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ABOYNE HOSTS PREMIER NORTH EAST GOLFING COMPETITION

Aboyne Golf Club is celebrating after this weekend hosting the biggest event on the North East of Scotland men's golfing calendar. The top three players from 27 different clubs across the North East District battled it out over 36 holes for the prestigious 'Journal Cup'. The competition dates back to 1922 with last year's winners Hazelhead keen to retain the title.

Aboyne last hosted the competition some 24 years ago in 1992 when Cruden Bay was the winners.

After the 36-hole Saturday medal rounds the team from Newmacher qualified to represent the North East in the Scottish Club Championships to be played at Stranraer.

Aboyne President Scott Mackie said "the long established Journal Cup is a really top event in the golfing calendar and we are absolutely delighted to have been selected to host it this year. It was a real pleasure to have so many leading amateur golfers from across the region playing at Aboyne. It was a great opportunity to showcase our course and our Greenkeeper Colin Forbes and his staff had the course in great condition considering all the inclement weather we have had this season to date.

The top four players went on to qualify for the Sunday individual matchplay competition for the Jaffrey Cup. In the final Craig Stephen of home club Aboyne beat Clark Brechin of Portlethen 4 & 3. Craig took charge of the match winning the first two holes with pars before going on to play the next 7 holes in 5 under par to establish a 5 hole lead at the turn. Although Clark rallied to get the game back to 3 Craig held his nerve to win 4 & 3.

Craig said "I am really honoured to win the Jaffrey Cup and congratulate Clark for making it through to the final. I am grateful for all the support from my home club Aboyne and I look forward to defending my title next year." Craig is currently studying business and organisational leadership at Brevard College in North Carolina, USA.

George Young, Secretary of the organisers the North East District Scottish Golf said "with so many low handicap amateur golfers in the field representing their clubs it proved to be an exceptionally close competition with golf of the highest order. Aboyne looked after us really well this year and presented a course in excellent condition with a great test of golf of parkland and heathland golf this course is renowned for. We thank them for their generous hospitality and we look forward to returning to Aboyne in the coming years".

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Craig Stephen - Winner North East District Scottish Golf Union Jaffrey Cup at Aboyne Golf Club