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PHENOMENAL WEEK FOR ABOYNE'S JUNIORS

Aboyne Golf Club is celebrating after a phenomenal spell of success for the Club in national competitions these past few days.

The Club's 16-year old prodigy Shannon McWilliam won the North of Scotland Women's Championship at Dunblane New Golf Club last week. Top seeded Shannon had to go to the 22nd hole to get the better of Jacqueline Cameron the No 2 seed from Blairgowrie. The GB & Ireland Junior Vagliano Trophy team player had in the semi-finals beaten the holder and Aboyne clubmate, Kimberley Beveridge by 3 and 2.

Shannon said "I was delighted to win, after feeling bitterly disappointed to not have been picked for the European team Championships in Iceland. It was thought I would be unprepared, tired and stiff from my school trip to Spain that week but I managed to prove them wrong."

Meanwhile up on the Black Isle, the two young teams entered by Aboyne in to the ScottishGolf Junior Open Tournament held at Fortrose and Rosemarkie far exceed expectations coming a very credible 2nd and 4th in a very strong field of national clubs represented. The inaugural competition for under 16 players was held to coincide with the Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open across the water at Castle Stuart where an international field of professionals gathered for the coveted title.

Aboyne youngsters Murray Crawford, Fergus Anderson and Liam Harker played exceptionally well to take the coveted second place narrowly missing out on the top prize to Muir of Ord. In the other team Daniel Aitkin, Carmen Griffiths and Jamie Gibb played steady golf on a difficult links course to take the 4th place.

Aboyne Marketing Convenor Nigel Bradburn said "we are absolutely thrilled our two teams did so well playing on such a challenging links course in conditions which are totally alien to that they are used to on Royal Deeside. They did us proud and afterwards had a great day out watching and picking up some useful tips from the world class field of professionals at Castle Stuart. The future looks very bright for Aboyne's junior section."

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