I was overjoyed when the news came from Ken that David Withers of Ransomes Jacobsen had been in touch and a part sponsorship was to be awarded to me from Textron. Along with this I was able to obtain a part bursary from Cranfield for my first year. I am