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Press Release

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Aboyne appoints 1st to 18th Catering Ltd

Aboyne Golf Club is delighted to announce the appointment of '1st to 18th Catering Ltd' as the preferred bidder for the Bar & Catering franchise at the club. The restaurant will be called 'Cecil & Mearns' as recognition of the history at Aboyne and acknowledgement to two of the club's forefathers.

The trading name is the brainchild of local chef Colin Redman who currently runs 'Coast 2 Coast' in Union Square, Aberdeen. Colin has been seeking the right opportunity to set up his own business and, as a golfing member at Aboyne, saw the potential to partner with the club to establish a premier dining facility on Royal Deeside.

Colin undertook his professional training at Café Society in Aberdeen's West End and over the past 15 years has worked in prestigious restaurants and contract catering businesses in and around Aberdeen including 'The Olive Tree' and 'The Square'.

Commenting on his appointment Colin said, "I am extremely excited to be part of the future of Aboyne Golf Club. Opening my own restaurant has always been a dream and to do so in such spectacular surroundings is more than I could have ever hoped for. I have been fortunate to have been trained by some exceptional chefs delivering fantastic customer service and will be bringing these skills to Aboyne as we continue to build on the club's growing national reputation."

Colin added "The Council at Aboyne have a great vision and strategy for the Club opening up the facilities to allow the local community to become social members. There is clear demand for another competitively priced quality dining facility in the area and 'Cecil & Mearns' will fill that gap.

Vice President Justin Grant said "Colin has a strong allegiance to Aboyne Golf Club and like our Council can see clear potential to establish a renowned place to dine on Royal Deeside. We have a fabulous location and facility which we will open to the local community and visitors to the region. Such is Aboyne's growing standing in the golfing world, we have already had a good level of interest since securing Colin's services. We have a busy programme of social events leading up to the Christmas trading period, so Colin's culinary skills will be on show. Colin and his team at 'Cecil & Mearns' will be at the very heart of this success and we greatly look forward to this joint venture.

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Photograph – Colin Redman



Aboyne Golf Club

Established in 1883 and the oldest course on Royal Deeside, Aboyne has won many plaudits as one of the best maintained, varied and challenging inland courses in Scotland. Initially conceived by renowned architect Archie Simpson and laterally extended by celebrated designer Martin Hawtree, such is Aboyne's growing reputation that the long-established course has been selected by governing body 'Scottish Golf' to host a variety of national competitions.

The course provides a fine test for golfers of all abilities presenting a rich variety of memorable holes making the most of the natural variations in the terrain which is a mix of rolling parkland with inviting fairways and elevated links-like heathland with tighter targets.

Visitors are delighted with the contrast found between the front and back nine. Mature trees and water are in play on many holes. Aboyne Loch is a notable feature lending character and scenic beauty to the course as well as providing a hazard to be avoided on the last hole of the relatively flat parkland outward nine. Thereafter, the course changes character to rugged heathland and climbs gently providing magnificent views of some lovely Aberdeenshire countryside.

Here golfers are tested by the course's distinctive topography which see several holes with undulating fairways formed around the historic 'rigg and furrows' of medieval farming which add a unique terrain challenge requiring more brains than brawn to play.

Another small loch lurks at the 15th and the closing holes designed by Martin Hawtree test the skill of the most seasoned campaigner. The home hole is a long par 3 and provides a worthy finish to a challenging round of golf.

This immaculately maintained course presents one of the most memorable tests of golf in Aberdeenshire and North-East Scotland. Lying on free-draining soil, the course stretches 6,033 yards.

